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**(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)**

## Area sees wide range of snow amounts



Siblings Olivia and Jack Quintin share a tube down the hill on the north side of the cannons at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on Sunday, after Saturday's storm left a manageable 7 inches on the ground. The area saw a wide range of numbers for the snowfall from winter storm Jonas which was a certified blizzard up and down the east coast and paralyzed the nation's capital. See page 12 for story and more photos. *Photo by Beth David.*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher  
(with...you know who)

We dodged a big one this weekend, huh?

We got a nice, manageable seven inches. These old bones still took a long time to shovel out... honestly, it seemed like more than seven inches to me. But, it could've been so much worse. By this time last year we were measuring the snow in feet, not inches. So, no complaints here.

The snow is fun, it's pretty, but...not too much of it. Like I said, seven inches is nice and manageable.

We have a bunch of fun stuff in this week's issue. In addition to all the snow pics, we have a story on the proposed expansion to the LNG facility in Acushnet (see page 13), some snow pics (see page 12) and some snow pics (see page 6).

As hard as it may be to believe as you read this in the cold, the spring event listings are starting to come in (see...all over the place).

And if those aren't enough for you, then see page 5 for a listing for a July 4 event. Yup, July 4. I guess if you're going to build a float, the time to start thinking about it is now.

And, speaking of warmth, a new study has shown that our water temperature is, indeed, warming up. The four degrees may not sound like a lot, but it's deadly to some organisms. See page 18 for the information from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Much of the data came from Buzzards Bay Coalition volunteers.

Tonight, 1/28 (see page 5), the public will have the chance to meet new town administrator Mark Rees. Mr. Rees has been on the job for a few weeks now. I do believe he has learned that we do not have a downtown (that's across the river), we have a center. I think he has even managed to master the pronunciation of "Sconticut," but I might be getting ahead of myself. Go tonight and find out for yourself.

Kaisa Cripps resigned from the Planning Board and all other town committees. Her letter of resignation was short and gave no reason. On the phone, she simply said she wanted to focus on the "positive" aspects of her life. Unfortunate that a volunteer post is not.

The Planning Board did have a meeting on Tuesday, but it just got too late for me to write it up for this week. I will say that Mr. Hayward was respectful to all members. Let's hope he continues it.

The *Neighb News* is still here, and some of you have been sending in donations to keep us afloat. I appreciate your support. I do need all of you to help out, though. I know you're bombarded with much more appealing causes than a supposed for-profit, but I implore you, please just consider how much you think the this weekly news is worth to you. Surely it's worth \$20 once a year.

Until next week then, see ya

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Fairhaven Fire Department wins SAFE grants

## Press Release

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan and Fairhaven Fire Chief Tim Francis announced that Fairhaven Fire-EMS has been awarded \$5,000 for the FY16 Student Awareness of Fire Education or S.A.F.E. Program, and \$3,000 for the Senior SAFE Program by the state Department of Fire Services.

Chief Francis said, "Our firefighters enjoy working closely with our school teachers to help youngsters learn what they can do to prevent fires, to survive those that do occur, and how to respond correctly to fires and other emergencies."

"There's nothing like a third grader with a homework assignment to encourage families to test their smoke alarms and practice their home fire escape plans," he added.

"The Senior SAFE program will help us work with the seniors in our community who are most at risk of dying in a fire," said Chief Francis. "Seniors are the age group most at risk of dying in a fire. This program is aimed at educating seniors on fire prevention, general home safety and

how to be better prepared in the event of a fire. We are partnering with the Fairhaven Housing Authority to provide fire safety information and install smoke alarms for the hearing impaired."

The Governor and the Legislature fund the S.A.F.E. Program through the Executive Office of the Public Safety and Security. The Senior SAFE program is funded through the fees paid by tobacco programs to the Fire Standard Compliant Cigarette Program to ensure their products meet the fire safety requirements to be sold in Massachusetts.

The programs are administered by the state Department of Fire Services and run locally by Firefighter/Paramedic Wayne Oliveira of the Fairhaven Fire-EMS Department who wrote the grant to obtain the funds.

Oliveira pointed out that central to the success of both programs are specially trained fire educators who work with classroom teachers and seniors to deliver age-appropriate lessons on fire and life safety. The key fire and life safety behaviors in the

school-based program meet both the requirements of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Health Curriculum Frameworks and the state Department of Fire Services Curriculum Planning Guidebook.

Fire Marshal Coan said, "This is the 21st year of the S.A.F.E. Program in Massachusetts and we are truly reaching our goal of raising a fire safe generation of children."

The average number of children who die in fires each year in Massachusetts has dropped by over 70%, since the program started compared to a similar timeframe before it started.

Coan added, "Since consistent comprehensive fire education is the one thing we were doing for school children that until now we weren't doing for every other age group, I think it's fair to say we are proving fire education works."

"We hope to have the same success with the Senior SAFE Program in reducing deaths and injuries to older adults," he added.

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## Snow coats center



The Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven still has snow on the east side as the sun starts to set on Sunday, 1/24, after the snowfall on Saturday. The area saw seven inches, but some areas received much more, including 15.5 inches in Harwich on the Cape. The storm crippled the nation's capital for days. See page 12 for story and more photos. *Photo by Beth David.*



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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Town Administrator Meet & Greet

Residents are invited to attend a reception to meet Fairhaven's town administrator, Mark Rees, on Thurs., 1/28, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the Fairhaven Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center St. Light refreshments will be served.

We look forward to the residents of Fairhaven getting to meet and know Mark Rees. Mr. Rees brings a wealth of government experience and expertise to Fairhaven.

## Millicent Birthday

All are welcome to come to the Millicent Library's birthday anniversary celebration for Millicent Rogers, daughter of Henry Huttleston Rogers.

Young Millicent spent many happy vacations with her sisters and brother in Fairhaven, birthplace of her father and mother. She, who loved to sketch, read, and create, died in 1890 at 17 years of age. Her father memorialized her in a unique and lavish tribute, by building and naming the library in her honor.

On Sat., 1/30, from 1-3:00 p.m., The Friends of the Millicent Library will be serving cake and a beverage at the Meeting Room in the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, to honor the Millicent and the opening of the library on January 30, 1893, the 20th anniversary of Millicent's birth.

Please come to learn more about this unique, much loved daughter of our town's benefactor, Henry Huttleston Rogers.

## CAD Cell Dredging

Dredging of select areas of the Lower Harbor, followed by placement of contaminated sediment in the Lower Harbor CAD cell will commence this winter. This first phase of dredging in the Lower Harbor is currently forecast to begin in February and take approximately 3 months.

This first area selected for dredging will be in the vicinity of the Cozy Cove marina in Fairhaven. The winter dredging and disposal will be performed from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday, excluding federal holidays.

Monitoring of water quality and air quality will be performed in

conjunction with the work to make sure it is being done safely.

## Future Dredging Work in the Lower Harbor:

The remaining Lower Harbor dredging will follow this winter's work. Dredge materials from those areas will also be disposed of at the Lower Harbor CAD cell.

For additional information, please visit our website at [www.epa.gov/nbh](http://www.epa.gov/nbh) or contact Kelsey O'Neil, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator at [oneil.kelsey@epa.gov](mailto:oneil.kelsey@epa.gov) or call 617-918-1003.

## Cable Access event

Information meeting on 2/6.  
See ad on page 24.

## 2 USCG boat courses

### Boating Skills and Seamanship Course Sailing Skills and Seamanship Course

Many insurance companies will offer discounts on boat insurance to individuals who successfully complete either course. Individuals who successfully complete the course and exam receive certificates and cards.

Both the novice and the experienced boater will benefit from lessons in boating terminology, boat equipment, boat handling, boat trailering, lake boating, rules of the road, navigation, medical/safety awareness, weather, engines, radios, and how to read a chart, buy a boat, tie a knot and call in a mayday.

Both courses will be held at USCG Auxiliary, 80 Middle St., Fairhaven, for 14 weeks, from Mon., 2/1 through 5/16, from 7-9 p.m. Final Exam and Graduation May 16. Cost: \$40 for course materials (book and chart)

Register Online at <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info>

## Think Warm!

We know it's early, but this weekend while the temperature drops, you might want to think ahead to summertime and the 4th of July.

This year the plan is for a Vintage Car Cruise and Float Parade on the morning of Monday, July 4.

Fairhaven groups and businesses are encouraged to create floats or to decorate antique or classic cars and vehicles to parade from Fairhaven

High School to Fort Phoenix. Floats without people on them will be part of the Car Cruise starting at FHS. Floats with people riding on them will line up on the Green Street side of Cushman Park and join in when the cruise passes.

There will be no walking groups in the parade — vintage vehicles and floats only.

This can be a great way to promote your organization, show community pride, and boost patriotic spirit.

Once the vehicles and floats reach Fort Phoenix, the Office of Tourism's 20th Annual Independence Day Ceremony will be held, with participation by the Fairhaven Village Militia, the Board of Selectmen and the Showstoppers. The ceremony will conclude with the firing of the fort's five large cannons.

If you are interested in participating in the Cruise and Parade, please contact John Medeiros by calling 508-990-0000. John would like to get an idea of how many people might be taking part.

## Blood Emergency

The American Red Cross has an emergency need for blood and platelet donors. Severe winter weather since Jan. 1 has forced the cancellation of more than 300 blood drives across 20 states, resulting in more than 9,500 donations uncollected, further depleting an already low winter supply.

Blood donation appointments can be quickly and easily scheduled by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, from a home or work computer prior to arriving at the blood drive.

To get started and learn more, visit [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) and follow the instructions on the site.

The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

## FHS girls fall to Seekonk



The Fairhaven girls basketball team suffered a 45-25 loss to South Coast Conference rival, Seekonk, on Friday, 1/22 at home. A slow start derailed the team, which was able to play a very competitive second half. With the loss, the Lady Blue Devils are now 2-9 overall and 1-8 in the South Coast Conference. ABOVE LEFT: Leah Major drives to the basket for the Lady Blue Devils. ABOVE MIDDLE: Breanna Demanche drives the lane for the Lady Blue Devils. ABOVE RIGHT: Brenna Becotte looks for an open teammate, and ended the night with a team high 10 points. BELOW LEFT: Jaidyn Figueiredo sinks the layup for the Lady Blue Devils. BELOW MIDDLE: Ashley Leonard makes the baseline move. BELOW RIGHT: Jan MacGregor aggressively attacks the basket for Fairhaven. *Photos by Ryan Feeney.*





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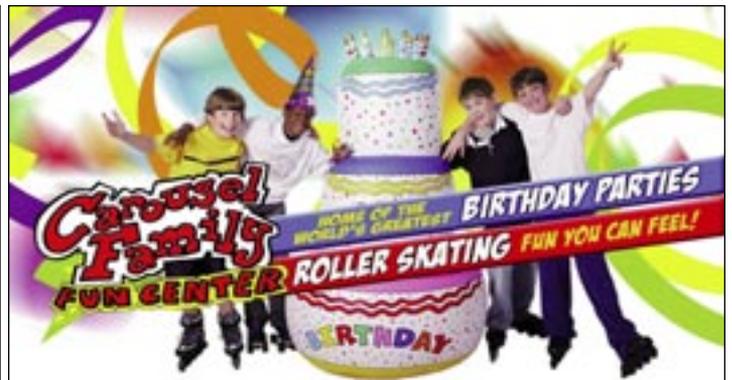
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**Gentiva Healthcare Heart Healthy Discussion** Fri., 2/5, 10 a.m.  
February is Heart Healthy Month! Gentiva Healthcare will be providing an informational discussion on heart health.

**Dorothy Cox Candy Sale** Wed., 2/3, 12:30–2 p.m.  
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## Catholic Schools Wk

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It also marks the start of registration for the 2016 – 2017 school year. **Registration day for the coming school year on Sat., 1/30 1:00pm – 3:30pm.** Our Open House includes Interactive Classroom displays and a Music Festival. There will be a Mass immediately following at 4pm at St. Lawrence Church prepared by our First Graders. The school is located at **91 Summer Street in New Bedford.**

**Registration will continue the entire week of January 31st through February 5th from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Visit [www.hfn.org](http://www.hfn.org) for more information!**

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For more information and to schedule free screenings, please call Susan Oliveira, RN, at 508-973-8740 or email [oliveiras@southcoast.org](mailto:oliveiras@southcoast.org). You can also check the schedule online at [www.southcoast.org/van/](http://www.southcoast.org/van/) or subscribe to daily notices on Twitter, Facebook and RSS feeds.

- **Thurs., 2/4, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.** Roosevelt Middle School, 121 Cleveland St., New Bedford, Health Screenings & Vaccines
- **Fri., 2/5, 9 a.m.–noon,** Caroline

Apartments, 26 Caroline St., New Bedford, Health Screenings

- **Sun., 2/7, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.,** Boys And Girls Club of New Bedford, 166 Jenny Street, New Bedford, Health Screenings & Vaccines

## SAVE THE DATE

### Puzzles Attack

#### 10-year Anniversary Event

**On Sat., 2/6, at 7 p.m.** the South Coast LGBTQ Network will host an evening of remembrance to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of the attack at Puzzles Lounge. Snow date, 2/13.

Joseph da Fonseca, Network Coordinator of the South Coast LGBTQ Network, said, "We will join together as a compassionate and just community to remember the survivors and others affected by the Puzzles Lounge incident. It was a traumatic event that struck at the heart of the local LGBTQ community. Ten years ago, our local leaders recognized this event as a spark to organize for increased support of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals facing a variety of educational, social and legal challenges. And now, this anniversary also helps us to appreciate the strong progress in local LGBTQ services and support born from such tragedy."

**At 7 p.m., a commemoration service will be held at the First Unitarian Church (71 8th St. New Bedford)** featuring a program of speakers who were involved in organizing the community response in the days and weeks following the Puzzles incident.

**Immediately following the service will be a candlelight walk to A Perfect Place,** the local LGBTQ youth community center (484 Pleasant St. New Bedford). A Perfect Place traces its history as an organization back to the formation of the LGBT Youth, Education, & Schools Committee, which itself was created from the response to the incident at Puzzles.

**At 9:00 p.m., the evening will conclude with a special event at Le Place (20 Kenyon St New Bedford)** celebrating the spirit and community of the Puzzles Lounge. Live entertainment highlights this fundraiser for the South Coast LGBTQ Network which works to build a compre-

hensive support network for LGBTQ individuals and families in our South Coast community.

For more information visit [www.sclgbtqnetwork.org/puzzles.html](http://www.sclgbtqnetwork.org/puzzles.html); <http://www.sclgbtqnetwork.org>

The South Coast LGBTQ Network is a collaboration of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) groups and allied organizations in the South Coast community of Massachusetts. Our mission is to build and maintain a comprehensive support network for LGBTQ individuals and families across the age spectrum.

For more info, visit <http://www.sclgbtqnetwork.org/puzzles.html>

## SAVE THE DATE

### Spagetti Supper

Pilgrim United Church of Christ presents its annual Valentine Spaghetti Supper, with raffle on Sat., 2/13, 6 p.m., at Pilgrim Church Home, corner Purchase & School Streets..

Includes: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Beverages,

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## Art Exhibit

At New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, [www.newbedfordart.org](http://www.newbedfordart.org). NBSM presents IDLE TRADES, through 3/20/2016.

Curated by Elizabeth Murphy. Featuring the work of Elizabeth Alexander, Tim Bearse, Sam Duket, Bradley Fesmire, Matt Murphy, and Neal Walsh, this exhibition explores what it means to create — that is, to work — by presenting a range of pieces that emphasize process. Each piece hints at the ideas from which the work proceeded, embracing at the same time notions of vision and revision.

Shown together in this exhibition, these artists' work demonstrates the interplay of authenticity and cooperation that underpins all meaningful occupation. We borrow our title from a poem by William Butler Yeats. "Idle Trades" is a testament to the creative processes that spur invention and motivate work, as well as to the creative products themselves.

## Schools Choice Wk

National School Choice Week began 1/25 in Massachusetts and across the country. There are 271 events planned in the Bay State to raise awareness about K-12 school choice, and 16,140 events nationwide.

The events in Massachusetts, which are independently planned and independently funded, include everything from information sessions and open houses at schools to rallies, policy discussions, and movie screenings organized by community groups.

Governor Charlie Baker and the mayor of Springfield have issued official proclamations recognizing January 24-30, 2016 as "School Choice Week."

With a goal of raising public awareness of effective education options for children, National School Choice Week will be the largest celebration of education options in US history.

According to National School Choice Week's organizers, families in Massachusetts can use the Week to look for K-12 schools for the 2016-2017 school year. Parents in the Bay State can choose from the following education options for their children: traditional public schools, public charter schools, magnet schools, online academies, private schools, and homeschooling. In some parts of the state, open enrollment policies allow parents to select the best traditional public school, regardless of where the school is located. The state also has a program allowing qualifying children, in some cases, to receive scholarships to attend private schools.

National School Choice Week is an independent public awareness effort spotlighting effective education options for children, including traditional public schools, public charter schools, magnet schools, private schools, online learning, and homeschooling. The Week runs from January 24-30, 2016.

For more information, visit [www.schoolchoiceweek.com](http://www.schoolchoiceweek.com).

## Plunge for a Cause

Project Sweet Peas, an organization that helps parents with babies in the NICU in hospitals, is

asking you to plunge for a cause. These babies are fighting for their lives and it is a harrowing experience for the parents as they can only wait and see if their child will live or die.

This year's annual plunge and the post-plunge party will be at the **Country Club in Warwick, R. I. on March 12**. For those sponsored plungers that **register by Feb 1**, they will be given a free tee shirt, a ticket to the party, raffle tickets and prizes award for best costume, (for those who wish to participate in costume.)

For more information, visit [www.pspplunge.com](http://www.pspplunge.com) or <http://www.projectsweetpeas.com/gabriels-gift.html>

## Author Event

**Mystery writer and Emmy Award-winning investigative reporter Hank Phillippi Ryan** will be back as a guest of the tri-town libraries on **Sun., 1/31, at 2 p.m. at the Mattapoissett Library, 7 Barstow St. Accessible**. Ryan will read from her new novel *What You See* and talking about the fourth title in her popular Jane Ryland series.

This year the Mattapoissett Library received an LSTA grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for staff development in reader's advisory, or the practice of referring readers to their next good book. Through training, a new subscription to the novel referral database *Novelist* and other activities, the staff is focusing on adult mysteries throughout the year. The training has also been made available to the other two libraries.

The book talk by Ryan will be followed by a reception during which her books will be available for purchase and signing. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Mattapoissett Library and the Plumb Memorial Library. The event will be held in the downstairs community room. The public is invited, free of charge.

## Comedy Night F-R

The Showstoppers community-service singing troupe will be hosting its annual **Adult Comedy Night Fundraiser at Salerno's Seaside Function Hall located at 196 Onset Avenue in Onset Village on Fri., 2/5. Doors will open at 6:00 for cocktails**

**and crudités.**

**Tickets are \$30** and include an Italian dinner buffet and comedy show featuring two comedians. Also available will be a Chinese auction, raffle, and cash bar.

Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Showstoppers Performing Arts, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. For more information or for tickets, email [info@showstoppers.us](mailto:info@showstoppers.us) or call 508-758-4525.

## House Lottery Workshop

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity announces that applications are available now for a 3-bedroom **Habitat for Humanity home for purchase on 18 Minot Avenue, Wareham, MA**. The application deadline is April 1, 2016.

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General information about applying for a Habitat home is available at: [www.BuzzardsBayHabitat.org](http://www.BuzzardsBayHabitat.org).

Applicants are invited to attend one of two informational workshops for prospective buyers...

- **Wed., 2/3, 6:00 p.m.**, Habitat office, 8 County Road, Mattapoissett, MA
- **Sat., 2/6, 9:30 a.m.**, Eastern Bank, 226 Main Street, Wareham, MA

Applications may be obtained at the informational sessions as listed above or at the Habitat for Humanity office, 8 County Road, Suite 2, Mattapoissett; or please call to have an application mailed to you: 508.758.4517 (Habitat office)

For more information, or to volunteer, visit [www.BuzzardsBayHabitat.org](http://www.BuzzardsBayHabitat.org), or call 508-758-4517.

## Recipe of the Week

### Hot pepper cheese balls

- 1 1/3 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese (2 oz)
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened, cut up
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper sauce, to taste
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Heat oven to 400°F. Line large cookie sheet with cooking parchment paper.

In medium bowl, beat all ingredients except parsley on medium speed until smooth. Stir in parsley.

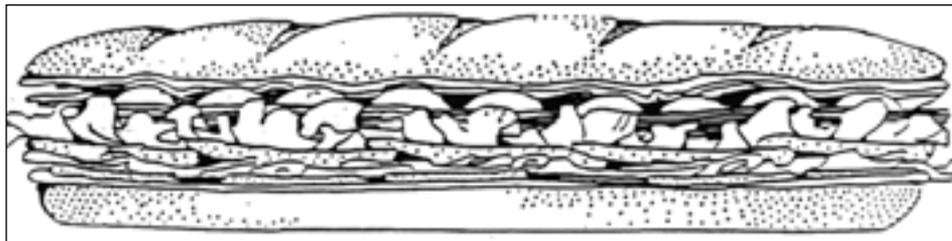
On lightly floured surface, knead dough 10 to 12 times; shape into ball.

Roll into 24 balls, using about 2 teaspoons of dough per ball; place on cookie sheet 1 1/2 inches apart.

Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown and set. Serve warm.

*From www.bettycrocker.com*

## F.A.M.E. to hold annual Super Sub Sunday on Feb. 7



The Fairhaven Association for Music Education (FAME) will hold its annual SUPER SUB FUNDRAISER Sunday, February 7, 2015.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the Music Program in the Fairhaven Public Schools.

Contact any Fairhaven music student in grades 3-12 to order your sub. Your sub(s) will be delivered to

you on Sunday, February 7, by 5 p.m.

**Order your subs by Mon., 2/1.**

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For further information contact Doreen Nelsen (508) 994-1098

## Cripps resigns from Planning Board

Kaisa Cripps has resigned from the Fairhaven Planning Board, the board announced at its meeting on Tuesday, 1/26. The unexpired term will be on the April 4 ballot.

In her letter Ms. Cripps did not give a reason for resigning. She also resigned from the Agricultural Commission.

Reached by phone, Ms. Cripps would only say that she had a lot happening both professionally and personally, and she wanted to focus

on the positive aspects of her life.

Anyone interested in running for the position will need to take out nomination papers by Thursday, 2/11.

The term ends in 2017, when the person holding the office will have to run again.

The candidate will need to get 50 certified signatures from Fairhaven registered voters.

For more information, contact the Town Clerk at 508-979-4025, Ext. 3.

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

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# Snow dumps on region, but falls short of blizzard

By Beth David  
Editor

The region saw a wide range in snow totals with Saturday's storm, dubbed winter storm "Jonas" by the National Weather Service. Fairhaven got around 7 inches, but West Harwich on the Cape got the state's top number at 15.5 inches.

Although featuring high winds and white-out conditions, the storm did not quite make blizzard status here, which requires winds that frequently gust to 35 miles per hour or more and visibility is below 1/4 mile for at least three consecutive hours.

According to the National Weather Service, Plymouth reached blizzard status, but Fairhaven and New Bedford did not. New Bedford did, however, almost make it, with blizzard conditions lasting two hours, not the required three.

Chatham, Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard also met blizzard conditions.

The storm wreaked havoc in the nation's capital and up the coast in New York City. Coastal flooding added to the woes.

West Virginia got 42 inches.

On Sunday, the sun came out and the temperature went up.

The walkway at Fort Phoenix had a bit of foot traffic before the Patriots game began in the afternoon.

Abby Reilly and Marie Tate from Narragansett, RI, and Fred Peccini of Fairhaven enjoyed the mild weather along the Fort.

Ms. Reilly said it was her first blizzard in 10 years because she had been living in South Carolina. Mr. Tate also said it had been a long time since she had seen so much snow because she had been living in Virginia.

"This is nothing compare to what we've gone through in the past," said Mr. Peccini remembering last year's four storms in a row.

Ms. Tate said she also had lived in Alaska.

"We had so much snow [in Alaska]," said Ms. Tate. "We had a lot of snow over the years."

And, she said, she missed it.

On the north side of the cannons, Olivia and Jack Quintin took advantage of the snow by sledding and tubing down the hill with their mother Amanda.

On the south side, the "big kids," 17-year-old Jacob Cabral, Amelia Ostiguy and Eve Hartig enjoyed the steep snow-covered rocks.

Someone had a drone that buzzed above the sledders on both sides of the fort.

The warmer temperatures saw lots of people lingering out on sidewalks, walking in the streets, and otherwise just hobnobbing outside.

Until the Patriots game started, that is.

Patriots lost their playoff game to the Denver Broncos at Mile High Stadium, adding to the winter doldrums in these parts.



ABOVE LEFT: On Sunday, this house on Sciticut Neck Road had a whole snow family enjoying the front yard after Saturday saw 7 inches of snow fall in town. ABOVE MIDDLE: Olivia Quintin makes a perfect snow angel in the snow on the north side of the cannons at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on Sunday, 1/24. Scott and Anya Walker make their way to the hills of Fort Phoenix on Sunday, 1/24. FAR LEFT: This sign for no motor vehicles on the bike path at the corner of South and Fort Streets clearly did not do its job on Sunday, 1/24. LEFT:

Amelia Ostiguy tries to hold it together as she sleds down the hill on the south side of the rocks at Fort Phoenix on Sunday, 1/24.

Photos by Beth David.

# Residents pack room for LNG talk

By Beth David  
Editor

The Ballroom at the Century House was jam-packed with people on Tuesday evening as Acushnet residents and other concerned citizens sought answers from Access Northeast officials on the proposed expansion of the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility on Peckham Road. Organizers said about 200 people attended, but the police department estimated the crowd at 500.

Access Northeast, a project proposed by Eversource, National Grid and Spectra Energy, will seek to construct two 3.4 Bcf (billion cubic feet) tanks with an outside diameter of 270 feet at the base and a height of 170 feet each.

For comparison, the rainbow tank that can be seen from the Southeast Expressway in Dorchester has a 477-foot circumference, is 152 feet wide, 140 feet tall and holds 1.2 Bcf, according to National Grid.

The site on Peckham Road currently contains two LNG tanks with a total capacity of .5 Bcf.

Northeast Access estimates that the town of Acushnet will receive \$10–12.5 million annually in taxes, and the project will create about 25 permanent local jobs.

The project will upgrade and expand the existing Algonquin Gas pipeline, with 2.86 additional miles of pipeline being constructed in Acushnet. Ninety-five percent of the pipeline work will be on existing pipeline.

Tuesday's Open House was a "science fair format," said Arthur Diestel, Manager, Stakeholder Outreach for Spectra Energy.

Officials from Eversource and FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) were also on hand for a total of 40 people available to answer questions of the residents who attended. Company representatives had clipboards to write down people's comments. They would not, however, talk to the press, instead directing all press inquiries to Mr. Diestel.

Mr. Diestel said the event was to "engage the community" and talk to stakeholders, landowners and other concerned residents to document their concerns and responses.

Tuesday was the second meeting. Some "tweaks" to the project were made after the first meeting, he said.

Those tweaks included changing the route of the pipeline that will bring the gas into the new facility away from some residences.

Ernest and Lorraine Duval said they had many concerns and attended to get some answers.

Mr. Duval said the new facility should go to a less populated area. He said they had safety concerns.

"So, there are a lot of issues," said Mr. Duval. "A lot of issues to think about."

Carol Sylvia, Maria Dearaujo and Kendra Murray also tried to get some answers. All three said they wanted to stop the project.

Ms. Dearaujo said she felt that, typically, the town did not do enough to inform residents of changes or

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Nobody wants a big, ugly thing like that in a rural area [Carol Sylvia]

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issues in town. She cited the increase in water and sewer bills as an example.

"We find out after the fact," said Ms. Dearaujo.

Ms. Sylvia said that she never even knew that Acushnet had an LNG facility. She said she hoped the expansion would be voted on by residents.

"It's a rural area," said Ms. Sylvia, and this project does not have the "look and feel" of a rural area. "I'd like to see more windmills and solar panels."

"We need to invest in clean technologies, green technologies," added Ms. Murray, and not "dirty fuels."

She also pointed out the dangers of fracking, and that this project would create more of it, and that they should be objecting to fracking, not investing in it.

Ms. Sylvia also noted that the process has poisonous byproducts.

"Where does all that gas go?" she asked, like PCBs in the harbor, and nuclear waste.

"Nobody wants a big, ugly thing like that in a rural area," said Ms. Sylvia.

Joseph Murphy said he works in the industry, and was there simply to observe. He said he has clients in Pennsylvania who will be going through the same process and he wanted to see what was going on.

"They don't blow up," said Mr. Murphy, dismissing that concern out of hand.

He did admit, though, that the areas in Pennsylvania are more open and less populated.

Marc Lemieux, who lives on Keene Road, did not seem worried about the facility blowing up. He had less catastrophic problems on his mind.

"I don't want it in my back yard," said Mr. Lemieux.

He said he did get answers that night, "And I still don't want it."

Mr. Lemieux said the construction noise will go on for a long time and the bigger facility will increase traffic and noise to the site, as well as light pollution.

"I moved to Acushnet to get away from the city and the noise," he said. "It's a nice neighborhood that's going to be ruined by this."

One person looking forward to all that construction was Adam Lupino of the Laborers International Union of North America. He said that he and LiUNA supported the project because of the economic development it will bring, the construction jobs and the potential for permanent jobs.

Mr. Lupino also said the project had the potential to lower energy costs.

He said he realized there were neighborhood and environmental impacts, but, "We believe the FERC process will deal with and mitigate those concerns."

The economic development, the business side and the consumer side outweigh those concerns.

"We believe this project will have real benefits to the community," said Mr. Lupino.

"It's a just a bunch of crap," said Acushnet resident Jim Rebello. "It's a money-making scheme. The residents [of Acushnet] will not benefit at all."

Former Selectboard member Les Dakin, who recently decided to run again, is part of an organized opposition to the project, South Coast Neighbors United.

He said the open house was "nothing more than a marketing ploy."

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### PACE Fuel Assistance

PACE Fuel Assistance & Recertification Form, The Fuel assistance program starts in November for the 2015-2016 season. If you received fuel assistance last year you should have already received renewal in the mail to be filled out. If you need help filling out the recertification form or a new application for fuel assistance call the Senior Center at 508-979-4029 for a appointment.

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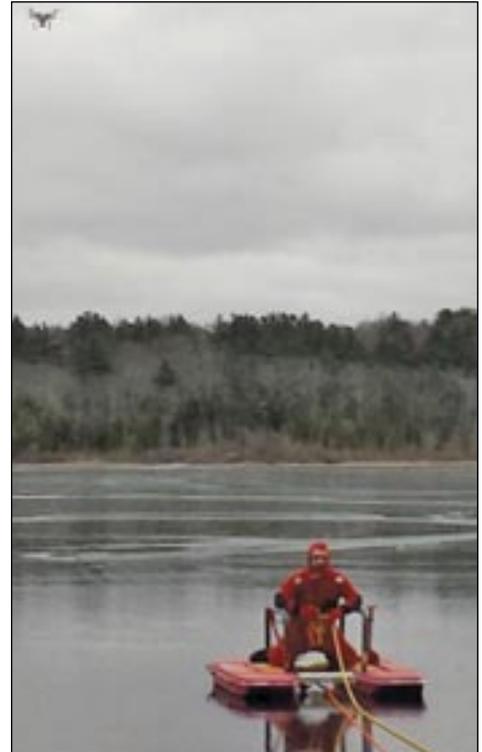
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# Deer eludes Acushnet firefighters trying to save it



On Saturday, 1/23, a resident reported that a deer was stuck on the ice in North Pond off Hebert Road in Acushnet for a few hours. As firefighters were preparing their equipment the deer crawled off the ice and ran into the woods. Call Firefighter Mike Ledger used his drone to capture some of these images. *From the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department's Facebook page.*

## Acushnet nomination papers available

Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's Office for all candidates for local office, including those candidates seeking re-election. The Annual Town election is scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2016.

Officials whose terms expire this year include the following (positions are for three-year terms unless otherwise indicated): David E. Wojnar, Selectman; Liberio DaSilva Soares, Assessor; Michelle Doris DeTerra and Sarah Ann Gomes, School Committee; Vacancy, School

Committee (remainder of term expiring April 3, 2017); Kristen E. Leotti and Bertha L. Threlfall, Trustee of Free Public Library; Charlene Fortin, Cemetery Board; Mark M. DeSilva, Sr., Planning Commissioner (five year term); Michael L. Desrosiers, Park Commissioner; Thomas J. Fortin, Board of Health; Marc E. Laplante, Commission of Trust Funds; Rene Racine, Housing Authority (five year term).

All candidates are required to circulate nomination papers and

obtain 31 signatures of registered voters. The last day to obtain nomination papers is Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., and the papers must be filed with the Board of Registrars by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

## Group to present at Selectboard mtg

Southcoast Neighbors United will make a formal presentation to the Acushnet Selectboard outlining their opposition to the proposed expansion of the liquefied natural gas facility on Peckham Road in Acushnet.

The meeting will be held at 4 p.m. on Monday, 2/1, at the Council on Aging/Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main Street.

Eversource officials will also be at the meeting.

SNCU was formed to fight the LNG proposal. Visit their website at [www.scnu.us](http://www.scnu.us) for more information.

Documents filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) are available on the FERC website and at <http://access.northeastenergy.com/> (click on "resources" and then on "FERC resources").

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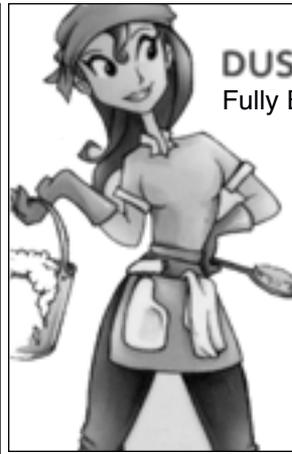


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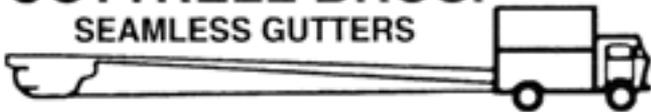
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# Water temperature up 4 degrees in Buzzards Bay

## Study Reveals Climate Change Impacts on Buzzards Bay

*Press Release from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution*

An analysis of long-term water quality monitoring data reveals that climate change is already having an impact on ecosystems in the coastal waters of Buzzards Bay, Mass. The impacts relate to how nitrogen pollution affects coastal ecosystems.

Utilizing 22 years of data collected by a network of citizen scientists, researchers from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) and their colleagues at the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program, the Buzzards Bay Coalition, and the Marine Biological Laboratory found that average summertime temperatures in embayments throughout Buzzards Bay warmed by almost 2 degrees Celsius — roughly 4 degrees Fahrenheit.

“That is a rapid temperature increase for marine life,” said Jennie



Captain Wayne Thompson of the Research Vessel Baykeeper during a water sampling trip in 2012. Data collected by volunteers with The Buzzards Bay Coalition was used in the report finding that the water in Buzzards Bay has risen 4°. *Photo courtesy of the Buzzards Bay Coalition.*

Rheuban, a research associate at WHOI and lead author of the paper published January 15, 2016, in the journal *Biogeosciences*. “For some species, a single degree Fahrenheit change can mean the difference between a comfortable environment and one where they can no longer thrive.”

In addition, Rheuban added, the warmer water temperatures are fueling an increase in algae growth. While algae and other microscopic plants, which form the base of the marine food chain, are vital to a healthy ecosystem, too much can cause murky water, reduce sunlight and oxygen levels, and ultimately cause harm to marine life.

This means added challenges for improving water quality in some Cape Cod and southeastern Mass. watersheds that are already suffering from too much nitrogen, which is most commonly caused by releases from septic systems and wastewater treatment plants, atmospheric pollution, and fertilizer runoff. Excess nitrogen also boosts algae growth.

“What we’re seeing in the long-term data is that the same levels of nitrogen in the system results in much more algae growth than it did two decades ago,” Rheuban said.

This increase in algae growth and chlorophyll means that water quality is worse for the same amount of nitrogen, which has big implications for water quality targets and clean up plans.

Identifying and understanding how different ecosystems respond to climate change will aid in future monitoring and clean up efforts as coastal communities prepare to adapt. This research is part of multi-pronged project funded in 2014 by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation aimed at partnering with local organizations to develop science-based climate change solutions for coastal communities.

### Summer Snapshots Over Time

Every summer since 1992, volunteers working with the Buzzards Bay Coalition have headed out to their local beaches and docks to help monitor the health of the bay. At sampling sites from Westport to the Elizabeth Islands, trained citizen

scientists gather samples and test temperature, salinity, water clarity, and dissolved oxygen at the same locations, every five days from late May through September. In July and August, volunteers also collect water samples that are taken to the Marine Biological Laboratory where they are analyzed for nitrogen, phosphorus, and chlorophyll.

The Baywatchers program has amassed more than two decades of data that has been a valuable resource over the years not only to the Coalition’s education and outreach efforts, but also to agencies that monitor water quality and draft clean-up plans.

“The data has been used by every level of government to make decisions about the management of waterways from deciding which waters are impaired to determining how much nitrogen a specific estuary can handle,” said Rachel Jakuba, PhD, science director for the Buzzards Bay Coalition and a coauthor of the paper.

This is the first time that over 20 years of the monitoring data has been analyzed for long-term trends and patterns, in particular with a focus on climate change. First, researchers looked at which locations and sites had the most consistent data over the 22-year period (from 1992 to 2012), and then divided those into 17 distinct embayments.

“We analyzed the data on an embayment by embayment scale,” Rheuban said. “The degree of pollution in each embayment is very different and that has to do with a number of different factors — levels of development, whether there’s agriculture or urbanization nearby.”

For example, expanded sewerage of larger towns on the west side of the bay has helped reduce excess nitrogen from reaching nearby waterways more than sites along the Cape Cod side of Buzzards Bay that do not have such infrastructure already in place.

“We don’t see nitrogen increases across the board,” Rheuban said. “But what we do see in the analysis of the data is an increase in temperatures and chlorophyll concentration across the bay and a changing relationship between nitrogen and chlorophyll — an indicator of algae growth and

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water quality — as those waters warm.”

“This is potentially important because it suggests that in a future world with higher temperatures, towns around Buzzards Bay will have to remove more nitrogen from coastal watersheds to maintain the same water quality,” added Christopher Neill, director of the Marine Biological Laboratory’s Ecosystems Center and one of the study’s co-authors.

These types of ecosystem responses to higher temperatures, researchers said, are crucial to include in updated management and clean-up plans.

“Nutrient pollution plagues coastal waters up and down the east coast,” said Scott Doney, a marine chemist at WHOI and a coauthor of the paper. “We hope the lessons learned from Buzzards Bay can help improve management efforts in many other locations.”

Joe Costa, Executive Director of the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program, who helped establish the Buzzards Bay monitoring program and a co-author of the paper, praised

the WHOI team that initiated the study.

“This is a great example of the value [of] citizen science data, and we appreciate the focus on the changing conditions in Buzzards Bay,” he said. “The findings have clear implications on how we need to accommodate climate change in our strategies to reduce nitrogen pollution.”

Additional coauthors of the paper are Tony Williams of the Buzzards Bay Coalition, and Shanna Williamson, David Glover, and Dan McCorkle of WHOI.

The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution is a private, non-profit organization on Cape Cod, Mass., dedicated to marine research, engineering, and

higher education. Established in 1930 on a recommendation from the National Academy of Sciences, its primary mission is to understand the ocean and its interaction with the Earth as a whole, and to communicate a basic understanding of the ocean’s role in the changing global environment. For more information, please visit [www.whoi.edu](http://www.whoi.edu).



Jessamyn and Paul Finneran test water in Mattapoisett Harbor in 2013. Data collected by volunteers with The Buzzards Bay Coalition was used in the report finding that the water in Buzzards Bay has risen 4°. Photo courtesy of the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

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## Who makes the magic?

By Beth David

“Get away from those trees,” yelled Mark’s dad. “I told you, you’re not digging up the lawn to look for gnomes.”

“I know, I know,” Mark answered.

He wanted to dig up the gnome trees, though, to see if gnomes really existed. Gnomes build their homes under two oak trees planted near each other. One tree is the entrance, the other is the house.

Mark’s mother acted positively mortified, hysterical really, that her little boy would want to ruin gnome homes.

But Mark didn’t want to ruin their homes. He wanted to contact them and tell them that the Waters family needed help this year.

The gnomes on Nikommo Island often helped families in need.

Mark wanted to tell them that they needed stuff, Christmas stuff. It was Thanksgiving Day and things were looking pretty glum.

Granddad Waters, who used to live on the island, simply said, “You don’t contact gnomes, they contact you.”

Mark’s know-it-all snooty cousin said only fools believed in gnomes and he didn’t even know the difference between a pookwudgie and a fairy.

So Mark plotted and planned for a way to contact the gnomes.

Meanwhile, he helped Miss Adamack in her yard, shoveling snow and fixing her

fairy houses.

Finally, he confided in the very theatrical, eccentric old lady.

He found that she, too, believed in gnomes and fairies and all the Little People of the island.

But before he could hatch a plan to contact the gnomes, Miss Adamack had an “episode” and ended up in the hospital.

At first, all Mark could think of was how she could not help him contact the gnomes. Then his little sister Polly got all emotional and weepy and worried about Miss Adamack because she was sick.

Mark felt like a heel.

He changed his mind, and decided to take back his note asking for stuff.

But, before he could do that, he found a little vial of potion right in his secret spot.

Mark could hardly contain himself until the next day. And then, it was a snow day. Gnome magic all the way around.

He made Miss Adamack drink the potion in her hot chocolate, and in no time at all she was singing and wearing her colorful clothes and baking cookies.

What he didn’t understand, though, was how the gnomes knew. His note had asked for a bike and a board game, not a potion.

“You don’t have to say things out loud for gnomes to hear them,” Miss Adamack

told Mark.

“Oh, I don’t think I like that.”

“No one does,” she said. “But if you know that someone is hearing your thoughts, maybe it will make you think better thoughts.”

And with that, they wrote down their whole story in the big black book of stories about the Little People on Nikommo Island.

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In a rare painting, three Woodland Gnomes, probably from different clans, stop for a visit by an old oak tree on Nikommo Island. The painting was found in the attic of an eccentric artis who had lived on Nikommo Island for many years.

# Fairhaven Cultural Council funds 15 programs this year

## Press Release

The Fairhaven Cultural Council is happy to announce they were able to distribute more than \$6,000 to 15 local organizations this year. Funds help these organizations develop a variety of cultural programming that benefit the children and residents of Fairhaven and its surrounding towns.

"Each year we get such great applications, and we aim to fund as many diverse projects as we are able to, including school performances, local art shows, field trips, and concerts," says Kristine Daniels, council chairperson.

The Fairhaven Cultural Council aims to bring a mix of cultural programming to people of all ages living in the community. This year, the

council funded 15 projects, including internships in the arts and several concerts, performances, and art shows. Overall, these projects have the potential to reach hundreds of local residents and students.

"We encourage everyone to get out there and support arts and cultural programming — there are so many amazing educational and entertaining programs produced locally," says Daniels.

Funded projects include the 2016 Massachusetts Walking Tour Concert, the Art of Fairhaven Exhibit at Art on Center, "The Jester of Notre Dame" at the Millicent Library's Summer Reading Kick-Off, "Henry the Juggler" at the Fairhaven Recreation Center Anniversary Celebration, and the

New Bedford Ballet's educational program and performances for the Fairhaven elementary schools.

To view the entire list of recipients and learn more about each program throughout the year, visit the Fairhaven Cultural Council's website at [fairhavenculturalcouncil.blogspot.com](http://fairhavenculturalcouncil.blogspot.com) or follow their facebook page at [facebook.com/FairhavenCultural Council](https://www.facebook.com/FairhavenCulturalCouncil).

The Fairhaven Cultural Council has one grant cycle each year, open to any individuals or organizations providing cultural programming to residents of Fairhaven. The grant cycle opens each fall in mid-September; to learn more about how to apply, please visit the Fairhaven Cultural Council's local page at [mass-culture.org/Fairhaven](http://mass-culture.org/Fairhaven).

## Dunkin Donuts scholarship applications available 2/1

### Press Release

Dunkin' Donuts and its franchisees across Rhode Island and South-eastern Massachusetts are pleased to announce the 21st annual Dunkin' Donuts Scholarship Program supporting area high school seniors preparing for college.

Dunkin' Donuts will award \$1,000 each to 100 college-bound high school seniors from Rhode Island and Bristol County, Mass., as part of the Dunkin' Donuts Scholarship Program. Scholarship awards are based on the student's academic excellence, leadership qualities and community involvement.

Applications for the Dunkin' Donuts Scholarship Program will be available beginning February 1, 2016. Interested applicants can visit [www.dunkindonuts.com/scholarship](http://www.dunkindonuts.com/scholarship) or any Dunkin' Donuts restaurant in Rhode Island or Bristol County, Mass., for more information. The deadline to submit applications is March 15, 2016.

Over the last two decades, Dunkin' Donuts franchisees have provided more than \$2 million in tuition assistance grants to students to help further their education, demonstrating the franchisees' long-standing commitment to supporting youth and education programs in their communities.

"We know that paying for college can be a struggle for many families in our communities, so we've committed every year to help make college

dreams a reality for 100 outstanding students and their families," said Joe Prazeres, Dunkin' Donuts Rhode Island franchisee. "Every year, we're amazed by the talent and determination of these young people, and we're honored to support their journeys to college."

Applicants to the Dunkin' Donuts Scholarship Program must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a high school senior who plans to enroll in a course of study. Students must be enrolled at least part-time in a baccalaureate degree program at an accredited college or university, an associate degree program at an accredited junior or community college, or a certificate program at an approved vocational or technical institute.
- Be a resident of Rhode Island or Bristol County, Massachusetts.

For more information and a complete list of Scholarship Program eligibility requirements, please visit [www.dunkindonuts.com/scholarship](http://www.dunkindonuts.com/scholarship) or Dunkin' Donuts locations in Rhode Island and Bristol County, Mass.

Applications must be received by March 15, 2016 for consideration. The Dunkin' Donuts scholarship program is managed by Scholarship America.

For more information about Dunkin' Donuts, please visit [www.DunkinDonuts.com](http://www.DunkinDonuts.com) or follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/DunkinDonuts](https://www.facebook.com/DunkinDonuts)) and Twitter ([www.twitter.com/DunkinProv](https://www.twitter.com/DunkinProv)).

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"It was not a forum where people could sit and ask questions and expect to get answers," said Mr. Dakin. "It didn't sit well with me."

SCNU will make a presentation at the next Acushnet Selectboard meeting on Monday, 2/1, at 4 p.m. at the Acushnet Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main Street. The group encourages the public to attend.

The project's filing documents are available on the FERC website and at <http://accessnortheastenergy.com/> (click on "resources" and then on "FERC resources").

The opposition statement from SCNU is available on the *Neighb News* website at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

The group's website is a <http://www.scnu.us>; and they are also on Facebook.

## Public Hearings/ Legal Notices

### Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on February 22, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. In the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

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### Board of Public Works

Mon., 2/8, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 2/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Finance Committee

Thurs., 1/28, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Marine Resources Comm.

Tues., 2/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 2/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 2/10, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 2/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Health

Tues., 2/2, Parting Ways, 5:30 p.m.

### Finance Committee

Wed., 2/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Police Station Bldg. Comm.

Wed., 2/10, 60 Middle Rd., 3 p.m.

### Planning Board

Thurs., 2/18, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 2/1, Sr. Ctr/COA, 4 p.m.

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## Fairhaven man gets two years for child pornography

*Press Release*

Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced that a 51-year-old Fairhaven man was convicted Thursday, 1/21, on a charge of possessing child pornography.

John Moura was convicted after a jury trial in New Bedford District Court last week. He was sentenced to serve two years in the house of corrections and will be required to register as a sex offender. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District

Attorney John Hendrie, the Supervisor of New Bedford District Court.

State Police assigned to the district attorney's office began investigating the defendant after a cyber-tip from Microsoft was sent to this office. The company suspected that child pornography was being stored on a Skydrive account from an IP address in Fairhaven.

After obtaining a search warrant, State Police detectives searched his relative's Glenhaven Road home after

it was learned he had previously been staying there.

At trial, ADA Hendrie proved that the defendant downloaded four images of child pornography onto the home computer and then uploaded those images to his Skydrive account. The images were first possessed by the defendant in the summer of 2011.

After the conviction, ADA Hendrie requested the maximum 2.5 year jail sentence.

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## Quincy man charged with soliciting rape on woman and child

*Press Release*

A Quincy man has been arrested in connection with allegedly impersonating a woman from Groveland on an adult website and soliciting acts of kidnapping, rape and assault, Attorney General Maura Healey announced.

Thomas Sheehan, age 45, of Quincy, was arrested on Friday, 1/15, by Groveland Police with assistance from Massachusetts State Police assigned to the AG's Office and Quincy Police. He was arrested on charges of solicitation to commit assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon (one count), solicitation to commit rape (one count), solicitation to commit rape of a child (one count) and solicitation to commit kidnapping (one count).

Sheehan was arraigned in Haverhill District Court.

"We allege that this defendant put this woman and her family in grave danger by impersonating her online, posting photos of her and her children, and communicating with strangers who sought to do personal harm," said AG Healey. "Our office is taking a serious look at whether the

current laws appropriately address the severity of these alleged crimes."

"This is a deeply disturbing situation, in which the suspect allegedly stole the identity of one of our residents and attempted to use their identity to cause significant harm to this person," Groveland Police Chief Robert J. Kirmelewicz said. "I want to single out Groveland Police Detective Steven Petrone for his diligent work on this case. We are also very grateful to the Attorney General's Office and our law enforcement partners at the Quincy Police Department and the Massachusetts State Police. These strong partnerships and aggressive police work helped bring this suspect to justice."

Groveland Police, with assistance from State Police assigned to the AG's Office and Quincy Police, determined that Sheehan was impersonating the Groveland woman on an adult website and communicating with people on the website who expressed an interest in stalking, raping, kidnapping and torturing the woman and her children per Sheehan's request. The online profile of the

Groveland woman Sheehan created has been taken down from the website.

Law enforcement traced the account claiming to be the Groveland woman to Sheehan. The case was referred to the AG's Office by the Norfolk District Attorney's Office and the Essex District Attorney's Office.

State Police obtained and executed a search warrant on 1/15 authorizing the search of a Quincy residence linked to Sheehan. Subsequent initial investigation of devices linked the account to Sheehan.

The investigation is ongoing. These charges are allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Attorney General Thomas Ralph, Chief of AG Healey's Cyber Crime Division. It was investigated by Groveland Police with assistance from Massachusetts State Police assigned to the AG's Office, Quincy Police and investigators from the AG's Digital Evidence Lab. The Norfolk District Attorney's Office and Essex District Attorney's Office also assisted in the investigation of this case.



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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 2016 AT 11:00 A.M.  
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM**

*Note: This project is in the planning stage. Final decisions to move the project forward have not yet been made. Your attendance at this meeting will help the committee to determine next steps.*

## HOURS

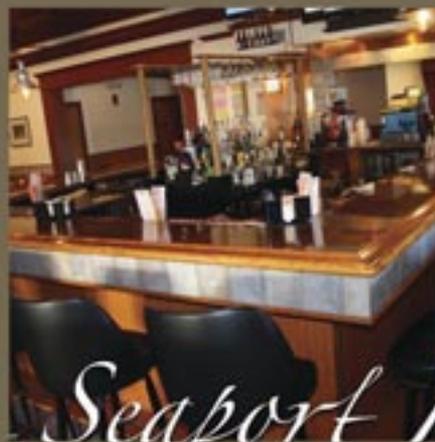
### Bar Hours

Sunday: Noon-10 p.m.	Thursday: Noon-10 p.m.
Monday: 4-10 p.m.	Friday: Noon-11 p.m.*
Tuesday: 4-10 p.m.	Saturday: Noon-11 p.m.*
Wednesday: 4-10 p.m.	*Later w/live entertainment

### Kitchen Hours

Sunday: Noon-9 p.m.	
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