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Balmy!!!!



Dan Hochberger of Rehoboth digs for clams through the ice in frigid wind-chilled temperatures at the beach on Goulart Memorial Drive in Fairhaven on 2/14, just hours before the big storm. Mr. Hochberger said skiers are crazier than he is because it can be below zero on a ski lift, but it never gets under 30 degrees if the water isn't frozen. The colder it is, the higher he goes. He is wearing a winter ice-diving wetsuit and many layers underneath. "So, I'm not as crazy as people think I am," he said. He stays with his friends the Siwicks when he visits Fairhaven. He said he loves the area and has seen lots of wildlife, including the snowy owl on West Island. He was trying to get a few quahogs before "hunkering down" for the storm. The good part about digging in the ice? You can see where you already dug because the ice has been broken up. **RIGHT:** Mr. Hochberger poses for the camera with all his gear. 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.

Ouch, it's been cold out there! We had snow and wind and cold and then more snow and more wind and more cold.

It's a bit much even for hardy New Englanders who expect snow in winter.

Our piles have piles.

But, this time around, when we got our 19.5 inches of snow, we barely blipped. We shoveled and plowed and got right out there. Some people got out there who should not have and clogged up the streets, but that's another story. We got more snow this time than the last one and we just chugged along. A few stores were open, and by the end of Sunday, they were all open.

I guess we just needed a little practice.

The piles of snow are still massive, even though we had balmy temps in the high 20's on Wednesday.

So, we have more pictures for you this week, including our wild and crazy quahogger, Dan Hochberger. BRRRR!!! He's tougher than I am. I ran out there and had painful coldness just from asking him a few questions. And, after he talked to me he just jumped right back in the water.

I have to admit, it would be kind of cool to have fresh quahogs in the middle of a blizzard.

However, it is highly unlikely I will ever have that, since I am strictly a warm weather digger. Like I said, I was in pain after just talking to him.

I hope you enjoyed your little feast, Mr. Hochberger.

There were a few people out and about this time around. Fred Raphael took some great pictures (see page 19). I also took a whole bunch that I'm just going to have to put on Facebook so you can see them all.

The fire departments are asking people to dig out the hydrants. There have been some fires around and even a few minutes of delay can be devastating. And with this snow, it could be more than a few minutes to dig out a fire hydrant, even if there are four firefighters doing the digging. So let's help them out. The house you save, may indeed be your own.

And, I think I'll add, to those of you in the neighborhood with all the gadgets, like snowblowers and plows and tractors, please feel free to clear out hydrants so those of us using old-fashioned shovels and 50-something muscles don't have to do it.

My aching bones.

In other news... the birds are nesting in my little bird houses. They were out there battling each other today for their spots. I was on deadline so I couldn't stop to take pictures, but I'll try for that tomorrow. They don't let the snow stop them. They know that spring will be here, ready or not (are you ready?).

I am at the end of my space. Please be sure to let our advertisers know you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.
Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Nothing? Really?

Election fields set; Bowcock running for Tree Warden

By Beth David
Editor

The election fields are set in Fairhaven and Acushnet. Fairhaven will have several contested races and no name on the ballot for two seats. Acushnet has two contested races, both for school committee, and several seats with no candidates.

In Fairhaven three people will vie for two seats on the Board of Public Works. Robert "Hoppy" Hobson is running for re-election. He will face off against former BPW member Daniel Freitas and newcomer Armen Migirdicyan. BPW member Steven Riley is not running for re-election.

In the Board of Health race, Lindsay Gordon will try again for a seat. She will try to unseat incumbent Barbara Acksen. The two faced each other three years ago for an open seat, which Ms. Acksen won by 40 votes.

The School Committee will also see a race for its two seats. Incumbent Donna McKenna will run for re-election; and Colin Veitch, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of David Gonsalves after his

unexpected death in March of 2014, will also run. Mr. Veitch served on the School Committee in the past, but lost his bid to get back on the board in 2011. Creating the race is Diane Hahn, who ran for SC last year and also applied to be appointed to Mr. Gonsalves seat.

The Fairhaven Housing Authority also has a contested race. Elaine Rocha decided not to run for re-election, creating an open seat. Edward Dorschied and Paul Days will face off for that slot.

In the Selectboard race, incumbent Bob Espindola is the solo candidate on the ballot. Mr. Espindola won a big victory in 2012, rising above a field of four contestants in a decisive victory.

Planning Board incumbents Wayne Hayward and Rene Fleurent will both run for their seats without opposition. Ann Richard, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Frank Budryk, did not get the required signatures in time to get on the ballot. She will run a write-in campaign.

Gail Isaksen, whose seat on the Commission of Trust Funds is up for re-election, did not take out papers.

That seat will have no name on the ballot.

Incumbent Mark Sylvania will run in an uncontested race for his seat as Town Moderator.

Long time tree warden Antone Medeiros did not take out papers for his seat this year. Long time former selectboard member Brian Bowcock, who lost his seat to Geoffrey Haworth in 2013, will be the only name on the ballot for tree warden.

In Acushnet, the ballot will have several blank spots, including Commissioner of Trust Funds, Planning Commissioner and Library Trustee.

The only contested races are both for School Committee seats.

Incumbent John Howcroft will face off against challenger Christopher Green for the three-year term.

Mary Louise Francis and Sarah Ann Gomes will challenge each other for the unexpired term ending on 4/4/16 that became vacant when Doug Coray resigned in August.

Incumbent Kevin Gaspar, Sr., will be the lone candidate for his seat on the Selectboard.

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Planning continues two again; sets date for med. marijuana

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Planning Board, at its meeting on 2/10, once again continued the hearing for the parking lot expansion at 200 Mill Road, at the request of the applicant.

The project calls for expanding a parking lot and involves a property transfer with the Southcoast Hospitals Group primary care/urgent care center, which has caused the delays.

The board will most likely approve the project when the legal issues between the two private parties are resolved.

The board also seemed ready to approve the Brahmin Leather parking lot expansion, but decided to continue that hearing, too. The matter was supposed to be heard at the Conservation Commission meeting on 2/9, but that meeting was cancelled due to a snowstorm.

The PB and applicant agreed it would be better to continue the hearing. If the hearing were closed and changes were made at ConCom, then the whole process would have to start over. The board plans to vote on the issue at its next meeting.

In another matter, the board voted to hold a public hearing on 3/10 for the proposed medical marijuana dispensary for Pequod Road. Coastal Compassion will require a special permit to operate the facility. A previous company was not approved by the state and made a lease arrangement with Coastal Compassion to use the same site, but the details of the operation will not be exactly the same.

The board also received two petitioned bylaw text amendments, one governing Wireless Communica-

tions Facilities and one for Solar Photovoltaic Energy Facilities. Both were submitted by Tom Melanson.

The changes will require a public hearing, but some procedural issues delayed the setting of the date for that. Town Meeting will have to approve any changes to the bylaws.

The board continued discussion on the proposed bylaw changes regulating auto dealers.

The board is struggling to find ways to control the overflow of vehicles from used car lots and service stations that also have a permit to sell cars.

Town Planner and Economic Development Director Bill Roth has been advocating for making all used car dealerships require a special permit from the Planning Board. As it is now, they only need licensing approval from the Selectboard. The PB discussed how to achieve the goal of control without taking the authority away from the Selectboard.

Mr. Roth said it was possible to have the PB issue the special permit, but have the Selectboard continue to issue the license to operate.

"I think it's a significant issue with auto dealers," said Mr. Roth, about the overflow of cars.

The board agreed that the issue can cause problems in residential neighborhoods, but that it was not feasible to ban gas stations from residential zones.

The select-

board recently sent a letter to auto dealers reminding them that they are not to store cars on public ways. If the cars are registered and dropped off by customers, however, there is nothing illegal about it.

The problem, said Mr. Roth, is that the dealers simply do not have enough room on their properties for the cars they are selling, employees cars and the vehicles they are servicing.

Both he and PB Chairperson Wayne Hayward referred to "napkin" plans, to point out the more-than-rough sketches auto dealers are allowed to use for site plans.

After the plans are approved, the dealers invariably ask for more cars, or simply add more cars without getting permission.

"They can't fit their business on their site," said Mr. Roth. "And to add insult to injury, they want to add more cars."

The special permit process would give town officials a better tool for regulation and enforcement.

Town Meeting will have to approve any bylaw changes.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Fairhaven Film Fest For Wounded Warriors

Asbury Shorts USA will team with main presenting 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 Town Hall in Fairhaven, Mass. on **Thursday night, February 26 and repeated on Friday the 27th with the first film blasting on to the screen both nights at 7:00 p.m.** Proceeds will go to The Wounded Warriors Project. Mina Greene, weekend news anchor for WBZ News radio 1030AM, will serve as the master of ceremonies. **General admission tickets cost \$12.00 and \$10.00 for students.** To reserve tickets please go to: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1193618 or call: 888-491-9993 ext. 220.

Tickets will also be available at the door,

Asbury Shorts USA typically combines award-winning short films from past years with new international festival honorees, creating a rare opportunity for audiences to view amazing films on a real cinema screen instead of You Tube, smart phones or computers.

Academy Award nominated director Jason Reitman (*JUNO*, *Up in the Air*, *Thank You for Smoking*, *Young Adult*) calls Asbury Shorts: "The best short film show I've ever seen."

The fast-paced, highly entertaining showcase features the best in live action comedy, drama and outstanding animation and will include past Oscar Nominees, United States film festival "Best of Show" winners and international festival grand prize honorees.

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.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.

Blood Drive

Be a hero, give blood

During Red Cross Month in March, the American Red Cross reminds eligible blood donors that it doesn't take a cape or superpowers to be a hero. By donating blood, donors can become a hero for patients in need.

Red Cross Month is dedicated to the everyday heroes who support the Red Cross mission by giving blood, volunteering their time, learning lifesaving skills or making a financial contribution.

The need for blood is constant. The Red Cross depends on blood donor heroes in communities across the nation to collect enough blood to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals nationwide. Donors with all blood types are needed, particularly those with types O negative, A negative and B negative.

To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Fairhaven: 3/6/2015: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Hampton Inn, 1 Hampton Way

Free Trees

Spring is in the Air

The Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for everyone to celebrate the arrival of spring by planting trees. **Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March 2015 and receive 10 free white flowering dogwood trees.**

"White flowering dogwoods will add beauty to your home throughout the year," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Dogwoods are known for their showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries that

attract songbirds during winter."

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid with enclosed planting instructions at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Arbor Day Foundation members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication, and The Tree Book, which contains information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Dogwood Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 30, 2015. Or join online at arborday.org/march.

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 or 857-453-5314.

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 has 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.

Sustainability Committee hears details on new cart system

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven public works superintendent Vinnie Furtado, health agent Pat Fowle and Jerry Dugan of ABC Disposal met with the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee on Monday, 2/16, to go over details of the new trash and recycle cart system.

By now, all residents should have received the new carts. The program will go into effect the week of 3/2.

Trash carts are 65 gallons with a blue lid, and the recycle carts are 95 gallons with an orange lid. They are on wheels to make it easy to move them around.

Mr. Furtado told the board that the cart system is the last step before "pay as you throw," which would require residents to buy certain bags for trash disposal.

The BOH and DPW want to increase the recycle rate, which has remained stuck at about 14% in Fairhaven for years.

"We want to double it," said Mr. Furtado, adding that it should be easy to do with the new system. "It's a lot easier."

"It's easy to use the large cart," said Mr. Dugan.

"There is very little that you don't put into recycle," added Ms. Fowle, adding that other communities have had great success increasing their recycle rates with the system. "The numbers are amazing."

Mr. Dugan said that New Bedford went from a 7-8% recycle rate to the "low twenties" after implementing the system last year.

Some concerns residents and board members have had is that the two carts will not be big enough. ABC will resist giving out additional trash carts because the point is to increase recycling, but after the program is in place for awhile, additional carts may be delivered.

As for needing an additional 95-gallon recycle cart?

"That would be amazing," said Ms. Fowle.

The upshot is that the town must pay for pick-up and disposal of trash, but only has to pay for pick-up of recyclables.

The town's "tipping fee" at the SEMASS waste-to-energy plant is 62.50/ton and is slated to go up in the fall. So the more people recycle, the more the town saves.

Smaller carts are also available for seniors and other people who have a hard time maneuvering them, but Mr. Furtado and Mr. Dugan both insisted that the carts are easy to use. They both have them at their residences. The men both insisted that elderly residents would be able to handle the carts. If people still have trouble with the carts after the program is in place, ABC will order smaller ones. They are not standard, though, so the company would like to try the regular size first.

"It's designed to be moved," said Mr. Dugan.

He said it is easier than carrying a bag or dragging a traditional trash can to the curb.

The carts are part of a fully auto-

You can't control the tipping fees unless you own your own incinerator, so the obvious solution is to throw away less [Jerry Dugan, ABC Disposal]

mated system. A mechanical arm reaches out from the truck, picks up the cart, and empties it into the truck "like a hook shot," said Mr. Furtado.

Trash needs to be bagged and not loose in the carts. Recyclables should be loose and can be mixed, including paper, cardboard, jars, etc. Fairhaven already had "single stream recycling," but some residents never seemed to catch on, said Ms. Fowle. She said the new cart system will make it clear that all recyclables can go in one place.

Handling recyclables is no different than now, said Mr. Dugan. Residents should rinse out jars and keep the lids off.

Some items not allowed that may surprise people include clothes hangers, drinking glasses, scrap metal, hardcover books, mirrors, ceramics, Pyrex, plastic microwave trays.

Mr. Dugan explained that everything is indeed recyclable, but that the system needs the right technology and a market for it, so some things are not included in the ABC system.

Bulky items will still be picked up curbside, but by appointment only. Residents need to call ABC directly (number below) to notify them of bulky items such as mattresses, old furniture, etc.

TV monitors and other electronic equipment should be taken to the town's recycling center on Arsene Street, where it will be taken for a fee. Yard waste should also go to Arsene Street, where residents will need a sticker, available at the DPW building.

The BOH can assess fines for non-compliance, but Ms. Fowle said the intent is to get people to recycle, not to assess fines. She said people will simply be informed of their mistakes. The BOH will assess egregious cases individually.

Mr. Furtado said that after the system is in place for a year, the town will "look at the numbers," and decide if pay-as-you-throw is the answer.

"You can't control the tipping fees unless you own your own incinerator," said Mr. Dugan. "So the obvious solution is to throw away less."

ABC estimates that the town will save about \$70,000 a year with the new system.

"It's a proven system," said Mr. Dugan, that has been used all across the country.

Residents who have not received their carts should call ABC Disposal directly at 508-999-2619. For questions about trash, call the DPW at 5098-979-4030; for recycling questions call the BOH at 508-979-4022, Ext. 125.

To download the ABC mailer, visit www.NeighbNews.com or the town's website at www.Fairhaven-MA.gov

The meeting was televised and will run on government access channel 18, and is available on demand through the town's website.

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Paula Pires of Fairhaven enjoys the Adirondack Chair on her deck on Sunday, 2/15, the day after the Valentine's Day blizzard dumped 19.5 inches on Fairhaven. It's a good thing she wore sunscreen. Photo by Linda Leja.

Now that's a snow pile!



Brett Pomfret (left) helps his little sister Aubrie as they navigate the top of the 12-14 foot snow piles at Stop & Shop in Fairhaven on Sunday, 2/15, the day after the Valentine's Day Blizzard dumped 19.5" of snow on Fairhaven. Photo courtesy of Scott Pomfret

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

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 or contact Wendy Barros at barros.panthers.lts@comcast.net (if before Feb 21) or ask for Kim Ferrara at the rink on Feb 21.

Audition

An audition for a single role in the World Premiere of a new work by local playwright, Ray Veary, *The Obraz*, will be held on 2/27.

Director Judy Lemay is looking to cast the role of Felix, a young ambitious priest age 22-28. An audition will be held on Feb. 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre Playhouse Complex at St. Martin's Church at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford. The audition will be a cold reading from the script. *The Obraz* will be presented April 9-12, 2015. All other roles have been cast.

The play, based upon actual events in 1934 Poland, tells the story of a young cloistered nun, Faustina, who has a nearly impossible challenge. She must create an inspired painting, but she has neither the skills nor the money for the task.

Inept at the most basic of the

convent's kitchen work, she is also surrounded by skeptics. Some of the other nuns plainly suspect she's not in her right mind. When she finally finds an artist she believes suitable to create the painting she has imagined, he presents her biggest obstacle yet. But our young nun has a couple of unexpected allies on her side. If all saints had pasts, as Augustine once said, then doubtlessly more than a few of those pasts had their untold stories of humanity and humor. *The Obraz* is a speculation upon the untold story of Saint Faustina.

For additional information, call Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or e-mail ytinc@verizon.net.

Dock-U-Mentary

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on Friday, February 20th at 7:00 PM with *Black Captains of the Chesapeake*. Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, and the Working Waterfront Festival. This month's program is also supported by the New Bedford Historical Society. Films about the working waterfront are screened on the third Friday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. All programs are open to the public and presented free of charge. Accessible.

Black Captains of the Chesapeake explores the lives and work of a group of African American head boat captains sailing out of Kent Narrows, Maryland who, for over 50 years, have been carrying out fishing parties on the Chesapeake Bay. We learn of their early days as watermen, harvesting the bay of its once plentiful bounty of crabs, oysters and clams. The captains discuss the dangers on the bay, their total commitment to their work, and the fast failing future they fear for the bay. *Black Captains* was produced and directed by award-winning, independent filmmaker and Howard University Associate Professor, Steven Torriano Berry. Mr. Berry will introduce the film and lead a discussion following the screening.

In conjunction with the film screening, Mr. Berry will lead a free

film making workshop for middle school students, Video Basics: Telling a Visual Story. **The workshop will take place Friday, February 20th from 2-4 pm at the National Park's Corson Maritime Learning Center (33 William St.).** This program is co-sponsored by the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, the New Bedford Historical Society, Reel Serious and Dream Out Loud Center for the Arts, and the Working Waterfront Festival. Equipment is not required. Space is limited. To reserve a spot email: info@workingwaterfrontfestival.org or call 508-993-8894.

For more information, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, go to www.nps.gov/nebe

or visit the park's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>

Time Exchange

The Southeastern Mass. Time Exchange will hold their monthly Meet, Greet, and Share on **Tues., 2/24, from 5:30-7:30pm, at Groundwork!, on the second floor at 1213 Purchase St., New Bedford.** Groundwork! is "an affordable and inspiring shared office environment for creatives, startups, and freelancers in New Bedford." It is in the Quest Building, right next to Glaser Glass. This is a new venue and we look forward to welcoming our old friends as well as attracting newcomers. The Time Exchange is excited to be collaborating with Groundwork! because of their shared missions to help new ideas and alternative economies.

All members, friends, and others interested in the Time Exchange are invited to share food, tell exchange stories, get to know each other, discover more about timebanking, and even join on the spot.

The Time Exchange is about making friends and finding new ways to help each other and our community by giving and getting service hours.

So we can properly plan the program, Please RSVP to 774-955-0551, or email Bob Bailey at exchangetimesemass@gmail.com

For information on the Time Exchange, go to exchange.time.org; info on Groundwork! is at newbedfordcoworking.com, 508-209-4887.

Free Movie

The Other Woman (PG-13 109 min.) is being shown at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, **CoA Senior Center, Center School, 17 Barstow St., on Tues., 2/24 at 12 noon.** The free movie is sponsored by the Friends of the Mattapoisett CoA.

The Other Woman is a film about a woman who discovers her boyfriend is married. She tries to get her ruined life back on track. Then she accidentally meets the wife he's been cheating on, She realizes they have much in common, and her sworn enemy becomes her greatest friend. When they discover yet another affair, all three women team up to plot mutual revenge on their cheating, lying, three-timing SOB.

You get two pizza slices for only \$2.00 prepaid. Pay for your pizza at the CoA Senior Center by Mon., 2/23. Also, reserve your seat so we'll know how many chairs to set up.

Fish Council Needs Members

The Commonwealth of Mass. is seeking interested individuals for nomination to open seats on the New England Fishery Management Council. Candidates, by reason of their occupational or other experience, scientific expertise, or training, must be knowledgeable and experienced in ways related to fishery resources of New England. Qualified female and minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

The seats that will be open to nominations include one Mass. obligatory seat currently held by John F. Quinn of Dartmouth (1st term) and one at-large seat currently held by Vincent M. Balzano of Maine (1st term). Both individuals are eligible for reappointment to a second term.

Qualified individuals interested in being considered for nomination to the Council should contact Nichola Meserve (617-626-1531, nichola.meserve@state.ma.us) to request the nomination application kit. **All applications will be due by the end of day on Friday, February 20, 2015.** As part of the application process, the Commonwealth will also conduct

an initial background review.

The New England Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional councils that manage our nation's marine fisheries seaward of state territorial waters. Responsibilities include the development of fishery management plans that are submitted to the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Secretary of Commerce for approval and implementation. A Council appointment is for a 3-year term; nominees must be willing and able, barring unforeseen circumstances, to make the commitment to fully participate in Council business and related activities for the duration of the term. For further information on the Council and the Council process, please visit www.nefmc.org.

Walk With a Doc

The next edition of Southcoast® Health's "Take a Walk with a Southcoast Doc" will take place on **Sat., 2/21, beginning at 10 a.m., at the Gleason Family YMCA located at 33 Charge Pond Road in Wareham.** The walk will be led by Southcoast Physicians Group Internal Medicine physician, Francisco Gutierrez, MD.

The community is invited to join Dr. Gutierrez for this month's event, during which time he will discuss the benefits of walking and also field general health questions. Dr. Gutierrez is located at the Southcoast Physicians Group Internal Medicine practice in Wareham at 100 Rosebrook Way, Suite 200.

Located in Wareham, the Gleason Family YMCA is committed to strengthening the community through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. The walk will kick off on the indoor track, followed by a stretching session led by the Y's Senior Program Director, Lu Brito.

Walking just 30 minutes a day can decrease your risk of many health problems, including heart disease, stroke and diabetes. All ages and levels of ability are welcome. Participants of the walk will receive a free pedometer and "Better Health Kits" that include information on nutrition and exercise. All participants are welcome, and no registration is necessary.

The "Take a Walk with a Southcoast Doc" program includes monthly walks with Southcoast Physicians Group doctors throughout the South Coast region. Visit www.southcoast.org/walkwithadoc for more information about where Southcoast Health physicians will be walking next.

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

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., Mattapoisett.

Register online at www.womensfundtiara5k.com

For sponsorship info contact Traci Calabrese at 508-717-0283 or tcalabrese@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: 2/24, featuring KJ Stubbs from 7-11 p.m.** Accessible. Free admission. Visit <http://www.vfw6643.org/>

Recipe of the Week

Peanut Butter Bars

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 tbsp creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup margarine
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 cup oatmeal
- 12 oz. chocolate chips

Blend all ingredients except chocolate chips together in a medium bowl (works best if you mix with your hands). Then spread evenly onto an ungreased cookie sheet; make sure it's as flat as possible.

Bake in a 325° oven for 25 minutes. Remove from oven and spread the chocolate chips evenly on top. Return to oven for a few minutes to melt the chocolate. Remove from oven, spread chocolate evenly with knife.

Cool completely, then cut into bars.

By Gabby Moniz

Sailors rescued by US Coast Guard

Coast Guard crews responded to an offshore distress call from a 43-foot sailing vessel that was disabled and adrift in a winter storm about 150 miles south of Nantucket, on 2/15.

Watchstanders at the First Coast Guard District command center in Boston received an alert beacon signal at about 4:50 a.m. from the sailing vessel Sedona. The operator of the Sedona reported the vessel was without power and its sails were torn in the storm. He requested he and his father be removed from the vessel due to the degrading weather.

Watchstanders at the command center directed an MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew from Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod to launch. Faced with worsening storm conditions, the aircrew launched successfully, but due to ice and low visibility the HC-144 Ocean Sentry support plane was unable to launch.

Meanwhile, the command center issued an emergency request broadcast to ships in the area. The crew of the 600-foot motor vessel Maersk Katalin, about 40 miles away at the time, set a course toward the scene and agreed to provide communica-

tions support.

After navigating through low visibility and near hurricane force winds, the aircrew arrived on-scene at 8:48 a.m. and hoisted the men to safety. They landed safely at Air Station Cape Cod at 10:50 a.m., and transferred both men to local EMS to be evaluated for cold weather injuries. None were reported.

"Given the severity of this storm, this rescue was a major effort and we are all relieved it ended as it did," said Lt. j.g. Tyler Dewechter, MH-60 pilot and public affairs officer at Air Station Cape Cod. "We are glad we were prepared for this storm and could render aid — and also continue to urge mariners to stay safe and heed the cautions and advisories of winter storm warnings."

Initial on-scene weather conditions were nine-foot seas and building, with 40-mph winds. By the time the crew was recovered, conditions had deteriorated to 25-foot seas and winds of nearly 60 mph.

The father and son, Reg and Jason McGlashon, were reportedly sailing to Australia. They left Jamestown, RI, on Friday, 2/13.

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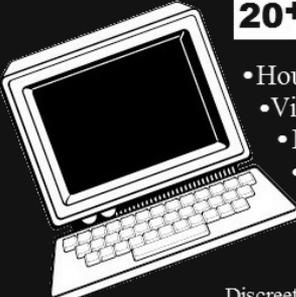
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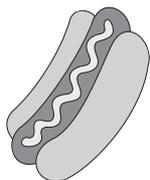
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Fire Department reminds residents to clear out hydrants

Fairhaven Fire Dept. Press Release

Just another reminder that with the mounting snow we are losing the battle clearing out fire hydrants in all communities that have them.

Plows don't have anywhere to put mounting snow and hydrants are becoming lost under feet of snow.

If fire crews have a fire in that neighborhood valuable time is lost trying to find and digging out hydrants to get water. Many times, even after finding them, they are frozen and unusable due to being buried.

We again ask the public to take a few minutes to locate the closest



hydrant to their home and make sure that it is cleared of snow.

Local businesses are also asked to do the same. The property that you save could be your own.



Residents can always call the fire station if they need assistance finding the closest hydrant

as we have a complete listing of all hydrant locations in town: 508-994-1428, Ext. 0.

Crown Opal detained off West Island



The "Crown Opal" at anchor off The West Island Town Beach, Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 8:50 a.m. The cargo ship exited New Bedford Harbor on 2/12 headed to the outer harbor and anchored off West Island in Buzzards Bay. This is unusual for a cargo ship to anchor out in the bay instead of heading out to sea. Various news sources reported that part of the shipment of 2,000 tons of clementines was damaged in rough seas earlier this month. The ship was detained by authorities while the court determined who would be responsible for the loss of the damaged cargo, estimated at \$3-4 million. The ship had to be moved out of the harbor to make way for another ship carrying clementines. The Crown Opal was released by authorities and left Buzzards Bay on 2/13. Photo by ML Baron, West Island Weather Station, from axis cam, <http://www.westislandweather.com>

Elect: cont'd from page 3

Other uncontested races are: Incumbent Matthew Lopes for his slot on the board of assessors; incumbent David Davignon for his seat on the board of health; incumbent Paul Fortin for his seat on the cemetery board.

Chad Leclair will run for park commission, unopposed; and Arthur Bergeron will be on the ballot, unopposed, for housing authority.

Both Acushnet and Fairhaven elections take place on Monday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voters may register to vote until March 17. Both Town Clerk offices will be open until 8 p.m. on that day.

Acushnet's polling places are: Precincts 1 and 3 at the Council on

Aging, 59 1/2 So. Main Street; Precinct 2 at the Fire Station, 24 Russel Street.

Fairhaven will have different polling places for some precincts in an effort to get the voting out of the schools.

- Precinct 1: Town Hall (stays the same)
- Precinct 2: Hastings Middle School (formerly High School)
- Precinct 3: Hastings Middle School (stays the same)
- Precinct 4: Fire Station Meeting Room (formerly Hastings Middle School)
- Precinct 5: Recreation Center (stays the same)
- Precinct 6: Recreation Center (formerly East Fairhaven School)

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The *Neighb News* will give all candidates for townwide public office in Fairhaven and Acushnet a chance to get their message out. You may submit an article of approximately 500 words, with a picture, and we will publish at no charge before the April 6 election.

Please contact the *Neighb News* as soon as possible so we can plan for space allocation in the issues leading up to the election.

DEADLINE: Friday, 3/6.

Send by email (preferred) at NeighbNews@comcast.net, or by fax, 508-991-5580, or mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Please put text in the body of the email. NO Word documents, please.

Call 508-979-593 or email with questions.

Pounded again by snow, but a big thaw coming soon

By Beth David

Editor

Pipes froze, roofs collapsed, and icicles on roofs caused leaks in this winter of the endless snow, but relief is on the way. Forecasters are calling for above average temperatures in March, April and May. For now, however, the snowy pattern remains.

This weekend's Valentine's Day storm dumped 19.5 inches on Fairhaven on 2/14 and 2/15. The 2/14 storm was a bit of a tease, dropping

only a few inches. Then on Sunday morning, the real storm started, with blizzard conditions.

The high winds caused massive drifting and white-outs.

At least three disabled vehicles had to get pushed by plows to clear streets. Causeway Road was impassable, cutting off West Island completely for several hours, because of a stranded vehicle on Sunday.

After the big storm, on Tuesday, the region got a few inches of very

light, fluffy snow. By then, however, the natives were used to it and it barely registered a "ho-hum" on the Facebook radar.

Temperatures continue to be below average in the 20s and teens, but with lows having reached below zero on the weekend, the 27 on Wednesday felt like spring.

The next snow is due on Thursday with accumulating snow expected.

Fire departments are asking residents to dig out fire hydrants.



Clearly some people are still enjoying the snow as evidenced by this very large snow figure on Chestnut Street in Fairhaven (top left), and by Ollie Guilfoyle, the only one (with his grandmother Lee Ann Wood) brave enough to venture out to Fort Phoenix for some sledding on 2/16. MIDDLE ROW L-R: The boats are iced in at Hoppy's Landing on 2/16, a rare occurrence; drivers faced white-out conditions due to high winds and lots of high snow piled on the roadsides, as seen on Goulart Memorial Drive on Sunday, 2/15. ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Brian Taber, Nate Lopes and Andrew Camacho work the snowblowers in waist-high snow to clear a path on the sidewalk around the Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven. ABOVE RIGHT: Kris Carvalho and Miguel Lucas dig out the stairway on the Union Street side of the Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven. *Photos by Beth David.*

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Friday, March 27th, 7:30pm, \$5 per child Ages 10 and under. **Deadline to register is Tuesday, March 24th**

Open Gym Volleyball

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Babysitting Class

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

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3/4: Newport Grand & Xmas Tree Shop

Entertainment

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Special Activities

Save the Date!

Jeff Dougan from the MA Office on Disability will be at the Fairhaven Senior Center on Monday March 16th at 1:00 p.m. to present an in-service on Emergency Preparedness. He will be distributing backpacks with emergency supplies to Fairhaven Seniors 60 and older who attend the in-service. Please call to reserve your seat, 508-979-4029

Single Seniors

The Single Senior Supper Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month for a nice meal and conversation. If you are a single senior 60 and over and would like to attend please call the Senior Center to sign up by the Friday before the event. A \$3.00 donation is suggested.

Southcoast LGBT

The South Coast LGBT Seniors (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month for a nice meal and friendship for seniors 60 and older. Please call the senior center to sign up by the Friday before the event. A \$3.00 donation is suggested.

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 Fairhaven 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.

Fit Quest Fairhaven

Fit Quest Fairhaven meets every Thursday at 9:00 A.M. at the Fairhaven Senior Center for weight loss tips and healthy eating discussion. Just drop by to join the group.

Ongoing Programs

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Trey Whalley receives industry award

Press Release

Trey Whalley, CFA President of Providential Partners, LLC with locations in both New Bedford, MA and Warwick, RI has been named a recipient of the industry's prestigious 2015 Five Star Wealth Manager Award. This honor is only presented to approximately 5 percent of the 15,000+ advisors in the Greater Boston area. Trey is a five-time recipient of the award and is recognized in the February 2015 edition of Boston Magazine.

The selection process is based on a survey administered to registered financial services professionals and financial services companies. Survey recipients were asked to nominate wealth managers they believe worthy of consideration for the award. Those nominees who subsequently satisfied several objective eligibility and evaluation criteria were named 2015 Five Star Wealth Managers. Among many highly regarded attributes, the average one-year client retention rate for this year's award winners is more than 96 percent.

Having 20 years of investment

management experience, Trey founded Providential Partners in 2014 with the mission of providing tailored solutions and strategies for people's unique financial goals. Through a team of experienced and distinguished individuals, the firm's objective is to deliver a superior client experience.

Trey is a long time resident of the South Coast of MA where he has held leadership positions in community service organizations including his current role as President of the Fairhaven Improvement Association. He and his family reside in Mattapoisett, MA.

According to Mark J. Marroni, JD, LLM, CLU, ChFC, President of Boston Partners located in Andover, MA, an independent Affiliate of Providential Partners, the Award serves as a confirmation of Trey's exceptional abilities.

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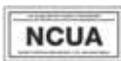


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Acushnet firefighters dig out hydrants



LEFT: A big pile of snow covers a hydrant in Acushnet. From the Acushnet Fire & EMS Facebook page: Leave it to a firefighter! Acushnet firefighters are using their smartphones to locate hydrants buried in the snow. Using “street view,” landmarks can be found and the digging out made easier. MIDDLE & RIGHT: Before and after on Middle Road. Smartphones may find them but strong backs clear them out! Photos from the Acushnet Fire & EMS Facebook page.



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LEFT: A couple takes a romantic stroll along Valentine's Day stroll along Center Street during the snow storm Saturday night, 2/14. RIGHT: The Harrop Center at the Unitarian Church takes on a magical glow behind untouched snow on Monday, 2/16, after the storm. Photos courtesy of Fre Raphael.

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From our readers

Contractors should not dump snow on sidewalks

I am so frustrated with a recent activity on February 16, 2015, right in front of my house on Huttleston Avenue, near Fairhaven High School, by the Fairhaven Excavating.

As you know, as homeowners, we are responsible for clearing snow off our sidewalks for pedestrians to safely use instead of walking in the street. I did that. My son came over, chopped ice, and shoveled a path for pedestrians to use.

Fairhaven Excavation dumped snow on my sidewalk along with my neighbors'. They also dumped snow on our front lawns. When I saw what was happening, I called this company to speak with someone about this.

I received a call back from "Bob" who told me that they work for the state and I need to call the state

I said to him since his crew is already in front of my house and they are already dumping snow on my front lawn, can't they at least clear a space for pedestrians to safely walk? He told me, "No," I have to call the state!

I reported this to the Mass DOT,

Region 5, and spoke with someone there who said he'll get back to me.

I also wrote Representative Bill Straus, whose assistant, Cynthia, called me today to acknowledge my email. She will also look into whether or not a homeowner would be liable if a pedestrian had to walk in front of my home in the street and was struck and injured due to my sidewalk being covered with snow dumped there by Fairhaven Excavating.

This all could have been prevented if Fairhaven Excavating used common sense to at least create an area for pedestrians to walk safely since they had the equipment out there and could have done this.

I realize everyone is stressed by the amount of snow we've had, yet common sense needs to prevail. Safety is of utmost importance here and this seemingly was not exercised at all by this action.

I do not want to see Fairhaven High School students having to walk on Huttleston Avenue, when they return from vacation, due to high amounts of snow on our sidewalks.

I am very upset to have heard that

a woman lost her life in Seekonk while walking in the road in front of her house and was killed.

The vehicles on Huttleston Avenue travel at such a high speed anyway and for pedestrians to have to walk in the street because the sidewalk is not cleared is unsafe

and unacceptable. It is also unsafe for those of us who live here who cannot see oncoming traffic when trying to leave our driveways; oncoming vehicles are not able to see us either.

Thanks a lot Fairhaven Excavating for creating this unsafe condition for all of us!

Karen A. Vilandry, Fairhaven

Editor's Note: Fairhaven Excavating did not return a phone call to respond to this letter.

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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following *Special Permit Application*: 1) The applicant, *Coastal Compassion, Inc.*, is requesting a Special Permit to operate a Medical Marijuana Facility located at 2 Pequod Road, Map 36, Lot 14.

A copy of the application is 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.

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board

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.

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Board of Appeals

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

Capital Planning Comm.

Wed., 2/25, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

Dog Park Committee

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

Gov't Study Comm

Thurs. 2/19, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 2/19, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 2/26, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 3/10, 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.

Fri., 2/27, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Health

Wed., 2/25, Parting Ways, 4 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 2/25, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Selectboard

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

TIDE TABLE

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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	19	0753	2020	0109*	1342*
Friday	20	0844	2111	0207*	1432**
Saturday	21	0934	2202	0259*	1517*
Sunday	22	1025	2254	0345*	1559*
Monday	23	1119	2351	0430*	1642*
Tuesday	24	----	1217	0523*	1735*
Wednesday	25	0049	1315	0708	1852
Thursday	26	0146	1412	0918	2119
Friday	27	0243	1514	1032	2244
Saturday	28	0348	1621	1128	2340

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Margaret Mead

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Press Release

Kindergarten registration for Fairhaven Public Schools for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Children who are expected to enter Kindergarten or First Grade in the Fairhaven Public Schools next September must be registered at their neighborhood school during the week of March 9th-13th, 2015. Prospective students do not need to be present. Registration will be from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Registration forms are available at each of the schools or on the district website.

- Mon., Mar. 9, 2015 Last Name: A-F
- Tues., Mar. 10, 2015 Last Name: G-L
- Wed., Mar. 11, 2015 Last Name: M-R
- Thurs., Mar. 12, 2015 Last Name: S-Z
- Friday, March 13, 2015 Make Up

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From Acushnet Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher: "Since the snow started flying on January 26th, our EMS Division has transported 45 people to local hospitals. While this is not an exceptionally high number, each call presented the hazard of moving stretchers, equipment and sick people down icy stairs, snow clogged walkways and treacherous streets.

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