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

Two suns?



Good Morning from The West Island Weather Station KA1WBH, Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 6:44 a.m. This morning we got two for the price of one with a double looking sunrise as the sun reflected in to an upper cloud layer. Not everyone could see this. You'd have to be at a certain angle and location. This is the natural color captured by our powerful axis cam at South Point near the Town Beach. Directly ahead from this photo on the center horizon is Quissett Harbor, Falmouth, 7.88 nautical miles away. The wind chill wasn't as bad this morning at a balmy 17 degrees. The temperature was 27.8, with a merciful west-southwest wind bringing in some milder temperatures. However brief, we'll take it before we get back into the nasty cold stuff again. Of course there are more snow events on the way too. Get the details as they come in at <http://www.westislandweather.com>. See page 12 for more snow pictures. *Photo courtesy of ML Baron, West Island Weather Station.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

"We're not deflated, we're elated." Gotta love it. That's from a fan who was quoted on one of the broadcast stations during the big parade...um, excuse me, the rolling rally celebrating the New England Patriots' Superbowl win on Sunday.

Wow, what a game.

The commercials were a big disappointment. The Budweiser Clydesdales and the puppy were the hands-down winners.

The "Like a Girl" ad from Always was way overhyped. I like the concept, but was disappointed in the final product.

Some of the car and truck commercials were pretty good. I loved the Dodge 100 years old commercial with all the centenarians giving advice, including "live fast!" What fun.

I also loved the Jeep commercial that used "This Land is Your Land" and then traveled from the US to all around the world. Tag line: "The world is a gift. Play responsibly."

I liked a few others, but don't have time to go over all my notes now and write it all up. Maybe I'll write a blog. It is about time I did that, anyway.

The trash carts are here! The trash carts are here! Fairhaven is now in the 21st century, alas.

Okay, I have nothing against the trash and recycle carts (see page 3). The system seems to be working in other places. I'll keep my concerns about the critters getting inside and some of the expectations being unreasonable to myself (hee hee...I didn't really keep them to myself, though, huh?).

What I lament is the loss of the very last vestige of bulky items day. We stopped having our special time of year to put out bulky items a few years ago. Bulky Items Day was lots of fun and unique to us and made for many a funny tale of items being shuffled from one house to another. The stream of cars from out of town cruising the streets looking to pick through our trash looked like tourists in Newport or Provincetown or somewhere. It was quite the show.

Then it changed from our special day to our being able to put our bulk items out one at a time on any regular trash day. That took the festive out of it all, but at least it was still a hit or miss deal for the scrap collectors. They could still cruise a neighborhood on trash day to find unwanted treasures. One persons trash is another one's treasure, right?

Now, we have to call and get an appointment. Not that there's anything wrong with that. I should be happy I can get rid of the big stuff with just a phone call. And I am, really.

But I do miss those trash tourists. It made for good people watching.

Until next week then...see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Mmm...nothing? Really?

New cart system for trash to start in Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

Beginning next Monday, ABC Disposal will begin distributing the new trash and recycle carts to residences in Fairhaven. Beginning on March 2, residents will be required to use the new trash carts for trash and recyclables to be picked up.

The new system was supposed to go into effect last July, but a backlog in manufacturing the trucks caused a delay, according to Fairhaven Public Works Superintendent Vinnie Furtado.

ABC sent a mailing to all households in Fairhaven explaining how to use the new carts.

Each household will receive at least one 65 gallon trash cart and one 95 gallon trash cart. The carts are on wheels and easy to maneuver, said Mr. Furtado, but seniors can still request a smaller, lighter cart.

Mr. Furtado said he was hoping to wait until the weather got better, but the carts and ABC are ready to go, so the program will begin in just a few weeks.

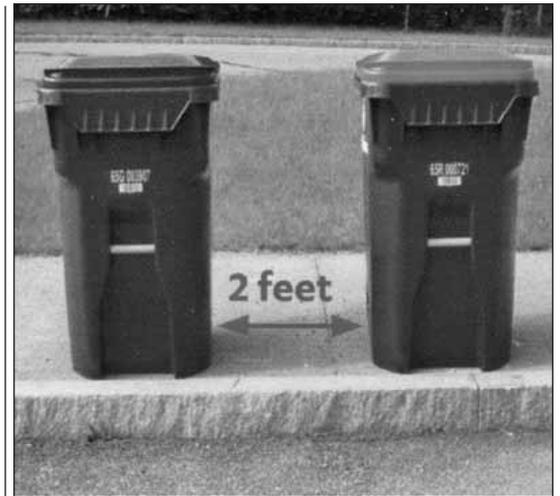
The point is to increase recycling

rates in town, according to Mr. Furtado. He said Fairhaven's rate is low compared to comparable towns and he does not want to see us adopt a pay-as-you-throw system, which would require residents to buy special bags for trash.

Currently, the town pays to have the trash picked up and hauled away; and pays for recyclables to be hauled away. The more that is recycled the more the town saves on disposal costs, he explained.

The carts will make it easier for people to recycle because the recycle cart is 95 gallons, big enough to hold enough for most households. Multi-family units will get one set for each unit, up to three sets and can ask for more.

Summer residents will also have carts delivered, but Mr. Furtado said he has asked for ABC to put those in back yards. Summer residents who are not sure if they have been identified by the DPW should call 508-979-4030.



The new trash/recycle cart system requires residents to use special carts for trash and recyclables. The one with the orange lid is for recyclables. A special truck with a mechanical arm will empty the carts. Photo from flyer mailed to Fairhaven residents.

The special, blue carts are designed to be emptied by a special truck with a mechanical arm that lifts the carts and empties it automatically.

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Appeals approves three, continues one

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals approved three petitions and continued one at its meeting on Tuesday, 2/3.

Caroline Percy Marcoux and her husband Roger were visibly frustrated, shaking their heads and telling the board they disagreed with the conclusions they seemed to be coming to on Tuesday and on some facts of previous encounters.

Ms. Marcoux proposed to make a room in her garage to conduct jewelry repairs and custom jewelry designs.

When they applied for the building permit the application was denied. The Marcouxes were in front of the board with an administrative appeal of that denial.

Building Commissioner Wayne Fostin told the board that the home occupation business needed to be in the dwelling, not in the garage.

Representing the petitioners, Attorney Paul Cavanaugh of Daly Cavanaugh LLP cited the bylaws, pointing to Section 198-23A(1) that states the "home occupation shall be accommodated within an existing structure without extension thereof."

Section 198-23A(2) states that "no more than 25% of the floor area of the residence shall be used for the purpose of the home occupation."

Mr. Cavanaugh said that the bylaws allowed the jewelry business in the garage and that the area was only 8x20, well below the 25% threshold. He said it does not say the business cannot be in the garage, only that if it is in the house it cannot be over the 25%.

"We're still not near the 25 percent," said Mr. Cavanaugh.

He said Mr. Fostin "misinterpreted" the bylaw and believed the board should overturn his decision.

Mr. Fostin insisted that the bylaws were traditionally enforced as in the home, not in an accessory structure.

The board debated the bylaw's use of the words "an existing structure," struggling to decide if it allowed use of the garage.

Mr. Cavanaugh also said that the jewelry business is allowed under the bylaw as an arts and crafts use, as listed in S198-23B.

Ms. Marcoux told the board that she and Mr. Fostin had clashed over

her jewelry business when it was at her home on West Island.

They went to Housing Court where the matter was decided in Ms. Marcoux's favor. The case was dismissed, she said.

Ms. Marcoux explained that she has no showroom and mostly does repairs. She only sells jewelry that is custom made by order.

"It's not a store, it's a shop," said Ms. Marcoux. "It's set up strictly for my convenience."

Mr. Fostin dismissed the reference to the court case saying this was a different issue.

"It pertains to the existing dwelling," said Mr. Fostin. "And that's what I based my decision on."

[Building Commissioner
Wayne] Fostin decided I
couldn't do repairs in my
jewelry business anymore
[Caroline Marcoux]

"Is there a negative to not having it in house?" asked ZBA member Peg Cook.

Mr. Cavanaugh also said that if a bylaw does not prohibit something, then it is allowed. If there is any ambiguity, he said, then "you must interpret in favor of the landowner."

He added that he understood Mr. Fostin's reliance on traditional practice, but, he said "It's an allowed use."

ZBA member Rene Fleurent said he felt the petitioners should be asking for a special permit.

"Because she is doing her work out of the house," he said, adding that regardless of their decision on the appeal, she should return for a special permit.

"I see it as a home occupation," said Mr. Fleurent.

ZBA chairperson Peter DeTerra said he wanted town counsel to look at the language and decide if the workshop could be built in the garage.

"I don't see the difference if it's in the house or the garage," said Ms.

Cook. "I think that's nitpicking," and she repeated her earlier inquiry: Is there a negative to having it in the garage?

The Marcouxes both began to stir and verbally object to the way the discussion was going.

Ms. Marcoux said she had worked in her jewelry business since 1982 and never had a problem until she moved to Fairhaven.

She disputed Mr. Fostin's recollection of the court case saying it had "nothing to do with arts and crafts."

"Mr. Fostin decided I couldn't do repairs in my jewelry business anymore," she said.

She said the court asked Mr. Fostin if his mother were a seamstress would she be able to sell a dress but not repair it?

He then dismissed the case, according to Ms. Marcoux.

"It was repairs versus made jewelry," said Ms. Marcoux.

The board asked for a copy of the case's decision, which Mr. Fostin said he would get.

Mr. Fostin continued to maintain the case hinged on the arts and crafts definition.

The board continued the case to the March 3 meeting and will ask Town Counsel for an opinion on the bylaws.

In another matter, the board granted a special permit for the continued use of an apartment at 36 Hathaway Street. Petitioner Thomas Johnson told the board that he was granted a special permit for an in-law apartment in 1988.

He said the house is classified as a single family and he ran into trouble when he tried to refinance because the special permit had expired. He did not realize he had to reapply.

ZBA member Peg Cook first brought up the possibility of granting the special permit for a regular apartment, making the house a two family, as opposed to classifying it as a single family with an in-law apartment. The difference is that an in-law apartment may only be rented to family.

Mr. Johnson said he did not care which way it was classified, he just needed a special permit to be properly registered. He said the utilities were not separate.

"So we're making a two-family in a single family zone," said board

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Petition for Animals

A new group, Fairhaven Alliance for Animals, is hoping to create a committee for the animal shelter.

They have started a petition on www.change.org asking the Selectboard to create the Fairhaven Animal Shelter Committee.

The group has been meeting over the past few weeks.

To sign the online petition, visit https://www.change.org/organizations/fairhaven_alliance_for_animals

The petition will be presented to the Selectboard in March. For more information on the group, find them on Facebook: Fairhaven Alliance for Animals.

Fairhaven Film Fest For Wounded Warriors

Asbury Shorts USA will team with main sponsor Howe Allen Realty to present the first ever Fairhaven Short Film Festival, an evening of internationally renowned, award-winning short films. The screening takes place at Fairhaven Town Hall in Fairhaven, Mass. on **Thurs., 2/26, and repeated on Fri., 2/27 with the first film blasting on to the screen both nights at 7:00 p.m., Fairhaven Town hall, 40 Center St. Tickets: \$12 general admission and \$10 for students/seniors**

Proceeds will go to The Wounded Warriors Project. Mina Greene, weekend news anchor for WBZ News radio 1030AM, will serve as master of ceremonies.

To reserve tickets please go to: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1193618. For all show information please call: 718-510-6929 or 888-491-9993 ext. 220.

Valentine's Paint & Pour

Art on Center invites you to a fun, playful way to celebrate Valentines Day, "Valentines Paint & Pour," on Sat., 2/14, from 5-8 pm. Come spend the evening painting a romantic scene celebrating love. Instruction is provided and all levels are welcome, even absolute beginners! All art materials and supplies are included so you will have your own finished painting to take home. A light supper is included as well.

Escape the crowds and enjoy

something different!

For more details contact the center. **Pre-registration is required and must be done no later than Thurs., 2/12. Art On Center is located at 15 Center Street, Fairhaven.** For the center's hours and more information call 774-206-1709 or emailinfo@artoncenter.org or check out the website, www.artoncenter.org

Art on Center is a 501(c)3 federally approved nonprofit organization.

Book Discussion

An author's three-month service as a volunteer at the Little Princess Orphanage led to a book, *The Little Princess: one man's promise to bring home the lost children of Nepal*, which will be discussed on **Thurs., 2/19, at 10 a.m., by the Millicent Library's book discussion group, 45 Center St., Fairhaven.**

The author Conor Grennan's non-fiction description of war-torn Nepal tells how he became an advocate for reform when he discovered that many of the children were victims rescued from human traffickers.

The downstairs meeting room is open for the 10:00 a.m. book review, open to the public, and accessible from the Walnut Street side of the library. The book is available at the library, and can be reserved through the inter-library web-site, SAILS as well as at the library's web-site, www.MillicentLibrary.org

Future meeting dates and book selections are also listed at this site. The discussion lasts about an hour. Norma Markey, the discussion leader, will answer your questions if you call 508-993-3745.

Fhvn Bridge Meeting

A public meeting on the New Bedford-Fairhaven Bridge Corridor Study will be held on **Wed., 2/11, from 6-8 p.m. at the Seaport Inn and Marina at 110 Middle St., Fairhaven.** At this meeting, the study team will present and solicit public input on the short-term, medium-term, and long-term transportation improvement alternatives that have been developed to-date. Accessible.

For more information or to request reasonable accommodations and/or language services, please contact Jill Barrett, 860-570-0740, jbarrett@fhiplan.com, by February 4, 2015.

MassDOT is conducting a study of the New Bedford-Fairhaven Bridge Corridor, a bridge that spans New Bedford Harbor. The swing bridge connecting the communities of New Bedford and Fairhaven is functionally obsolete, constrains marine traffic, and its opening results in extensive vehicle delays. This study will evaluate transportation and associated land use issues, develop potential solutions, and recommend improvements along the Route 6 corridor.

Visit www.mass.gov/massdot/newbedfordstudy. This website provides information about this project, including ways for the public to get involved.

Art Show

Come join us for the first Mystic Art Show showcasing original paintings by local artists. An afternoon of celebrating the freedom of creativity with some appetizers and champagne. Most paintings are for sale and some just for viewing.

Visit us **Sun., 2/8, at the Mystic Cafe, 398 Main St., Fairhaven** for an afternoon of fun with family and friends.

New Trash & Recycle Carts

See page 3.

Special Edition Library Card Set

The Friends of the Millicent Library is holding a Mini-Fundraiser offering special a edition Library Card Set for \$5. Includes one regular card and one key-chain card. Gift certificates available

You must meet the eligibility requirement for a Millicent Library card. This is in place of the generic, free cards.

Call for details, 508-992-5342.

Prom Dresses Wanted for Play

Do you have your old prom dress in the back of your closet, or maybe an old pair of saddle shoes that you're not using? Well, the **FHS Theatre Company** is looking for just

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Madison Roy chosen as HMS Project 351 Ambassador

By Beth David
Editor

Madison Roy is on a mission: To show that one person can make a difference. Chosen as the Project 351 ambassador from Fairhaven, Madison will spend the year learning how to develop projects that will benefit her local community, and then doing what she can to make those projects successful.

A state-wide non-profit, Project 351 gathers together eighth grade students from each of the 351 municipalities in Massachusetts and gets them started on a lifetime of community service. The year kicked off on Martin Luther King Jr. Day with motivational speeches by Governor Charlie Baker (then still Governor elect), Robert Kraft and Bill Richard, whose son Martin was killed in the Boston Marathon bombing. Students also heard from Congressman Seth Moulton, a former marine who spoke about patriotism and service.

Mr. Richard, Martin's father, told the students to always "choose kindness over everything."

The students split up into groups and helped out at a variety of service organizations. Ms. Roy's group

helped out by making up 700 hand decorated hygiene bags, murals, scarves and special video messages for families who have lost loved ones in war.

The point, she said is to "make a better community."

Ms. Roy is already active with several groups and activities, including Voices in Time, a singing group that goes to nursing homes and places like the Schwartz Center to

You don't always have to say 'yes.' You want to be the person who puts all the bad stuff away. You want to be the person who does the right thing.
[Madison Roy]

"It was such a great honor," she said. "I was so happy they noticed all these qualities in me."

"She's an incredibly hard working student," said Pam Drouin, the science teacher who nominated Madison. "She's just bubbly and a really positive young woman."

Project 351 looks for students who have shown "exemplary ethic of service and demonstration of Project 351 values of humility, compassion, kindness, and generosity of spirit," according to the website.

"She has a really good spirit of giving," said Ms. Drouin. "She helps people who need encouragement with a smile or a positive time by listening to singing."

Ms. Roy's next project will be working with Cradles to Crayons. She will attend another day of service at Gillette Stadium with Robert Kraft and, hopefully, one or two Patriots players.

Cradles to Crayons supplies essentials, such as clothes, shoes, books and school supplies to homeless and low-income children, according to their website.

After that, Ms. Roy will come up with her own service projects in Fairhaven and try to get her classmates to join in. She said she wants to help homeless veterans and to come up with something to help combat bullying.

She said she's had her share of bullies, just like most her age.

"I know I can't stop it," she said. "But I hope I can try to change bullying."

During her day of service, she learned about a woman who created a backpack that turns into a sleeping bag that was designed for homeless people.

Ms. Roy said she would like to come up with ways to help homeless people, and especially homeless veterans be more comfortable.

In addition to Voices in Time, Ms. Roy is involved with the Southcoast Children's Theatre in New Bedford.

Madison's father David said it was fitting that Madison be chosen for just this kind of thing.

"She was the play-date kid," he said, adding that she would always play with the younger kids, too.

Madison said she was very excited



Madison Roy, who was chosen as Fairhaven's Project 351 Ambassador, holds up a sign she made that says, "For Martin I will end the day with a smile." Martin is Martin Richard, the 8-year-old who was killed in the Boston Marathon bombings in 2013. Martin's father Bill attended the day of service for Project 351 students and told them to "always choose kindness over everything," said Ms. Roy. Photo by Beth David.

bring a little music into people's lives.

She said she likes the idea of performing for people who would not otherwise be able to see a live performance.

"Some can't afford to go out and have no family to take them," said Ms. Roy.

Naturally, for a 13-year-old, Ms. Roy thought she was "in trouble, like every kid always thinks," she said, when she got called to the principal's office to be told she was chosen for the project. She had no idea.

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and honored to be chosen, but was also very happy to make new friends. She met the local ambassadors and discovered a cousin was chosen to be Dartmouth's ambassador.

"It's actually kind of fun," said Madison, about working with other students on service projects.

She made a poster to hang in the Pine Street Inn, a shelter for homeless men in Boston, that says "just keep swimming," as a way to encourage them not to give up.

Which is fitting, by Ms. Drouin's account.

"She perseveres," said Ms. Drouin. "Our students are always faced with challenges. If she finds something difficult, she'll stay after school, whatever she needs to do. She takes responsibility for her learning and she will do what she has to do until she gets it."

Ms. Roy said that she just tries to do her best and keep her own focus.

"Don't listen to everybody," she said, explaining her own philosophy. "You don't always have to say 'yes.' You want to be the person who puts all the bad stuff away. You want to be

the person who does the right thing. I know it's hard, but just as much as you can instead of giving into something that might get you into the wrong place."

She would like to work in a field that helps people, maybe the medical field, but she doesn't want to limit herself at this stage of the game.

"I just want to work with people and help them," she said.

Mr. Roy said he and his wife were "very pleased that Madison was finally being recognized for the

person that she is: kind compassionate, caring.

She's getting recognized for her qualities and it's something we're very proud of," he said.

"She's a quiet leader," said Ms. Drouin. "She leads by example."

Madison lives in Fairhaven with her parents David and Tara, and her little sister Emerson.

To learn more about Project 351 visit <http://www.project351.com>; to learn more about Cradles to Crayons visit www.cradlestocrayons.org/



ABOVE: The Project 351 logo decorates a t-shirt. Photo by Beth David. LEFT: The poster that Madison Roy of Fairhaven created to cheer up homeless men at the Pine Street Inn. Submitted photo*.

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Veteran's Benefit Presentation Thursday, February 12, 6 p.m., Learn about your VA burial benefits and the Dignity Memorial Veteran Benefits Program, hosted by Rock Funeral Home and Waring-Sullivan Funeral Homes from New Bedford. RSVP by Feb. 10

Valentine's Day Party Saturday, February 14, 2:30 p.m. Dance and sing along with Frank Noonan at our resident Valentine's Day Party. Refreshments will be served. RSVP by Feb. 12.



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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Free Soccer Clinic

New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches has partnered with the New England Revolution Academy to host a free youth soccer clinic. Academy presented by United Healthcare, is a fully-integrated training and development program for youth soccer players, ages 7+. **The clinic will be on Sat., 2/7, from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., for children ages 7-14 years.**

The clinic will feature age appropriate soccer drills and techniques under the supervision of professional soccer coaches in a fun, friendly environment.

Pre-registration is required. To register, please call 508-961-3015, e-mail Alex Bettencourt at alex.bettencourt@newbedford-ma.gov or visit the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center at 181 Hillman St., Building #3, New Bedford, Mon.–Fri. 8AM-4PM.

Spaghetti Supper

ANNUAL VALENTINE SPAGHETTI SUPPER with Raffle. Delicious Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert & Beverages. Proceeds to benefit Holiday Meals at Soup Kitchen Join us on **Sat., Feb. 14 at 6:00 p.m.** Pilgrim Church Home, corner Purchase & School Streets, New Bedford. Donation: **\$10.00 adults, \$5.00 children under 12**

LGBTQ Dance

Dance for Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer on **Sat., 2/14 at 7 p.m., St. Martin's Episcopal Church Hall, 136 Rivet St. New Bedford.** \$10/ticket includes DJ Sara Mello, beverages, munchies and food.

Sailor Series Lecture

The 25th annual Sailors' Series celebrates its quarter-century mark with four illustrated lectures covering a wide variety of experiences by individuals with lifelong commitments to sailing, boats, and the sea at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford. **Programs begin at 7 p.m. in the Cook Memorial Theater, with a pre-lecture reception at 6:00 p.m. in the Jacobs Family Gallery.**

The Series launches on Thurs., 2/12 with "No Ordinary Being: An introduction to the life and times of W. Starling Burgess" presented by

renowned author and historian Llewellyn Howland III. A native of South Dartmouth, Louie Howland has written and edited many books on aspects of American maritime and yachting history.

Admission for individual lectures: Members: \$15 / Non-Members: \$20. Series: Members: \$60 / Non-Members: \$80. For tickets, call (508) 997-0046, ext. 100 or online at www.whalingmuseum.org.

YTI Musical

The Broadway musical *The Story of My Life* will be presented as a special event by Your Theater, Inc. on **Fri. & Sat., 2/6, at 8 p.m.; and Sun., 2/8, at 2:30 p.m.** With music and lyrics by Neil Bartram and book by Brian Hill, the musical will star New Bedford natives John Costa and Peter DaSilva accompanied by pianist Matt Richard and percussionist Neil Sylvia. **Tickets are \$15 and may be reserved by calling 508-993-0772 or by emailing boxoffice@yourtheatre.org.**

AHA night

We're back, baby! After a month's hiatus, AHA! makes its '15 debut on **Feb. 12 when the theme is "Tall Tales."** AHA! (Art, History and Architecture!) is a FREE family-friendly event held rain or shine on the second Thursday of each month from 5 to 9 p.m. in historic downtown New Bedford — but feel free to arrive early and stay late. For information on individual events, visit www.ahanewbedford.org

Douglass Read-A-Thon

The New Bedford Historical Society is hosting the Fifteenth Annual Community Read-a-thon of the first autobiography of Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave written by Himself* (1845). This event is being held in celebration of African American History Month and honors Douglass as one of the great men of the 19th century, an early advocate for African American civil rights and the rights of women. This year we will celebrate the 15th anniversary of the community read-a-thon.

We invite members of the South Coast community to join the event as

readers in this celebration of the life and legacy of one of New Bedford's great men. The Read-a-thon will be held on Sun., 2/8, from 2– 6 p.m., at the First Unitarian Church, 71 Eighth St., New Bedford. Refreshments will be available. Contact the Society at (508) 979-8828 for more info.

Civil War Lecture

Professor David Blight of Yale University will present a lecture entitled **"Living a New Life: Frederick Douglass Finds Freedom and His Voice in New Bedford"** at **New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's theater on Sat., 2/7, from 2:00-4:00 PM, 33 William Street, New Bedford.** Professor Blight is the Class of 1954 Professor of American History and Director of the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition at Yale. **Admission is free.** Sponsored by New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the New Bedford Historical Society.

For more information, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095 or visit www.nps.gov/nebe, or follow the park on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>.

Shoe Design Exhibit

Chris Donovan, a shoe designer and recent graduate of the Masters in Footwear Design from Polimoda Fashion Institute in Florence, Italy is holding his exhibit of his Shoe designs at Gallery 65 in New Bedford for the month of February.

Chris worked as a telephone technician for 25 years. During a weekend class with a shoe designer in NYC he was urged to pursue his talent. Chris, at 56 years old, left his job to pursue his passion. He was accepted to the prestigious Polimoda Fashion Institute in Florence Italy. During a grueling year he graduated and was asked to open the final show with his graduate collection.

Chris has always seen shoe design as limitless. What are the necessary components for a shoe still to be a shoe? Shapes, architecture, art and religion inspire him. Chris' history from growing up and getting a degree in Theology, to his work as a repair technician, and living in a large fishing port inspires him to incorporate his life into his designs.

Bird Meeting

The Paskamansett Bird Club and Friends of Dartmouth Libraries are hosting a **free presentation by Gina Nichol about Hummingbirds at the Southworth Library, 732 Dartmouth St., at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, February 11.** The presentation is free, but tickets are required. They are available from the circulation desk at the library, or from Alice Morgan, Paskamansett Bird Club Treasurer. Call 508.993.2859 for Bird Club tickets.

Expert birder and international wildlife tour leader Gina Nichol has been a naturalist and birder for more than thirty years. In 2005, Gina founded Sunrise Birding, LLC to offer affordable private and small group bird watching and wildlife tours around the world. www.sunrisebirding.com

The meeting is open to the public and accessible.

Product Launch Talk

"From Idea Stage to Launch: Are You Ready?" sponsored by Southern New England Entrepreneurs Forum (SNEEF), **Thurs., 2/12, 5:30 p.m., Advanced Technology and Manufacturing Center, 151 Martine Street, Fall River.** Case Study: Lisa West, Founder of Confidence Covers. Panelists: Jennifer Schwall, Executive Director of Cherrystone Angel Group; June Goguen, Vice President of BayCoast Bank, and David Lawrence, Executive Vice President of Diamond Business Credit. Moderator: Joe Thomas, President, Thomas Management Resources. **Cost: SNEEF event non-member \$25, Alliance members \$15, SNEEF members and students free.** Register at www.SNEEF.org.

Book Sale

The Big Love Your Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoissett Library's Big Love Your Library Book Sale is on **Saturday, February 14, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm**, downstairs at the library. It's a two-for-one sale - buy one book, get one free; buy a bag of books, get a bag of books free. Coupled with the Junior Friends Bake Sale, browsing is almost

mandatory. Show your love for the library by turning out for this great sale, sign up for a Friends membership, and pick up something sweet for your Valentine.

The Mattapoissett Free Public Library is located at 7 Barstow St., 508-758-4171. Accessible.

Tiara 5K Reg

Registration is now open for the 9th Annual Women's Fund Tiara 5K. Dust off your tiara, cape or both and join us for the Women's Fund Tiara 5K Mothers Day Race.

Race will be on Mother's Day, May 10, with 9:00 AM Kids Fun Run (3 years to 12 years old), and 9:30 AM 5K Run and Walk, at Oxford Creamery, 98 County Rd., Mattapoissett.

Register online at www.womensfundtiara5k.com

For sponsorship info contact Traci Calabrese at 508-717-0283 or tc calabrese@womensfundsema.org.

The Women's Fund Mission is to advance the educational attainment and economic security of women and girls in Southeastern Massachusetts. We raise money to invest in programs that increase opportunities for women to earn a living wage. Visit <http://womensfundsema.org/> to learn more.

Karaoke Night

VFW Post 6643, 89 Middleboro Rd., Freetown, Karaoke night every Tuesday. **Next date: 2/10, featuring KJ Stubbs from 7-11 p.m.** Accessible. Free admission. Visit <http://www.vfw6643.org/>

Sun. Concert Series

As a part of the **Isabella Stewart Gardner's Sunday Concert Series on Sun., Feb. 8 at 1:30 p.m.**, join Aavali Jumppanen, Jeff Means, and Hans Tutschku, for Stockhausen and Schumann Part III, "Carnival." Pieces include: Stockhausen, Kontakte, and Schumann, and Carnaval, Op. 9. The event will take place in the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum's Calderwood Hall, **located at 25 Evans Way, Boston, Mass.** Tickets are required, which may be purchased in advance or at the door, and include Museum admission. **Admission is \$27 for adults; \$24 for seniors, \$17 for**

students with valid IDs; and youth age 7 and under are not admitted.

For information or to purchase tickets in advance, visit www.gardnermuseum.org or call 617-278-5156.

Professor Paddy-Whack

Rick Adam brings his zany one man vaudeville show, "Professor Paddy-Whack's One Man Extravaganza of Songs & Silly Stuff," to Ocean State Theatre in Warwick this Saturday.

Rick Adam, as Professor Paddy-Whack, is a one man cast of wacky characters sure to delight and amuse. He presents a continuous collage of energizing entertainment, including hand shadows, musical saw, juggling, magic, hat tricks, story songs and sing-a-longs, laugh riot comedy skits, marvelous object manipulation, and the most intricate and entertaining one man band you ever saw!

Rick Adam has been performing, teaching, and inspiring people of all ages for over 20 years. He has combined his extensive theatrical and musical experience to create original theatrical performances that both educate and entertain.

Before and after the performance, families can enjoy drinks and snacks, which will be available for purchase at the theatre's lobby concession stand.

Professor Paddy-Whack's One Man Extravaganza of Songs & Silly Stuff will be presented on **Sat., 2/7, at 11:00 am. The theatre is located at 1245 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI. Single tickets are \$10.00 each with packages of three Family Fun Fest shows or more for \$8.00 per ticket.** Discount rates are available for groups of 20 or more by calling (401) 921-1777 x112. Tickets are on sale at the box office Monday through Friday from 12 noon - 6:00 pm, Saturdays from 12 noon - 4:00 pm, and from 12 noon until curtain time on performance days. Tickets are also available online 24 hours a day at www.OceanStateTheatre.org and via telephone during normal box office hours by calling (401) 921-6800.

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Recipe of the Week

Slow-cook chili

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 2 (16 ounce) cans kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 (14.5 ounce) cans diced tomatoes, drained
- 1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce
- 2 onions, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 tablespoon cayenne pepper
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Heat a large skillet over med.-high heat and stir in ground beef. Cook and stir until beef is crumbly, evenly browned, and no longer pink, about 7 minutes. Drain and discard excess grease.

Combine ground beef, kidney beans, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, onions, bell pepper, garlic, chili powder, cayenne pepper, salt, and black pepper in a slow cooker. Cover and cook on low for 10 hours, or high 4 hours. Garnish each serving with Cheddar cheese.

For extra hot: Add more cayenne pepper about 2 hours into cooking, then again after 3 hours of cooking.

From allrecipes.com

ZBA: cont'd from page 4

member Rene Fleurent.

"Is it a problem?" asked Ms. Cook. ZBA Chairperson Peter DeTerra said that there have been no complaints about the apartment over the years.

"They had it already," he said.

The board approved the special permit for a regular apartment at the house.

After some discussion, the board also approved a special permit for Michael and Andree Goulart for a proposed house and garage at 448 Bridge Street, which is in the Nasquetucket River Basin. Construction over 500 square feet in the NRB requires a special permit.

Mark Wellington, of Mark Wellington Real Estate in Rochester, told the board that the plans had been approved in 2006 and received extensions in 2008 and 2010. He said the project got "caught up" in the real estate crash and declined in value.

He said the Conservation Commission does not need to approve the plans because they are building on the uplands portion of the property.

Mr. Wellington told the board that the owners were seeking just a "simple approval," and they anticipate the property being sold in the next two years.

The board approved a new special permit.

In other business the board:

- Voted to allow Michael Ristuccia to withdraw without prejudice his application to build on an under-sized lot at 52 Cedar Street.
- Approved a variance for Michelle Letts to build a garage at her 7 Andrew Avenue property. The 30x60-foot structure will be one story and requires a variance because of the size of the garage. Accessory structures may not be larger than 700 square feet of floor area. The proposed garage is 1800 square feet.

Even in winter an isolated patch of snow has a special quality.

Andy Goldsworthy

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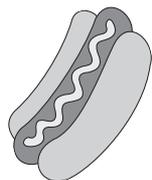


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And now it's the ice's turn

By Beth David
Editor

After the big blizzard that dumped 19" of snow in Fairhaven, we got rain, lots of it, and more snow and more rain and then frigid temperatures with wind-chill factors below zero.

Streets, parking lots and driveways

were thick sheets of ice earlier this week and the temperature pattern remains below freezing. The forecast calls for more snow in the coming days, although snow in the huge numbers we saw during the blizzard is not forecast....yet.

The public works department

continues to widen streets where necessary, although all streets are considered passable in Fairhaven.

If yours is not, call the DPW at 508-979-4030.

Here are some pictures of the aftermath of the blizzard and the storm that followed.



On Friday, 1/30, the first day back at school after the blizzard, two cars stuck on Linden Avenue between Green Street and Castle Avenue made this school bus take an unplanned left turn onto Green. The two cars, traveling in opposite directions got stuck because there was not enough width for one to get past the other. The bus got stuck at the corner of Linden and Green and had to be towed out. Another tow truck was working on the cars stuck on Linden. The bus driver said he had the two cars stuck ahead of him and another on the right. With about ten cars behind him, he had no option except to try to make the right turn on Green. *Photos courtesy of a Neighb News reader.*

Look up, look out!!!

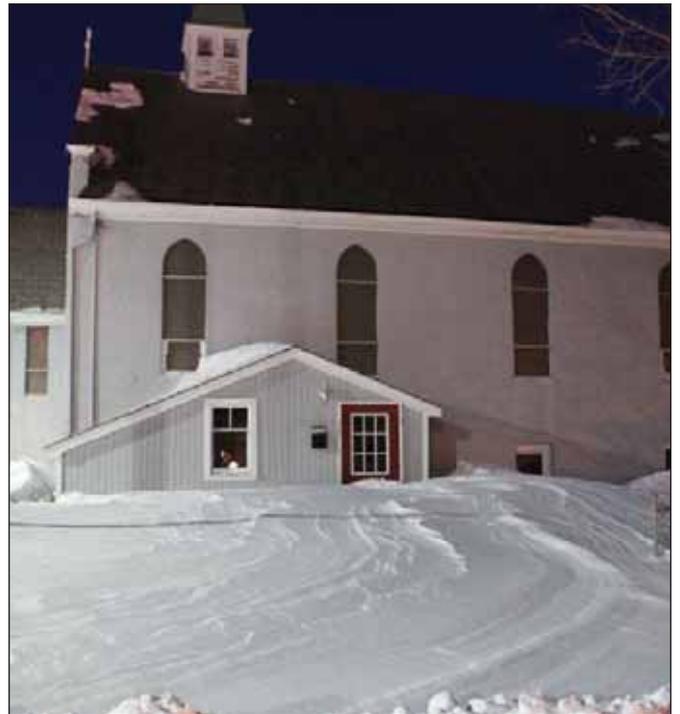


LEFT: Caution tape keeps people from walking under some icicles on Fairhaven Town Hall on Monday, 2/2. RIGHT: The icicles fell on a light in front of Fairhaven Town Hall and broke the glass in the aftermath of the blizzard that paralyzed the region last week (see last week's issue). *Photos by Beth David.*

Scenes from North Fairhaven



Fred Rafael sent us these North Fairhaven photos of last week's blizzard, after the snow had settled a bit. Photos were taken on Wednesday evening, 1/28/15. ABOVE: St. Mary's Church looks impressive in the night light after being plowed out. BELOW LEFT: The gazebo at Benoit Square in the night light. BELOW RIGHT: The back parking lot at St. Mary's Church shows a drift halfway up the back door. *Photos courtesy of Fred Rafael.*



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Ages: 11-14; March 2 Instructor: Beth Oleson; 5:30PM- 8PM. Cost: \$45 Members/\$50 Non-members

Yoga for kids

This class is a great opportunity for stretching and fun for yogis between the ages of 8-14 years old after school. Whether you have never done yoga, or have tried it before, this is the perfect class for you to use up some energy, increase strength, flexibility and coordination skills. Learn new exercises to help calm your mind after it all. This class will be 45 minutes long and wearing gym clothes would be best. Wednesdays from 4-5 PM Ages: 8-14. Cost: \$40 members, \$50 non-members. Start date: 2/4.

Kool Kids February Vacation

This 4 day program is a great opportunity to make new friends while participating in fun group activities, like basketball, dodge ball, tag and hockey. Kids need to bring lunch and a snack for the first 3 days of the program, Friday a pizza lunch will be served. Sneakers and active clothing must be worn each day of the program. Session runs Tues.-Fri., 2/17-20, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. \$100.00 members/\$125 non-members

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Feb. 11: Warwick Mall

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Feb. 18: South Shore Plaza

Mar. 4: Newport Grand and Xmas Tree

Feb. 25: Hyannis Mall and Christmas

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Entertainment

Call Fairhaven COA for entertainment schedule: 508-979-4029

Special Activities

Save the Date!

Coming in March: Emergency Preparedness Meeting on March 16th at 1:00 P.M. Sign up early because of limited amounts of seating and backpacks. For Fairhaven seniors over 60 only. Call 508-979-4029

Single Seniors

For the month of February the Single Senior Supper Club has been CANCELED. Will start up in March on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

Southcoast LGBT

For the month February the LGBT Supper Club has been CANCELED. Will start up in March, last Wednesday of the month.

Senior Discount Day Trip

Day trips to the Salvation Army have been cancelled until further notice.

Sewing Circle

The sewing Circle group will meet will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Do you want to learn to sew or maybe do a little quilting? Join us at the Fair-

haven Senior Center and meet Debbie as she shares her sewing expertise.

Cops 'n Donuts

At the Fairhaven Senior Center with Det. Janice Bubluski, Elder Safety Office in Fairhaven. She has some important messages to share. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and have a donut of course. Call the Senior Center for the next date.

Tax Assistance

If you are a low income seniors filing a short form, please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 to book an appointment. Please call as soon as possible to book an appointment; slots are filling up fast. If just filing a Circuit Breaker Tax Credit let us know when booking appointment. Please make sure you bring in all your information needed to file.

National Wear Red Day

For more than 10 years, The American Heart Association has sponsored National Wear Red Day.

Let's all wear red on February 6th in the fight against heart disease in Women.

Ongoing Programs

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A/G Consumer Mediator; Bingo; Board Meeting/monthly; Bridge; Caregiver Support & Education Group; Chair Yoga, Computer Training; Fit Quest; Friends of Elderly/monthly meeting; Grocery Shopping; Knitting classes; LGBT Supper Club; Line Dancing; Live Band; Medical Transportation; Nutrition Program/meal served; Osteoporosis class; Outreach Coordinator; PACE Fuel Assistance; Pitch; Reassurance Program; Shopping; Singles Senior Supper Club; Supportive Senior Social Day Program; Tai Chi; Tap 'N' Time, Walking Clubs, Zumba.

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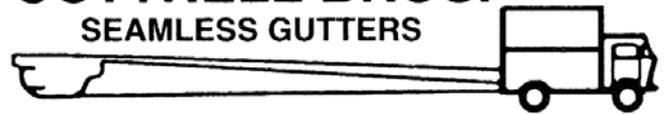
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Tourism Tweets

Press Release

The Fairhaven Office of Tourism is expanding its social media presence by adding a Twitter account. Tourism Director Chris Richard has maintained the Fairhaven, MA, Visitors Center page on Facebook since 2009. He added the Twitter account on February 2.

"Facebook is by far the number-one social media site with 1.28 billion monthly users," said Richard. "Twitter's number is around 500 million, but the two tend to reach

different demographics, with a larger number of Twitter users accessing the site from mobile devices while they're on the move. It's a good idea for businesses to use both."

Fairhaven businesses, non-profit groups, and members of the public who use social media are urged to follow one or both pages. The Office of Tourism regularly shares and retweets messages and photos posted by Fairhaven organizations as well as posting its own news updates and notices of upcoming events and

activities.

"I have found social media to be an important tool in reaching the public and spreading the word about Fairhaven," said Richard. "More and more people are getting their news and making their plans via their phones and tablets."

You can find the Fairhaven Office of Tourism on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/FairhavenTours>. The Fairhaven, MA, Visitors Center page on Facebook is <https://www.facebook.com/FairhavenTours>.

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those type of items as they prepare to stage their production of "Grease" in late March 2015 in the Fairhaven High School Performing Arts Center.

The FHS Theatre Company will present their production of 'Grease' March 26-29, 2015 They have a large cast to provide costumes for and would appreciate any help that FHS alums can provide. **If you have 1950's style clothing, shoes or jewelry that you are willing to loan to the Theatre Company,** please contact Deb Roderick at (508)245-9147.

Some examples of items needed are: prom dresses, chiffon neckerchiefs, saddle shoes, penny loafers, etc. Items will be gently used and returned to you in the same condition received. The Theatre Company thanks you in advance for your assistance. This production is sure to be one of their best!

Girl Scout Cookies

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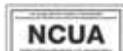


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Acush Lions Club shows support for police



ABOVE: The Acushnet Lions Club shows its support for Acushnet Police and Fire departments with this sign in front of the Acushnet fire station. "We greatly appreciate the expression of support from the Acushnet Lions Club," read the post the Acushnet Fire and EMS Facebook page. TOP RIGHT: A car crashed into a pole on Mendall Road on 1/22, and also displaced a large stone. One injured party was transported to the hospital. BELOW RIGHT: Thursday, 1/26, 10:36am; Mendall Road, single vehicle crash into pole, sole occupant transported to hospital. According to the Fire & EMS Facebook page, there were also two accidents on 1/26, one at 3:27 p.m. in front of 524 Main Street with one party transported to the hospital; and one at 4:38 p.m., a single car crash into a pole at South Main and Porter Streets, with one party transported to the hospital. All information and photos from Acushnet Fire & EMS Facebook page.



Scholarships available for Acushnet residents

Press Release

In order to assist Acushnet residents in continuing to build their academic futures, the Acushnet Teachers Association annually awards scholarships. Residents of Acushnet enrolling in a full-time college program in 2015-16 are eligible.

In addition to A.T.A. scholarships, the Committee is also responsible for judging applicants for the following

scholarships: Acushnet P.T.O., Acushnet Lion's Club, the Carole Day Memorial Nursing Scholarship, and the Acushnet Historical Society Scholarship. By filling out the single application form, students are considered for any and all of the above-named Acushnet scholarships for which they are eligible.

Visit www.acushnetteachers.com for printable application forms and

more information about the ATA Scholarship Program. Hard copies are available in the Ford Middle School main office at 708 Middle Road, Acushnet. Applications and required paperwork are due on May 1.

For questions, please contact Kristine Daniels, A.T.A. Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, at kdaniels@acushnet.k12.ma.us or 508-998-0265 ext. 1205.

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Here are a couple of photos we forgot to put in last week's issue. LEFT: The snow drift at Carousel Family Fun Center in Fairhaven was impressive at about 5:30 on Tuesday, 1/27. *Photo courtesy of Selectboard chairperson Bob Espindola.* RIGHT: Selectboard member Charles Murphy takes a turn with the shovel while staffing the Emergency Operations Center at the Fairhaven Fire Station on Tuesday, 1/27. *Photo courtesy of Charles Murphy.*



LEFT: The ground in front of the gangway at Hoppy's Landing in Fairhaven is one big sheet of ice on Wednesday, 2/4. RIGHT: The water around the finger piers and pilings at Earl's Marina is completely frozen on Wednesday, 2/4. The region was hit with a blizzard last week, then rain and more snow, then subfreezing temperatures with the wind chill factor in the single digits causing the icing up of roads and marshes. *Photos by Chris David.*



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From our readers

Editorial was wrong

It's easy to criticize when you don't have the facts.

I just finished your "From the Editor" rant and am appalled by what you wrote about Emergency Management Agency Director Marc Jodoin. First of all he did not "lie" to you as you imply. That is a very insulting statement to make and very unprofessional.

Let me give you the facts. When the Town of Fairhaven decided to open an Emergency Shelter at Hastings Middle School, a couple, from out of town, who are CERT members of Fairhaven EMA, volunteered to man the shelter. They brought their three children with them. They manned the shelter for a total of 14 hours with no town resident or any other person desiring to use the shelter. While they manned the shelter, their 15 year old son assisted the school custodian in shoveling the entrance to the shelter.

Just prior to my relieving the couple at the shelter, a town employee, from the Highway Department, who lives out of town, came to

the shelter, after working 24 hours. I stayed with him until 4 p.m. when I took him back to the Board of Public Works office.

I don't know what your problem is. Not a single Fairhaven resident felt the need to use the Emergency Shelter. We were fortunate that no resident lost power and needed to use the services provided by the Emergency Shelter.

I think you need to apologize to Marc Jodoin and all the Emergency Management volunteers who volunteer their time for the Town of Fairhaven

*John Rogers, Fairhaven
A 55 year member of Fairhaven EM*

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Public Hearings/ Legal Notices

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board's January 27, 2015, hearing was canceled due to a winter storm and the Public Hearing has been rescheduled for **6:30 P.M. on February 10, 2015**, in the **Banquet Room**, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following **Special Permit Applications**: 1) The applicant, **Paul Downey, Mill Bridge Holdings, LLC**, is requesting a Special Permit to construct a new parking lot with approximately 90 spaces and landscaped berm on the northeast corner of the property along Mill Road. The location is 200 Mill Road, Map 36, Lot 11A. 2) The applicant, **Bralden, LLC, d/b/a Brahmin Leather Works**, is requesting to add a new parking lot, landscaping and drainage to their existing parking lot on the north side of their building, adjacent to Alden Road. The location is 77 Alden Road, Map 30A, Lots 86A & 86C.

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9.

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Recyclables do not have to be sorted, so paper, plastics, jars, etc., can all be placed into the recycle cart. The mailer has a list of items not allowed.

The lids do not lock, however, but Mr. Furtado said he has not heard of any problems with critters getting inside.

At the beginning, the carts will be checked for compliance, said Mr. Furtado. Fines may be assessed, but he said he doubts that will happen. Instead, warning stickers will most likely be issued, simply to let people know what they did wrong.

"The point is to make the system work right," said Mr. Furtado.

The carts will be bar coded and must remain at the addresses they are meant for.

Bulky items will still be picked up at households, but residents must call ahead to make an appointment.

Mr. Furtado and a representative of ABC will be at a meeting of the Sustainability Committee on 2/16 to discuss the program and answer any questions from the public.

ABC Disposal did not respond to our call for comment on this story.

For more information about the

cart system, call the DPW at 508-979-4030; for information about the recycle program call the Board of Health at 508-979-4022, ext. 125. To schedule a bulky item pickup, call ABC at 508-999-2619 (after 3/2).

The program does not begin until the week of March 2. If residents put the carts out before then, they will not be picked up.

Nomination papers available

Fairhaven's annual elections will be held on Monday, April 6. Nomination papers are now available at the town clerk's office, Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street. The last day for requesting papers is Thursday, February 12. Nomination papers must be returned with the required signatures by Tuesday, 2/17.

The last day for registering to vote is Tuesday, March 17. The clerk's office will be open until 8 p.m. that day to register voters.

Papers for town-wide office require 50 certified signatures; town meeting members require 10 certified signatures from the precinct.

Call 508-979-4025, Ext. 3 for info.

One of the very best reasons for having children is to be reminded of the incomparable joys of a snow day.

Susan Orlean

Fairhaven Meetings

Beautification Comm.

Thurs., 2/19, Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 2/3, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

CDBG Public Hearing

Mon., 2/9, Town Hall, 7:15 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

Finance Committee

Thurs., 2/5, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Government Study Comm.

Thurs., 2/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Marine Resources

Wed., 2/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 2/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Rogers/Oxford Comm

Thurs., 2/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 2/11 FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

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

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Health

Tues., 2/10, Parting Ways, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 2/11, Town Hall 7 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 2/12, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal/Wing's Neck

	Feb. 2015	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	5	0838	2101	0146	1416
Friday	6	0917	2141	0221	1444*
Saturday	7	0956	2221	0257*	1515*
Sunday	8	1038	2305	0333*	1549*
Monday	9	1124	2354	0410*	1625*
Tuesday	10	----	1215	0453	1708*
Wednesday	11	0046	1307	0547	1804
Thursday	12	0137	1400	0653	1907
Friday	13	0231	1458	0756	2008

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A public informational meeting will be held in April of 2015 to answer questions regarding the project. Any questions can be referred to EPA at our website, or by contacting Kelsey O'Neil our Community Involvement Coordinator at oneil.kelsey@epa.gov, or by calling 617-918-1799.



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