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

## Snowy times not over yet



Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven is covered in snow and ice on Monday, 2/9, as the latest storm dumps more snow on the region. Fairhaven got 5.8", but Boston and other communities got pummeled with more, on top of huge piles of snow that have not been removed from week after week of big snowfalls. The latest storm predicted for the end of this week is expected to give Fairhaven its turn, though, with "ocean effect" snow possibly causing coastal communities to get hit with more snow than inland communities as colder air passes over the ocean and picks up moisture from the warmer water, causing more snow near the shore. See page 12 for more snow pictures. *Photo by Beth David.*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Well, I did it again. I waited until the last minute and then....the last minute slipped away from me. That means we have lots of photos in this week's issue. But you like that, right? Not only did we have lots of great snow photos to take, but we have color now, so.... everybody's happy, right?

Ayuh...

The snow is just not letting up. Even snow lovers are getting a bit tired of it, but hey, it's February in Massachusetts. This is winter, it's SUPPOSED to snow. The kids are having a blast playing in it. Not sure how they'll feel in June when school just keeps going on and going on and going on.

But enough of that. See pages 12 & 13 for some great snow pics, and ....in a couple of other places, too.

We do have some meeting coverage for you this week. Selectboard had a long meeting on Monday (see page 4). The town clerk asked for the polling places to be moved. She's consolidated some precincts. The point was to move them out of the schools. It's very sad that we are afraid to let voters go to the schools.

Even in a small community like ours, we're afraid to let strangers into the school. It's a sad state of affairs.

And how pathetic that we can put two precincts together at the rec center, which is just a regular sized gym. The parking lot isn't all that big, either.

But, the reality is that such a small percentage of voters actually get out and vote that it probably won't even be an issue.

Sad.

Pathetic.

Sad and pathetic.

All-righty then, now that I've cheered you up...

Only 36 days till spring!!!!

Yippee!!!!

I admit it, even I'm tired of this snow.

The trash and recycle carts are starting to arrive. We got ours on West Island already. They tell me this system has worked well in other places, so I guess we'll manage it okay. I have to say, though: those are big-a\$\$ carts!

This business of delivering them right after the worst snow we've had in years might not have been the best idea. But, we'll see. There's a meeting coming up to address issues, answer questions, etc. (see page 3), so be sure to stay tuned for details.

Next week is school vacation week, so all kinds of cool stuff is happening. See the happenings pages (5, 8, 9) for that. There is no reason in the world that adults can't take advantage of most of that stuff. Some of it requires a child to participate, but with all this snow we've had, I'm sure you can get a neighbor or a relative to arrange a play date so you can take advantage of the February vacation specials.

Well, I have reached the end of my space here. And I've pretty much reached my deadline, too.

Until next week then...see ya



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

We made an error with our captions in last week's snow photos. On page 13, the bottom right picture was of Good Shepherd Church (not St. Mary's). Also, We made an error in the spelling of the photographer's name. It was Fred Raphael who submitted the photos.

In our story about Madison Roy, we mis-attributed a photo. The poster photo on page 7 was submitted by Ms. Roy.

We apologize for any confusion our errors caused.

# They're here!



LEFT: Hundreds of the new trash and recycle carts are stacked up in the parking lot at the Seaview Avenue boat ramp in Fairhaven on Monday awaiting transport to their final destinations. The new system goes into effect the week of March 2. The orange recycle carts are 95 gallons and the blue trash carts are 65 gallons. The carts will be picked up by a mechanical arm on a special truck. RIGHT: The carts as delivered on Balsam Street on the north side of West Island on Tuesday, 2/10. ABC Disposal crews will deliver one of each cart to each household, more to multi-family units. For questions about trash, call the public works department at 508-979-4030. For questions about recycling, call the Board of Health, 508-979-4022, Ext. 125. The BOH, DPW and a representative from ABC will be at a meeting of the Sustainability Committee on Monday, 2/16 at 7 p.m. at town hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, to discuss the new system and address the concerns of residents. *Photos by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*



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# Selectboard changes polling places; hires Massey as new ACO

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard tackled a long agenda on Monday night, 2/9, including a public hearing on the FY16 Community Development Block Grant, interviewing two candidates for the Animal Control Officer position, and changing some polling places for future elections.

The board interviewed Lisa McKay, who is the animal control officer in Bridgewater, and Kelly Massey, who is a part time ACO in Mattapoisett and has been serving as acting ACO in Fairhaven since 12/28/14.

Ms. McKay told the board that she believed she would be able to do the job and learn about shelter operations and interacting with volunteers, two things she does not do in her current position. She told the board she loves the work and was looking to advance beyond her current job. She said she had compassion for the animals and understood the demanding 24/7 nature of the job.

Ms. Massey was appointed interim ACO on 12/28/14 after Terry Cripps left the position. It was Ms. Massey's second time as interim in Fairhaven. Last time she also applied for the permanent slot, but lost her bid to Mr. Cripps in December of 2013.

Ms. Massey told the board she had no problem with the hours or the time sheet requirements, a bone of contention with several town employees recently.

She told the board that she was "passionate" about the job and told the board that she had two cats in the shelter that were hard to place.

"It's very real," said Ms. Massey. "They're not my cats, but, they're mine."

She also said she had no problems running the shelter or interacting with the volunteers. She had been called out a few times late at night and understood that is part of the job.

Her mother is the full time ACO in Mattapoisett, where Ms. Massey is the assistant, so she understands the nature of the business.

Ms. Massey told the board that she is up to speed on the laws and regulations surrounding animal control and believes the shelter should not euthanize animals just because they have been there a long time. She said she will work to find other shelters to take animals that

she is not able to adopt out.

Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch told the board that there have been no issues with Ms. Massey and the notorious time sheets. He said he has used hers as an example of how he would like the other employees to fill out theirs.

The board hired Ms. Massey at Level 9, Step 2, but did not have the exact hourly rate available. Level 9 has 5 steps.

The board also held a public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant application for FY16. Economic Development Director and Town Planner Bill Roth told the board that the town's maximum possible award would be \$624,800, but he is only asking for \$621,878 to not be "greedy."

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I've done my part. We've had this argument a million times. [The ambulance fund] is not always going to support itself [Fire Chief Timothy Francis]

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The money will be used for sidewalks in the Anthony School target area and to help with modernizing the heating system at the Fairhaven Housing Authority.

The board also heard from Town Clerk Eileen Lowney, who outlined some changes in polling places effective with the next election. The trend in recent years has been to move the voting out of schools.

Superintendent of Schools Robert Baldwin wrote a letter saying that for 180 days the schools strive to keep student safe, and on election day anyone is allowed to enter the schools while students are in the building.

The board has discussed the various possibilities in the past, including parking issues, wheelchair accessibility issue, and space if the voter turnout increases.

The only school that will still have voting will be Hastings Middle School. Precinct 1 will stay at Town Hall, Precincts 2 and 3 will vote at HMS,

Precinct 4 will vote at the fire station, Precincts 5 and 6 will vote at the Recreation Center. The board approved the measure and the town clerk's office will publicize the new locations before the next election.

The board also discussed the non-union personnel reclassifications that have been discussed before and still did not vote to approve the salary increases or new step creation recommended by the personnel board.

Selectboard member Charles Murphy, who is also on the personnel board, made his case strongly to reclassify some jobs which would result in significant wage increases for several individuals.

Board member Geoffrey Haworth and chairperson Bob Espindola, however, said they would not support the changes.

Both men said they were concerned about the repercussions of reclassifying the handful of positions (see 1/22/15 issue). They said that many other employees might make the same argument and the town could not afford to make the changes across the board.

Mr. Espindola said he wanted to look at all jobs to get a better idea of the potential consequences if more people approach the personnel board for salary increases or job reclassification.

Mr. Osuch reminded the board that there are more than 100 part time positions to be considered, too.

"You have to look at the bigger picture. I don't think it is the appropriate thing to be doing at this time," he said, adding that the board needed a "systematic approach."

"I'm going to stand by my support," said Mr. Murphy, reiterating his argument that non-union personnel have to rely on the personnel board.

"There could be very significant ramifications," countered Mr. Espindola.

He said he would not support the measure until he looked at all job descriptions in town and volunteered to take on that task.

The board also received the budgets of the police and fire departments.

Fire chief Francis's request for an additional paramedic to staff the third ambulance met with some feisty

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## 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](http://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](mailto:emailinfo@artoncenter.org) or check out the website, [www.artoncenter.org](http://www.artoncenter.org)

## 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](http://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.

## Spaghetti Supper

St. Joseph Parish Spaghetti Supper, **Thurs., 3/19, from 5-7 p.m. at St. Joseph's School, 100 Spring Street, Fairhaven.**

St. Joseph Parish is celebrating the feast day of our Patron Saint, St. Joseph, with a Spaghetti Supper. Join us for our celebration complete with Italian music and meal.

The menu includes spaghetti and meatballs, bread, salad, homemade zeppole (traditional St. Joseph's ricotta cream puffs) and assorted refreshments. 50/50 and assorted raffles will be held during the meal.

Tickets will be sold after masses on Sun., March 8, and the weekend of March 14/15, or call the church office to reserve tickets at 508-994-9714 or email [secretary@stjosephparish.com](mailto:secretary@stjosephparish.com) [stjosephparish.comcastbiz.net](http://stjosephparish.comcastbiz.net)

**Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for 7-10 year-olds; under 6 are free.**

The proceeds benefit a parishioner in need of intense medical care. Accessible.

## Staffon Auction

The Staffon property, 124 Alden Road, is scheduled to be auctioned off on Feb. 18 at 11 a.m. at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven. The approximately 4-acre parcel was taken for back taxes and is located in the Industrial District and Medical Marijuana Overaly District. The property will go to the highest bidder

over \$250,000.

## 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 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

It's Girl Scout Cookie time. From now to March 10, your local Girl Scouts will be out and about selling cookies. This year, we are introducing online ordering with direct shipping from the baker to your doorstep.

Pick up a box (or three) of the classic Thin Mint or try our new gluten free option, the Trio. Packed with gluten free oats and a mixture of peanut butter and chocolate goodness, the Trio makes sure everybody can indulge in a sweet treat.

Contact Kristen O'Reilly at [koreilly@girlscoutseasternmass.org](mailto:koreilly@girlscoutseasternmass.org) or 857-453-5314.

## Blood Drive Save the date!

On Sun., 2/22, at St. Mary's Church, 440 Main Street, Fairhaven, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

By SouthCoast Hospitals blood bank. Visit [www.southcoast.org/bloodbank/](http://www.southcoast.org/bloodbank/) or call 508-973-5320 for more information.

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discussion.

Mr. Osuch and Mr. Francis revived their old stances about how much the ambulance fund actually adds to the town's bottom line, with the chief saying it pays for itself and Mr. Osuch saying that it does not even come close to covering "associated costs," such as health benefits, accounting costs, etc.

He said the increase in calls justifies the additional paramedic.

Mr. Osuch insisted that the ambulance fund needed to be used to buy a new ambulance. He said if that cost is subtracted from what is in the fund then, "You're going to exceed available money by adding this position."

"Associated costs are way out of line," said Chief Francis.

The two went back and forth for a bit, with Mr. Francis comparing his department to the water and sewer departments, saying he was limited by Medicare rules and could not just raise rates.

"I don't have that luxury," said the chief, although later in the meeting he did, indeed say he raised his reimbursement rate by .25% percent.

"It's not supposed to be self sufficient," said Mr. Francis.

He said the department has increased its collection rate and is also going to start using a collections agency.

"So I've done my part," he said. "We've had this argument a million times. It's not always going to support itself."

He said the town needs to decide what kind of service it wants to run.

"It's what kind of service you can afford to run," countered Mr. Osuch.

Chief Francis countered that the town can have a service that answers calls within a few minutes, or one that relies on mutual aid, which will leave residents waiting for longer periods of time for an ambulance.

"That's you guys that have got to make that decision, not me," said Mr. Francis.

- Acknowledged receipt of a video and photos submitted by Louis Baptista of RRR Auto showing alleged violations by Fairhaven Getty, which is on the opposite side of Route 6 from RRR. The board will discuss the alleged infractions at a future meeting.

## Golden Plow Award



Fairhaven's selectboard executive secretary Jeffrey Osuch shows off his "Golden Plow Award" at the board meeting on 2/9. Mr. Osuch, who was superintendent of Public Works in Fairhaven many years ago, still helps out plowing streets during extra big storms. He took regular shifts plowing during the blizzard on January 26 & 27. DPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado sent a letter to the board suggesting the award. Photo by Beth David.



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## Snowy owl on West Island



This Snowy Owl has been giving West Island walkers a thrill for several years now. This time it was Dee Belong who managed to snap the picture above as she walked near the town beach on February 8 at about 9 a.m. *Photo submitted by Dee Belong.*

## There goes the sun



The sun begins to set in this view from Fir Street, looking down Gull Island Road on West Island in Fairhaven on Tuesday, 2/10. The region is set to get socked with more snow this week. *Photo by Beth David*

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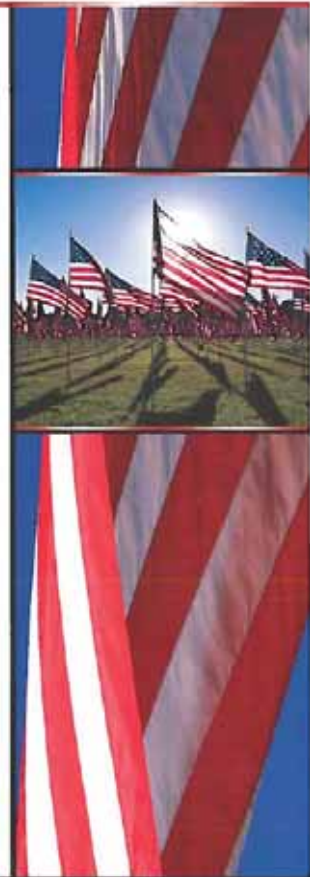
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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

**Feb. Vacation Prog.**  
At the Whaling Museum. See page 21.

## Spaghetti Supper DATE CHANGE

**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. 28\* at 6:00 p.m.** Pilgrim Church Home, corner Purchase & School Streets, New Bedford. Donation: **\$10.00 adults, \$5.00 children under 12.** \*Date changed due to snow.

## 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 NEW DATE

The first lecture in the 25th annual Sailors' Series has been postponed due to a potential snowstorm. The Thursday, February 12 program titled "No Ordinary Being: An introduction to the life and times of W. Starling Burgess" presented by renowned author and historian Llewellyn Howland III will now take place on **Thurs., Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. with a pre-lecture reception at 6 p.m.**

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.

"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.whaling](http://www.whaling)

[museum.org](http://museum.org).

## Give the Gift of Magic

*Give Your Child Some Magic This  
February Vacation!*

Don't miss this opportunity to introduce your child (eight years of age or older) to the world of wonder by learning some magic at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum on Wed., 2/18. Acclaimed illusionist Lyn Dillies will offer two special workshops to teach children how to perform several magic tricks that are sure to fool and amaze family and friends.

Award-winning magician Lyn Dillies has mesmerized audiences of all ages for over two decades. Her 75-minute children's programs are offered at 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the Coachman's House located on the museum property at 396 County Street in New Bedford.

**Pre-registration is required and the number is students is limited** to ensure that aspiring magicians will have sufficient instruction. **The fee is \$15**, and includes a DVD to take home with instructions. Reservations can be made online at [www.rjdmuseum.org](http://www.rjdmuseum.org) or by calling 508-997-1401.

## 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](http://www.ahanewbedford.org)

## Save the Date Ireland 5K

A fun family event, the 3rd annual New Bedford Ireland 5K Fun Run/Walk will take place **Sund., 3/1 at 11 a.m. in New Bedford.** This is a fun Irish oriented event that celebrates the month of March and Saint Patrick. The fun Run/Walk starts and finishes at the junction of Union Street and MacArthur Boulevard.

All ages are invited to participate

at every level of fitness. Wearing Luck of Irish green or Irish costumes is encouraged although not required — families may run, walk, or stroll with baby in carriage.

**Registration takes place at Slainte Irish Bar, 34 Union Street, New Bedford on Saturday, February 28, 2015 from Noon to 4 p.m. Entry fee for onsite 2/28 registration is \$33 for the 5K Run/Walk.**

On Race day March 1, registration takes place at Slainte Irish Bar, 34 Union Street, New Bedford Sunday, from 9:30 a.m. to 15 minutes before race start. Race Day fees are \$35. Register at: [www.ireland5k.com](http://www.ireland5k.com)

Every participant will receive a t-shirt. The first 500 who register will receive a long sleeve technical t-shirt. All entries after 500 will receive a short sleeve cotton shirt. Bonus gift! Free Guinness glass for the first 250 to register.

For more info contact: [geoff.smith@thesightings.com](mailto:geoff.smith@thesightings.com)

## Free Hockey Clinic

South Coast Panthers Youth Hockey invites BOYS AND GIRLS ages four to nine years old to **Hetland Ice Rink, 310 Hathaway Blvd, New Bedford, on Sat., 2/21 at 9:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.** for a Try Hockey For Free clinic to experience ice hockey for the first time and learn the basics of the sport in a fun, safe environment.

The Try Hockey For Free Day, presented by Kraft, is part of USA Hockey's eighth annual Hockey Weekend Across America celebration, which runs nationwide Feb. 20 - 22. This program, designed to provide youth hockey associations a national platform to introduce new kids to the sport, is a joint-effort between USA Hockey, the National Hockey League, and NHL member clubs. Try Hockey For Free Day is presented by Kraft, with Total Hockey and Liberty Mutual Positive Play as official sponsors. USA Hockey has over 300 locations offering kids between the ages of 4 and 9 years old this unique opportunity.

To register your child to participate, please visit [www.TryHockeyForFree.com](http://www.TryHockeyForFree.com) or contact Wendy Barros at [barros.panthers.lts@comcast.net](mailto:barros.panthers.lts@comcast.net) (if before Feb 21) or ask for Kim Ferrara at the rink on Feb 21.

## Book Sale

### The Big Love Your Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoisett 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 Mattapoisett Free Public Library is located at 7 Barstow St., 508-758-4171. Accessible.

## Karaoke Night

VFW Post 6643, 89 Middleboro Rd., Freetown, Karaoke night every Tuesday. **Next date: 2/17, featuring KJ Stubbs from 7-11 p.m.** Accessible. Free admission. Visit <http://www.vfw6643.org/>

## NE Boat Show

Get in the summer spirit at the New England Boat Show Feb. 14-22 at Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, 415 Summer St., Boston

Show Hours: Sat, Feb. 14 & 21, 10am-8pm; Sun, Feb. 15, 11am-6pm; Mon, Feb. 16 10am-7pm; Tues-Fri, Feb. 17-20, 1pm-9pm; Sunday Feb. 22, 11am-5:30pm

Admission: Adults \$15.00; Children Age 15 years and under Free (when accompanied by an Adult).

Purchases at the show or online: [www.newenglandboatshow.com](http://www.newenglandboatshow.com)

## Feb. Vacation at NE Aquarium

As schools close for February school vacation, the New England Aquarium is gearing up with a new 3D "Humpback Whales" IMAX film to bring these legendary animals into vivid focus as they dive and swim across the largest movie screen in New England. New fiery flame jellies have moved into their new home on Central Wharf, and penguins, fur seals, and California sea lions are frisky and ready to entertain.

Humpback whales are a major New England oceanic star, measuring up to 55 feet long and weighing up to 50 tons. For the first time, these majestic, acrobatic whales get special treatment in this new film that captures them up close and underwater in Alaska, Hawaii, and around the remote islands of Tonga. Narrated by Ewan McGregor, "Humpback Whales 3D" examines how these whales communicate, sing, feed, play and care for their young. Nearly driven to extinction 50 years ago, humpback whales are slowly making a comeback, and the film details what researchers are learning about them as they migrate up to 10,000 miles roundtrip every year. The film opens Feb. 13 in the Simons IMAX Theatre.

Some strange but interesting new residents to the Aquarium are flame sea jellies About 25 arrived recently, and they only live for about three months but the hope is that more are growing and reproducing.

The Aquarium's ongoing "Penguinology" program helps visitors learn about the secret lives of three penguin species — more than 80 birds — which dart and dive through the Aquarium's 150,000-gallon exhibit. With Valentine's Day approaching, it is fun to try to figure out which penguins, which are mostly monogamous, are committed couples and which had chicks last summer, part of the Aquarium's successful breeding program.

The Aquarium's main feature, the four-story newly renovated Giant Ocean Tank, has more than 100 marine animal species that offer a view of drifting and swimming sea turtles, giant stingrays, eels, and brilliantly colored tropical fish. For a Boston excursion, it is surely the closest view of a Caribbean coral reef! You can stroke the backs of small sharks and sting rays in the largest touch tank in the Northeast. See the meditative qualities of jellies, and laugh at the entertaining wiles of fur seals and sea lions.

The Aquarium also offers unique get-up-close-and-personal "Animal Encounters" experiences with the "Meet Myrtle" program to feed our most famous 80-year-old, 500-pound green sea turtle and her friends in the Giant Ocean Tank; and "Meet and

Greet" the seals by helping trainers feed and play with them; or taking a behind-the-scenes tour of how the animals are cared for, fed, and rehabilitated. Separate charges apply for each experience.

To plan your trip, visit [www.neaq.org](http://www.neaq.org) or call 617-973-5200. Over February School Vacation, the Aquarium is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The New England Aquarium is located in Central Wharf in Boston with easy access to the Aquarium MBTA station near Faneuil Hall and Downtown Crossing.

## Mystic Reopens

Mystic Seaport celebrates its reopening on Presidents Day Weekend with Winter's Aweigh beginning **Sat., 2/14. Children ages 17 and under will be admitted for free when accompanied by a paying adult.**

A special feature this year is the replica ship *Mayflower II*, which is being restored in the Museum's Shipyard. Visitors can view the ship and go on board and imagine what it was like for the Pilgrims to cross the Atlantic in 1620.

Visitors can also explore the Museum's 19th-century seafaring village, historic vessels, and maritime exhibits, and take in a Planetarium show or a horse-and-carriage ride.

Special children's activities include arts and craft projects, building an igloo out of recycled milk jugs, storytelling, songs and musical activities, and outdoor games. Children are invited to build a toy boat keepsake, stop by the Children's Museum for story time, explore a sea chest, and get a kids-eye view of the 1841 whaleship Charles W. Morgan.

**Winter working dogs will be on hand for demonstrations during the weekend. Newfoundlands will visit Saturday, February 14; St. Bernards will be on grounds Sun., 2/15; and Malamutes will visit Mon., 2/16. The dogs will be on hand between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.**

The Children's free admission offer at Mystic Seaport continues all week and is valid February 14-22. The offer is not transferable and no other discounts apply. The Museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Visit [www.mysticseaport.org/visit](http://www.mysticseaport.org/visit).

## Recipe of the Week

### Elbows with Broccoli & Cherry Tomatoes

1 box elbow macaroni  
 4 tbs extra virgin olive oil  
 1 clove garlic, minced  
 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved  
 Salt & black pepper to taste  
 2 cups broccoli florets  
 1/2 cup parmigiano-reggiano cheese, shredded

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. In a large skillet, heat olive oil and saute garlic until yellow in color, about 1-2 minutes.

Add tomatoes and cook until blistered, about 2 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

Cook broccoli and pasta in the same pot, according to package directions.

Drain and toss pasta and broccoli with sauce. Top with chees and serve.

*Submitted by Rose Pires*

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to [neighbnews@comcast.net](mailto:neighbnews@comcast.net)

## Whaling Museum to be global depository for whale audio recordings

### Press Release

The New Bedford Whaling Museum becomes the permanent repository of the world's most comprehensive collections of whale audio recordings and related resources with the bestowment of the William A. Watkins Collection of Marine Mammal Sound Recordings and Data and the William A Watkins and William E Schevill Images and Instruments from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI).

These extraordinary collections together include more than 2,000 reel-to-reel audiotapes (over half of which have been digitized), photographs, whale radio tags, recording instruments, and other material created or collected by William A. Watkins and others including William Schevill, Peter Tyack, Melba Caldwell, Donald Griffin, G. Carleton Ray, Kenneth Norris, James Johnson, and Thomas Poulter. The digital collection includes 18,000 calls from more than 70 species of marine mammals.

"The Whaling Museum is honored to receive these keystone collections of historical data which continue to inform studies in marine mammal conservation today," said Christina Connett, PhD, Curator of Collections and Exhibitions, New Bedford Whaling Museum. "They will be a major component in the planned

upgrades to our cetology exhibits in the coming two years and are an enormous asset to our research library."

"Bill Watkins designed his digital archive of marine mammal sounds as an archive of the history of marine mammal bioacoustics and also as a living tool for students and scientist," said Peter Tyack, Senior Scientist Emeritus, WHOI. "Those of us who carried on his tradition at WHOI have tried for more than a decade but have been unable to bring the database into a form that meets the vision Watkins had for it. We are thrilled that the donation of the archive to the New Bedford Whaling Museum will achieve Bill's vision of curating and archiving a living database for all people interested in marine mammal acoustics."

The history of bioacoustics is fascinating and the impact Watkins and Schevill had on our perceptions of whales is profound. As a whole, these collections tell the story of the history of marine bioacoustics from the 1940's through the 1990's. Its integration into the Whaling Museum's wide-ranging historical collections documenting global whaling underscores the institution's standing as a competitive scholastic research center in whale conservation study.

Visit [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org).



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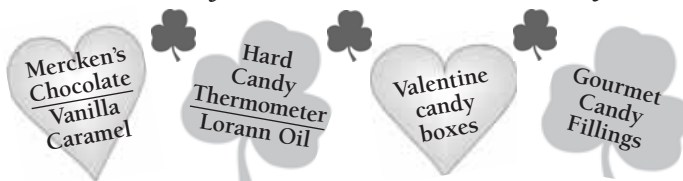
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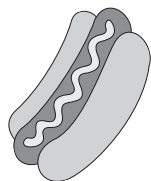


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# Snow continues to whiten region

By Beth David  
Editor

It's hard to believe, but we really were spared the worst of it in this last storm. Boston got 23 inches in this latest storm on Monday and Tuesday, 2/9 & 10. Some Bristol County municipalities got more than a foot (14.5" in Attleboro, 14" in Taunton). Fairhaven got 5.8" (4" on West Island), Acushnet got 9.5", and New Bedford got 7".

More snow is on the way this week, though, with "ocean effect" snow predicted for the shore (that's us!) that could bring the totals back up to the foot mark.

The weather pattern does not seem to be letting up, but the calendar is slowly inching towards spring, ready or not. The days are getting longer by about 2 1/2 minutes each day. Unless the earth stops its orbit, the weather will get warmer as

the earth slowly makes its way closer to the sun.

So hang in there, neighbors. This can't last forever (really, it can't). Meanwhile, let's all keep in mind that it is February in Massachusetts. If we're going to get snow...now is a good time to get it. But who knows, we got socked with an April Fool's Day snowstorm in 1997 and even a Mother's Day snowstorm, albeit a long time ago, in 1977.



ABOVE LEFT: The Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven's Center on Monday, 2/9. ABOVE RIGHT: The little decorative bridge at this house on Sconticut Neck Road could not look more quaint even as it is mostly covered with snow on 2/9. BOTTOM LEFT: This huge tree limb on Sconticut Neck Road came down in one of the earlier storms, but after the Blizzard. The latest snow just seemed to add insult to injury for the large, majestic tree. BOTTOM RIGHT: A snow covered driveway off Bridge Street in Fairhaven. Photos by Beth David.



# What, you mean you don't LIKE the snow?



Not everyone is tired of playing in the snow if these snow figure creations are any indication. LEFT: Some creative accessories create the personas of these two snow figures seen on Route 6, near the closed up Midas Muffler building. Note the goggles on the little guy. RIGHT: We know we are not supposed to give free advertising to politicians in contested races, but we couldn't resist when we saw this creative duo on Balsam Street in Fairhaven, so we will give equal space to political opponents (just send in the photo of your choice, but it must be snow related). *Photos by Beth David.*



ABOVE LEFT: It's the end of the line where Acushnet Road meets New Boston Road at the Mattapoissett/Acushnet/Fairhaven line, unless you want to walk (LEFT). ABOVE RIGHT: The snow clings to trees on Mattapoissett Road in Acushnet. RIGHT: A house sits at the bend in the road on snow-covered Fir Street on West Island. *Photos by Beth David from 2/10/14.*



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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. 18:** South Shore Plaza

**Feb. 25:** Hyannis Mall and Christmas Tree Shop, Trader Joe's.

**Mar. 4:** Newport Grand and Xmas Tree Shop

**Mar. 11:** Emerald Square Mall

## 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.

### Volunteers Needed

To drive Seniors to doctor appointments. If you have time and would like to volunteer, come in or call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 229 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, Mass. 508-979-4029.

## Ongoing Programs

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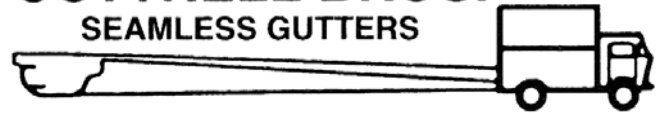
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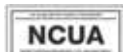


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# Acushnet works on budget; forms Lake Street Committee

By Michael Smith

## Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard and Finance Committee discussed the Fiscal Year 2016 budget on 2/4.

Selectboard Chairperson Kevin Gaspar told the Finance Committee he did not have an update yet on local aid from the state.

"There's not a lot of money out there to use for budgetary reasons," said Mr. Gaspar.

He also noted that the board has a lot of work ahead in renewing a contract for the town's garbage pick up, which expires next year. He predicted there might be "substantial costs" to renewing the contract.

Also adding to possible significant costs will be contract renewals for town employees and local unions.

"I think at best right now, a level-funded budget will probably be asked until we can figure out what's going on with local aid," Mr. Gaspar said.

"As we approach every budget year we want to be as frugal as possible," said Selectboard member David Wojnar.

Asked by board member Garry Rawcliffe if the town was to expect any monetary returns due to the drop in fuel prices and green energy initiatives, FinCom Chairperson Robert St. Jean noted he expected a certain amount of savings in both electric and fuel costs for the schools, but he also noted that fuel costs are "volatile."

In a related matter, the board addressed a letter from Governor Charlie Baker that Acushnet will receive an increase in Chapter 90 funds from \$313,612 to \$470,418 for FY15 - roughly a \$157,000 boost. Chapter 90 funds must be used on roads.

The board also read a letter discussing the proposed installation of solar panels for the library, which is using the former community center at 232 Middle Road. In the letter, the Acushnet Energy Committee said they would seek out Green Community grant funding for the project.

The Selectboard agreed to review a rough draft of a residential Catastrophic Water Policy, which was brought up by Mr. Rawcliffe. The policy would set rates to give residents a break if they have a catastrophic event resulting in high water or sewer costs, such as a broken pipe or leak.

Town Administrator Alan Coutinho said the board is covered under Mass. State Law to administer and adjust water and sewer rates, as they are the governing body over the town's public works department. The town can issue abatements for accidents, etc. Mr. Rawcliffe will look into what other communities do.

The board tabled the issue.

In another matter, Mr. Wojnar gave an update on proposals to form a new committee for the Lake Street area to improve safety, provide some light recreation and create family friendly opportunities, including additional lighting in the parking lot, trash cans, and picnic tables.

The board created the Lake Street Improvement Committee. In addition to Mr. Wojnar, the members are Highway Superintendent Dan Menard, Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly, Police Officer Gary Coppa, Town Clerk Pam Labonte, Town Planner Henry Young, and Community Preservation Committee member Kevin Dakin.

The board also discussed the scheduling of heavy trash pickup

throughout Acushnet. Mr. Rawcliffe said he has noticed couches and chairs lying on sidewalks. He said he would like to schedule the pickup in April to coincide with Earth Day.

Mr. Rawcliffe, who said the cost of the pickup would be around \$40,000, asked if funding for it could come from the town's reserve fund.

Using the fund would deplete it by 40%, according to Mr. Gaspar. The reserve fund is currently at \$100,000.

Mr. Coutinho said he was concerned that \$40,000 might not be enough to cover the trash pick up.

The board agreed to search for money within this year's budget to fund the pickup before seeking a transfer of funds from other budget items. The board motioned to put the issue on file.

A water abatement request at 17 Ludlow Street to vacate a final bill was heard by the board. David Vieira, who owns the home, told the board his home was deemed uninhabitable due to a fire last year. Mr. Vieira said he still received a water bill of \$53 afterwards.

Under the new water payment table, Mr. Coutinho said Mr. Vieira was billed for minimum use, even through no water was turned on.

The board unanimously granted the request to eliminate the bill.

The board also unanimously approved a sewer abatement request to vacate an overcharge of \$345.80 at a home on Elderberry Drive.

In other business, the board:

- Unanimously approved a liquor license transfer for Jason's Variety.
- Awarded a contract of \$37,441 for the exhaust fume removal system at Fire Stations #1 and #3.
- Approved snow removal invoices totaling \$55,000.

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# Marine trades group names Rep. Straus legislator of year

## Press Release

The Massachusetts Marine Trades Association (MMTA) has proudly recognized State Representative William M. Straus (10th Bristol) as the 2014 MMTA Legislator of the Year.

During a recent Business of Boating in Massachusetts at Marine Retail University professional development conference held annually at Massasoit Community College in Brockton, Representative Straus was applauded by a local and national audience for his active role as a Legislative Boating Caucus Co-Chair and his work protecting boating access and small marine businesses.

Presented by Toby Burr, MMTA President, owner of family-run Burr Brothers Boats, and a proud 10th Bristol constituent, Chairman Straus was applauded for leading the charge to defeat a burdensome boat excise tax amendment tacked onto the Massachusetts House Budget during the FY14 debate. Thanks to Chairman Straus the "boat excise tax amendment" was wisely thrown overboard by a vote of 1 to 146!

Additionally, one of the final bills

signed into law by former Governor Deval Patrick An Act Relative to Boat Excise Tax Revenue for the Mattapoisett Waterfront, lead sponsor being MMTA 2014 Legislator of the Year, William M. Straus. Thanks to Chairman Straus, the Town of Mattapoisett is permitted to allocate 100% of collected boat excise taxes to its Municipal Waterways Fund. Provisions are also made for local reinvesting in waterways. The bill aptly serves as a model for near future legislative efforts!

"I'm honored and truly appreciate this recognition by the Massachusetts Marine Trades Association. As co-Chair of the Boating Caucus, I enjoy working for and on behalf of boaters in the state and will continue to advocate for boating access and local marine businesses throughout this next legislative session," said Representative Straus.

The Massachusetts Marine Trades Association seeks to advance the interests of the marine trades and the boating public through the promotion of recreational boating, participation in legislation and expansion of

professional improvement programs. Founded in 1964 by small marine business owners, the MMTA remains a non-profit association led by an all-volunteer Board of Directors.



Rep. William Straus (left) receives the "Legislator of the Year" award from Mass. Marine Trades Association president Toby Burr at an annual conference in Brockton recently. *Submitted photo.*

# Charge dismissed in video-recording of police

## Press Release

The Somerville District Court has dismissed a criminal complaint against Ms. Wenzday Jane, initially applied for by police after Jane video-recorded police questioning three teenagers at a playground in Somerville's Prospect Hill neighborhood.

"Essentially, Ms. Jane was criminally charged because she chose to exercise her constitutionally protected right to record the police," said Jessie Rossman, staff attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, which represented Ms. Jane. "We need to encourage more citizens to do what Ms. Jane did. The officer's decision to detain her, apply for a criminal complaint and request a summons is indicative of a broader, troubling trend, in which police continue in a variety of ways to hinder people's right to record their work in public. This is especially troubling in light of the nationwide controversy over police accountability following events like the choking death by police of Eric Garner in New York, captured on video by a bystander."

Staff and supporters of the ACLU of Massachusetts trained demonstrators on their rights and attended a peaceful protest at Boston Common, a response to the non-indictment of the police officer who killed Garner. ACLU of Massachusetts attorneys also joined the National Lawyers Guild to assist the 10 people arrested during the protests. Locally and nationally, the ACLU continues to work for the rights of protestors responding to recent instances of police brutality and racial bias in policing.

In Ms. Jane's case, the Judge, on 12/9/14, dismissed the criminal complaint following argument by the ACLU of Massachusetts, agreeing that Ms. Jane had not committed the crime of interfering with the police. The ACLU of Massachusetts had also argued that the complaint should be dismissed because "interfering with police" is not a crime in Massachusetts and because criminal-

izing Ms. Jane's behavior would violate the First Amendment.

"More than three years ago, the federal First Circuit Court in Boston held in *Glik v. Cunniffe* that the Constitution protects the right to record the police in public," said Carl Williams, an ACLU of Massachusetts staff attorney who, with Rossman, represented Ms. Jane. "We need to prevent police from using other criminal charges as a backdoor to try getting around *Glik* to ensure that individuals are able to exercise this First Amendment right without fear of arrest."

To learn more about *Glik v. Cunniffe*, go to: <https://www.aclum.org/glik>; for more information about the ACLU of Massachusetts, go to: <http://www.aclum.org>

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## February vacation at the Whaling Museum

### Press Release

Three great American Presidents — George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Teddy Roosevelt — will visit with children at the annual Presidents' Day Birthday Bash Monday, February 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill; 508-997-0046; [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org)

Come explore how the Founding Fathers influenced New Bedford history, participate in a scavenger hunt, create your own soap scrimshaw, and more. Children will have the opportunity to dress as their favorite president and have their photograph taken beside the famous Resolute Desk, created from the same ship's timbers as the one used in the Oval Office.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. **February vacation week activities that take place in the Cook Memorial Theaters, the Jacobs Family Gallery and Wattles Family Gallery are free. Regular admission rates apply to all other museum galleries unless otherwise noted.**

Presidents' Day kicks off a week of events during February school vacation that includes special tours and hands-on activities each day, culminating with "All aboard the Lagoda" on Friday, February 20.

### Mon., 2/16: Presidents' Day

- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Crafts & Activities
- 11-11:30 a.m. Storytelling with President Lincoln
- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Scavenger Hunt
- 12 noon-1 p.m. Dress as a President; take your photo beside

the Resolute Desk

- 1-1:30 p.m. With Teddy Roosevelt. Bring your favorite teddy bear for photos with the president.
  - 1:30-2 p.m. Happy Birthday sing-along and birthday cake with the Presidents!
  - 2-3 p.m. Special showing of "Profiles in Courage: Frederick Douglass in New Bedford."
- Tuesday-Friday, February 17-20**
- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Create soap scrimshaw, crafts, games and more. Free.
  - 11 a.m. - Noon 45-minute highlights tour with a Museum Docent. *Regular admission rates apply.*
  - 11 a.m. - Noon Go below deck on the Lagoda! *Regular admission rates.*
  - 1-2 p.m.: 45-minute highlights tour with a Museum Docent. *Regular admission rates apply.*
  - 2-3 p.m. Special showing of "Profiles in Courage: Frederick Douglass in New Bedford," Cook Memorial Theater. Free.

### Wednesday, February 18

- 10:30-11:15 a.m. Free Yoga & Meditation for kids 5-10. Connect, relax and have Fun! Presented by Tim Donohue with Yoga Kids Inc. [yogakidsinc.com](http://yogakidsinc.com). Yoga mats will be provided but participants are welcome to bring their own.

### Friday, February 20

- 10-11 a.m. All aboard the Lagoda! Join the crew of Captain C. Weade onboard the Lagoda for an adventure on the high seas! Travel the world, interact with new cultures, learn the ropes of a whaleship, and go a-whaling. *Regular admission rates apply.*

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Beautification Comm.

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

### Board of Appeals

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

### Board of Health

Mon., 2/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
7 p.m. at Sustainability Comm.

### Conservation Commission

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

### Council on Aging

Tues., 2/17, Sr. Center, 9:30 a.m.

### Dog Park Committee

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

### Finance Committee

Thurs., 2/12, Arsene St., 7 p.m.  
Thurs., 2/19, Arsene St., 7 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., 2/25 FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

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

### Sustainability Committee

Mon., 2/16, Town Hall, 7 p.m.  
With BOH & BPW re: recycle carts

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Health

Tues., 2/17, Parting Ways, 6 p.m.

### Finance Committee

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

### Planning Commission

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

### Selectboard

Mon., 2/23, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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Tuesday	17	0617	1841	1158*	----
Wednesday	18	0704	1929	0012*	1249*
Thursday	19	0753	2020	0109*	1342*
Friday	20	0844	2111	0207*	1432**

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
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# Alice Torres injured in house fire

By Beth David

Editor

Alice Torres, 90, who was the secretary to the selectboard in the 1960s, suffered smoke inhalation and minor burns from a small kitchen fire in her home on Monday, 2/9.

According to a statement by the Fairhaven Fire Department, a 9-1-1 call was received at 6:37 p.m. reporting a fire in the kitchen.

The fire department responded with two engines and an ambulance. When they arrived, firefighters found a fire on the stove and in the sink

area.

"The resident stated she was cooking on the stove when it flamed up and she placed the pan in the sink where it spread to the adjoining kitchen cabinets," said Public Information Officer for the Fairhaven Fire Department Wayne Oliveira in a written statement.

Ms. Torres was rescued by first arriving police officers Jason Tavares, Wayne Mello and Sgt. David Sobral of the Fairhaven Police Department. They assisted Ms. Torres, who remained in the home after calling 9-1-1.

Fire crews extinguished the fire within 15 minutes of arrival. Ms. Torres was transported to St. Luke's Hospital by Fairhaven paramedics with smoke inhalation and minor burns.

The police officers were also evaluated by paramedics for smoke inhalation, and remained on duty.

The home suffered moderate flame damage to the kitchen and smoke damage throughout the home. Damage is estimated at \$15,000 to \$20,000. The cause of the fire was ruled accidental.

## Public Hearings/ Legal Notices

### Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

#### CONTINUED HEARINGS

1. **Petitioner: Caroline Percy Marcoux**, RE: 118 Laurel Street, Plat 10, Lot 126A; Book 11171 and Page 261, 198-23 A-B: A. The Home Occupation shall be accommodated within an existing structure without extension thereof. B. No more than 25% of floor area of residence shall be used for the purpose of the home occupation.

#### NEW HEARINGS:

1. **Petitioner: Americo Valentin**, RE: 7 Deerfield Lane, Plat 37, Lot 19D; Book 10639 and Page 197; 198-16: Accessory Apartment requires a Special Permit within an RA District.  
2. **Petitioner: John & Linda Grenier**, RE: 33 Williams

Street, Plat 9, Lot 94; Book 11135 and Page 197; 198-18: Short 4' of the required 10' side yard, north side and 17' short of required 30' rear yard all within an RA District.

3. **Petitioner: Andrew Olsen**, RE: 37 Capeview Street, Plat 29D, Lot 194-195; Book 7036 and Page 16; 198-23-4B: Building trades as Home Occupation requires a Special Permit.

*Peter DeTerra, Chairman*

### Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on February 23, 2015 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.

• Notice of Intent Applicant Department of Fish and

Game; Office of Fishing and Boating Access and Town of Fairhaven. Location Causeway Road Plot 42, 43A Lot 23A Purpose construct a 650 square foot Fishing Pier on the North side and a 750 square foot Fishing Pier on the south side.

- Request for Determination Applicant Fitzsimmons Family 2012 irrevocable Trust Location 83 Nakata Ave Plot 43 Lots 92,93 & 158 Purpose install new 1500 gallon tank and pump chamber within a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Patricia Laffan Location 47 Alder Street Plot 43A Lot 52 Purpose construct side within a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Maureen Lavigne Location 114 Balsam St. Plot 43A Lots 26, 27 Purpose rebuild front deck within a VE flood zone.

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