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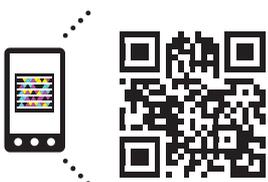
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Making music in Fairhaven



New Bedford native and America's Got Talent star Samantha Johnson performs for a music video at Carousel Family Fun Center on Saturday, 2/27. Children skating at the rink had a chance to be in the video produced by another successful New Bedford native, Duane Darock (Ramos). See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

All the spring listings are starting to come in. Time chugs along and spring is going to get here. Next week, we change the clocks. HALLELUJAH!!!

This weekend, though, you get to enjoy the second annual short film festival (see page 3) in the town hall auditorium. Last year's event was lots of fun.

It's a chance to see films you probably would not have a chance to see anywhere else.

It's not expensive and it's a great cold-weather thing to do.

Our cover story was a blast to cover.

I stayed all night. Yup...I stayed and stayed and stayed.

What a crowd. Lots of people related to Duane Darock and all the dance kids and the skaters and everyone crowding around the celebrities who were very gracious with everyone.

It felt like a good old fashioned New Bedford hometown get-together, like you'd see at any of the various feasts we have around here where everyone kind of knows everyone else and they all get along just fine (if only for a little while).

I had fun.

And I especially loved that the organizers and the talent let us all take pictures without any restrictions, other than not blocking the real video people of course. That made it great. I got some wonderful photos (see page 12) of two of New Bedford's famous people.

Keep an eye on these two. Well be seeing more of them.

We have some meeting coverage for you this week. It's budget time! In both Fairhaven (page 4) and Acushnet (page 16).

There'll be more on that I'm sure.

That also means it must be election season. The ads are starting to run for the election on April 4.

See page 18 for the first of the candidate statements. We're starting with School Committee.

Let the games begin!

The games, of course, have already begun in the presidential race. See page 3 to see how Acushnet and Fairhaven voted in the primaries.

Nah...I'm not going to comment.

Not yet, anyway.

And, one last word about donations to keep this little venture going. I was soooooo determined to make sure I had that coupon running in each issue. Then I went and wrote too much (like blabbermouth at the keyboard), and I ran out of space. Don't let that stop you. Donations helped this year, but I need to keep it coming. We'll be getting a button on our website soon, so you can donate right online.

Meanwhile, feel free to send a check.

Until next week then...see ya,

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Short film fest this weekend

Press Release

The 2nd Annual Fairhaven Short Film Festival will “reel in” at Town Hall in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, on Friday March 4th and repeat on Saturday, March 5th.

Main presenting sponsor Howe Allen Realty will once again team with Asbury Shorts USA to present a highly entertaining screening of world renowned, award winning short films from the past and present.

Net proceeds from these two shows will benefit The Fairhaven Animal Shelter. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the first film blasts onto the screen at 7:00 p.m. both nights. Masters of Ceremonies will be Ashley Bendiksen of the ONE Theater Group and Tim Evans of Howe Allen Realty.

Asbury Shorts USA 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 and fun showcase features the best in comedy, drama and outstanding animation. Highlights of the two-hour program on March 4th and 5th at Fairhaven Town Hall include:

The Girl and the Gondola: British director Abbe Robinson’s poignant and charming story of a young Venetian girl dreaming of becoming a gondolier like her father while battling 900 years of tradition. This short was recently awarded the Best International Short Film at The Garden State Film Festival and Best Short Film at The Martha’s Vineyard Short Film Festival.

Rust: A short documentary following an artist in Nova Scotia, Canada who creates pieces from found metal in and around his property. He lets the metal rust utilizing nature as his “co artist.” Director Ben Proudfoot from Halifax won “Best Short Film” at the Shelburne International Film Expo this past September in Canada.

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Presidential Primary Election Results

In the presidential primary on Tuesday, 3/1, Republican voters in Fairhaven and Acushnet went for Trump, while the verdict was split on the Democratic side.

In Fairhaven*

Democrats: 1546 for Bernie Sanders, 1230 for Hillary Clinton.

Republicans: 1004 for Donald Trump, 233 for Marco Rubio, 153 for John Kasich, 57 for Ben Carson.

In Fairhaven, 4480 of 10,910 registered voters cast their ballots for a turnout of 41%.

In the last primary, in 2012, turnout was 13%. In 2008 it was 43%.

In Acushnet*

Dems: 783 for Hillary Clinton; 753 for Bernie Sanders.

Repubs: 707 for Donald Trump, 146 for Marco Rubio, 108 for Ted Cruz, 99 for John Kasich, 47 for Ben Carson.

*These are unofficial results. Results could not be certified by press time.

Town of Fairhaven

RABIES CLINIC

Sunday, March 20, 2016



Capeway Veterinary Hospital

171 Bridge St. • 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

★★★★★

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508-979-4022, Ext. 125.

Selectboard receives first budget from TA; Spring St. Gar. back

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard had nothing but praise for new Town Administrator Mark Rees who submitted his first recommended budget to the board on Monday, 2/29.

The new format is different from previous years in some key respects. First, it was in printed form, with plenty of copies for the public, and is on the town's website*. Second, it has eliminated most of the line items that Town Meeting members are used to seeing, instead lumping together such costs as phone and office supplies under "operating expenses."

For this first budget, said Mr. Rees in a phone interview, he tried to "build a bridge between the budget format used in the past and the budget format going forward."

In the future, no line items will be included, it will be "salary and wages" and "operating expenses," which will include utilities and gas, etc.

On the back end, a spreadsheet will detail the line items to justify the operating expenses. The change allows for more flexibility as prices fluctuate and needs change. A department head can, for instance, take from the paper line item to buy ink or the other way around because it will all fall under operating expenses.

The budget tops out at \$49,395,965, including Town Meeting articles.

In his report to the board on Monday and in his written report, Mr. Rees said that the budget is "structurally balanced," meaning it uses only ongoing revenue for ongoing expenses and uses one-time revenue for one-time expenses.

The budget, said Mr. Rees, is more than a column of numbers.

He said in both his written and oral report that a municipal budget is "the most important policy document a town develops on an annual basis."

The budget establishes priorities and direction.

Mr. Rees said the new budget begins to position the town to "move confidently into the future."

The budget recommends hiring a full time Information Technology Director, funding the request by the Planning Board to create a Master Plan, and fully funding the school department's requested budget of \$21,556,959, which includes paying

the technical schools, a 2.8% total increase. The budget for the Fairhaven public schools (without the payments to technical schools) is up 3.5%, going from \$18,737,194 last year to \$19,385,788 this year, a difference of \$648,594.

Town Meeting spending articles request a total of \$926,450. Recommendations also include capital expenditures for new vehicles for police and fire, and repairs to the Hastings Middle School, most notably the roof.

Overall, the budget is about \$2 million more than last year, or 4.3%.

The operating expenses increase is only 1.6%, due to reduced employee health insurance costs, workers compensation costs and keeping most department budgets at or below a 2.5% increase.

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Selectboard member Charles Murphy thanked Mr. Rees for the "professional document," that is realistic in meeting the town's expectations and needs.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola called Mr. Rees's first weeks on the job a "whirlwind" and commended him for not waiting until next year to make changes in the budget process.

"I like it," he said, adding that it was good to get a "fresh set of eyes" on the budget.

"It's everything, and more, than we expected," said Selectboard chairperson Geoffrey Haworth.

The board did not vote on the budget, but set Monday, 3/7, as a budget workshop meeting.

In another matter, the board approved, nearly three months later than usual, the repair and used car licenses for the Spring Street Garage.

The board and owner Richard Dussault have been wrangling over the condition of the property and a host of alleged and proven violations of the license.

The property has been cleaned up, with all junk cars removed.

The last hurdle was working out a payment plan for back taxes and this year's taxes to the tune of more than \$65,000.

Mr. Dussault has a history of making payment plans with the town, paying for a few months, and then not paying.

The board made it clear that the old pattern would not work this time around.

Attorney Joe Michaud, representing Mr. Dussault, said his client was willing to pay the taxes, but he needed to be open so he could make money to do so.

"They are quite anxious to get back up and going," said Mr. Michaud, adding that the agreement had to be "reasonable" so they could succeed.

The board went back and forth on how much to make the payments in order for the bill to be paid in a timely fashion and for the interest not to double or triple the original amount.

In the end the board agreed that Mr. Dussault would pay \$1,010 a month and keep current on new taxes.

Mr. Haworth pushed for a higher amount, but relented in the end as long as the agreement is revisited on a regular basis.

Mr. Michaud said that the Dussaults planned to pay more than the \$1,010 on the back taxes, but did not want to be forced into an agreement that they could not keep.

Mr. Haworth noted that Mr. Dussault already owed an extra \$107 on the current year's taxes because he was late paying them. He insisted that they revisit the plan at the end of the year.

"I appreciate your concern about dragging it out," said Mr. Michaud. "They don't want to drag it out either."

Resident Al Benac, who has voiced his opposition to the Spring Street Garage and Mr. Dussault in the past, had a testy little back and forth with Mr. Michaud.

Mr. Benac suggested that Mr.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Community Garden

Have you ever wanted to try a garden but didn't know where to start? Interested in saving money by growing your own organic vegetables? Want to be part of a "growing green" community?

If yes, you are in luck because there are Fairhaven Community Garden beds available at three school locations: East Fairhaven, Hastings Middle School and Wood School. The fee is **\$10 per 4x8 foot bed**. Organic practices only please.

Contact Laurie at 508-993-3802 or lauriehellstrom@yahoo.com if you are interested or have questions. For info visit fairhavencommunitygarden.org.

Easter Concert

The Saints & Singers Chorus concert, Fri., 3/11, 7:30 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 74 Spring St., Fairhaven.

The Saints & Singers Chorus is an ecumenical chorus, dedicated to sharing God's message of love and hope through music. Our cantata for this Easter, called "Jesus Changed Everything," arranged by Mark Brymer, illuminates the message that the sacrifice of Jesus has changed ... everything.

Admission is free with a freewill offering. Accessible.

Lions Club Breakfast

The Fairhaven Lions Club Pancake Breakfast will be held on **Sat., 3/19, from 8-11 a.m. at Oxford Terrace** community center, 275 Main St. Fairhaven. **Tickets \$7. Seniors and children 5 under \$5.** Pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, juice & coffee. Accessible Sponsor: Rockland Trust. Call 508-996-3420 for tickets.

Short Film Festival

Second annual Fairhaven Short Film Festival on March 4 & 5. See page 3 for details.

Rabies Clinic

On Sun., 3/19. See ad on page 3.

CPC Members

The Fairhaven Selectboard seeks a Selectboard representative for the Community Preservation Committee. **Letters of interest must be received**

by Mon., March 21, 2016, by 4 p.m. Letters of interest may be hand delivered or mailed to: Selectmen's Office, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; or emailed to: selectmen@Fairhaven-MA.gov

Thrift Store

Heavenly Treasures: Open 10 am - 1 pm Wednesdays & Saturdays. Clothing, Shoes, and Household Items, Cotton and Wool Fabric, Easter Items. At First Congregational Church, William Street Entrance, Fairhaven

Blood Drives

During Red Cross Month in March, the American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to join in its lifesaving mission by giving blood. Since 1943, every U.S. president has designated **March as Red Cross Month** to recognize how the Red Cross helps people down the street, across the country and around the world.

Make an appointment to become a hero to patients in need by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

• **Fri., 3/4, 1-6 p.m., Seaport Inn & Marina, 110 Middle St., Fairhaven**

FHS Events

Spring Concert

The Fairhaven Music Department will hold its Spring Concert on **Thurs., May 19, in the Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5** and will be sold at the door.

Musical

From **Mar. 31 to April 3**, Fairhaven High School will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* in the FHS Performing Arts Center. **Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors.** To order tickets visit the Fairhaven Performing Arts Center box office or call 508 979-4051 x11022.

West Island 5k

Registration is open for the 5th annual West Island 5K Run/Walk to be held on Sunday, April 24, at 11 a.m., starting and finishing at 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven

The Fairhaven High School Cross Country program benefits from this event, run on a US Track and Field

certified course. **Entry fees range from \$15 to \$25. There is also a Kids Mile Run with an entry fee of \$5.** Shirts to first 600 5k registrants; neoprene wrist bands to Kids Mile entrants. Cash prizes.

Register online at <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=5932> For more information visit <http://westisland5k.org> or email info@westisland5k.org.

Homecoming Fair Apps Available.

Vendor applications are now available for the 2016 Fairhaven Homecoming Fair hosted by the Fairhaven Improvement Association.

Applications are open to the community and can be found at the following locations: Fairhaven Town Hall (40 Center St.), the Millicent Library (45 Center St.), the Fairhaven Visitor's Center (141 Main St.) and on our Facebook page (Fairhaven Improvement Association).

Apply to become a part of this Fairhaven tradition. We hope to see you there!

For more information, please visit <http://fairhavenimprovement.org/> and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FairhavenImprovementAssociation>

Contact the FIA at fairhavenhomecoming@gmail.com

Cataldo Scholarship

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association's Joseph Cataldo Jr. Scholarship applications are now available at the Guidance Office of Fairhaven High School, Greater NB Reg Voc-Tech HS, Bishop Stang HS, and Bristol Agricultural HS.

The Joseph Cataldo Jr. Scholarships are open to qualified high school seniors who are Fairhaven residents enrolled in a full time degree program. **The deadline for filing the application is April 22, 2016.**

Applications may also be requested by mail: NFIA Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 877 Fairhaven, MA 02719.

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Contact the FIA at fairhavenhomecoming@gmail.com

Dementia and Alzheimer's Support Group



Presented by Beacon Hospice

This is an OPEN and ongoing group for those who have experienced a loved one living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia. Learn about the disease process, ask questions and discuss how it applies to our lives.

Enjoy a chance to talk and share with others traveling a similar path or experience. Please RSVP one week prior to the session you plan to attend. There is no sequence to the sessions. You may attend one or as many as you like.



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May 12th, 2016



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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

NB Book Festival

Groundworks! is holding the first New Bedford Book Festival on **Sat. & Sun., 3/5 & 6, at 1213 Purchase St., New Bedford.**

The New Bedford Book Festival will take place over the two days from 11:00 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day and feature special readings and programming, a curated selection of artists and all the imagination its participants bring to the table.

Visit www.NewBedfordNow.com.

Participants and attendees are invited to follow updates at [Facebook.com/NewBedfordNow](https://www.facebook.com/NewBedfordNow) or send any questions to NewBedfordNow@gmail.com.

Gay Men's Chorus

The Boston Gay Men's Chorus will perform at the **Zeiterion Theatre, 684 Purchase St., New Bedford, on Sun., 3/6, at 3 p.m.**

Tickets are \$15/\$25/\$35, and can be purchased at the Zeiterion box office or online at: www.zeiterion.org

Presented by The Grace Episcopal Church, New Bedford and The Z

A portion of each ticket will be donated to "A Perfect Place," the New Bedford Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth community center <http://www.sclgbtqnetwork.org/a-perfect-place.html>.

AG Open House

We are pleased to announce that in recognition of National Consumer Protection Week 2016 the Attorney General's SE Mass. Regional Office, 105 William St., Downtown, NB, will be holding a Community Action Hours **Open House on Wed., 3/9, from 4-6 p.m.** to learn about how we can serve the community.

The Attorney General's office is the "People's Law Firm." Meet our staff and learn about the free services we offer to aid and protect consumers across the Commonwealth. For questions or to RSVP, call Patricia Tapper, 508-742-4501, or email patricia.tapper@state.ma.us. Visit www.mass.gov/ago.

Mini Grant Orientat.

Have an innovative community project that could enrich your town, school, neighborhood or all of Greater New Bedford? If you are

working as a volunteer with a local all-volunteer group then consider applying for a United Way of Greater New Bedford Community Building Mini-Grant. Grants of up to \$2,500 can help put your ideas into action. Learn more about the program including how to apply online and the types of projects and programs that qualify by attending an orientation session.

Groups with budgets of \$40,000 or less are strongly encouraged to attend an orientation at United Way, **105 William St. 2nd floor on Tues., 3/8, from 6-7:30 p.m.**

These sessions will discuss the program, eligibility and the application process. Registration is required. Please call 508-994-9625 ext. 19 or email minigrants@unitedwayofgnb.org.

Applications will be available March 1st at www.unitedwayofgnb.org and will only be accepted electronically. Grants must be submitted by April 22, 2016.

In 2015, 37 all-volunteer groups made an impact throughout Great New Bedford with projects funded by United Way's Mini-Grant Program. These projects range from garden projects and healthier living programs to outreach campaigns and family engagement opportunities. Be the change in Greater New Bedford, visit www.unitedwayofgnb.org to learn more about the Mini-Grants Program.

Exhibit Reception

The Cultures of the Portuguese-Speaking World Event Series, The Center for Portuguese Studies & Culture at UMass Dartmouth in partnership with the New Bedford Whaling Museum and the Portuguese Consulate of New Bedford cordially invite the public to attend the Opening Reception of Pedro Albuquerque's Exhibition "The Albuq Momentum" on **Sat., 3/12, from 2-4 p.m., at The New Bedford Whaling Museum**, San Francisco Room, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA 02740

Almost Maine

Your Theatre, Inc., director Bob Gillet of Fall River, MA, has cast nineteen South Coast actors for the March production of *Almost, Maine*, by John Cariani.

On a cold, clear, moonless night in the middle of winter, all is not quite what it seems in the remote, mythical

town of Almost, Maine. As the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, Almost's residents find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and often hilarious ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. But the bruises heal, and the hearts mend — almost — in this delightful midwinter night's dream.

YTI is grateful to our 69th Season Sponsor, Bank5, for their fourth year of strong support for the arts.

Performance dates are **March 10-12 & 17-19 at 8 p.m. and March 13 & 20 at 2:30 p.m.** Performances are held at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse, 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church complex. Free off-street parking entrance is on County Street.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 for season subscribers (three show minimum), and **\$13 for senior citizens, students, and military personnel.**

For info call 508-993-0772, or email info@yourtheatre.org. Visit www.yourtheatre.org

Free Film

Women may take for granted the right to vote in this country. That right came as a result of a long, hard-fought battle, one that has relevance to this day. On AHA! Night, **Thurs., 3/10, New Bedford Whaling National Historic Park** will celebrate Women's History Month by screening *Dreams of Equality* at the Corson Maritime Learning Center, 33 William St., downtown New Bedford, **at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.** Accessible.

This documentary drama chronicles the early struggles of the Women's Rights Movement and personalizes them through an exchange of letters between a sister and brother. History comes to life as dramatic recreations of the First Women's Rights Convention held in Seneca Falls, NY in 1848 and other historical events are combined with contemporary segments in which young people engage in candid exchanges about the roles of men and women.

Issues of political equity, traditional women's roles, marital finances and educational opportunities for girls are still relevant today, almost 170 years later.

Call 508-996-4095, or visit www.nps.gov/nebe

Bay Adventures

Stargazing

Join the Buzzards Bay Coalition and Mattapoisett Library on **Fri., 3/4 at 7:30 p.m. for a stargazing walk led by Carl Herzog at The Bogs in Mattapoisett.** Far away from the city lights, the 200-acre Mattapoisett River Reserve offers visitors trails and a dark, expansive sky to view the stars.

This program is free and will last about an hour. Participants should meet by the parking area at **138 Acushnet Rd., Mattapoisett,** and dress for the weather.

LaPalme Farm Hike

Enjoy the beauty of nature in winter on a free guided walk with the Buzzards Bay Coalition at **LaPalme Farm in Acushnet, Sun., 3/6 at 1 p.m.**

You'll learn about the history and ecology of LaPalme Farm, part of the Acushnet River Reserve. A Buzzards Bay Coalition property, this special place hosts diverse wildlife and habitats along the Acushnet River.

The walk is free, and will run about an hour. Participants should **meet at the end of Blain Street in Acushnet** by the sign marking the trailhead. Parking is allowed along Blain Street. Please dress for the weather, including appropriate shoes and winter clothing.

"Sunday Strolls" take place on the first Sunday of each month at a different conservation area in the region. These walks are part of the Coalition's Bay Adventures series: programs designed for explorers of all ages to get outside and discover Buzzards Bay. To learn more about our upcoming Bay Adventures, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/bayadventures.

Registration is required for all Bay Adventures. To RSVP, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/bayadventures or call (508) 999-6363 ext. 219.

Attic Treasures Sale

Attic Treasures Sale sponsored by St. John Neumann Women's Guild will be held in the Parish Hall, 157 Middleboro Rd. (Rte. 18), E. Freetown (next to Cathedral Camp), on **Sat. 3/12, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** Free admission. Accessible.

Continental breakfast and delicious lunch available.

Take Chace Road exit off Rte. 140.

Bird Club Meeting

Pictures from Far and Near The Paskamansett Bird Club's next meeting will be on **Wed., 3/9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Hall of Friends Meeting, 739 Horseneck Rd., So. Dartmouth.** The program will feature two long-time members taking different photographs from very different perspectives — far away and close to home (in fact, from home). David Cole and Betty Slade will provide a sampling of photographs from their extensive travels, while Norman Buck will (literally) focus on birds he can see from his house windows in Westport.

Free, open to the public, and accessible.

Heart Failure

Community Nurse Home Care is proud to announce a new upcoming wellness program offered to members of our community at **no cost.** This program will focus on Heart Failure Education and will include four one hour sessions. Each section will feature a different guest speaker who will be available for question and answers after the presentation. Guest speakers will include Nurse Practitioners, Physical therapists, Dieticians and Physicians. The program will be held at **Acushnet Council on Aging 59½ Main St. Acushnet, on Thursdays, from 10-11:30 a.m., beginning March 10.**

Plunge for Premies

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Must raise \$20 min. to plunge. Post Plunge Party, \$25/adults, \$13/children 4-10, under 3 free.

Festivities include a Post Plunge party at the Warwick Country Club with dinner, music, raffles, silent

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Old Sturbridge Village, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566 (800-733-1830), orders@osv.org, will highlight the history of New England's maple industry during its Maple Days celebrations, held on **four consecutive weekends starting March 5-6.** The Village's costumed historians will demonstrate the maple sugaring process of the early 19th-century at a working sugar camp, show how maple sugaring has changed over the years through a scavenger hunt, and more. Special Maple Days packages are also available for families and couples, including a stay at the Old Sturbridge Inn and Reeder Family Lodges at the Village. The dates for Maple Days are March 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, and 26-27.

Additional activities at Old Sturbridge Village include exploring historic buildings, engaging with Old Sturbridge Village interpreters, and seeing heritage-breed animals.

For full details and to buy tickets online, visit www.osv.org. Tickets: \$28/adult, \$26/senior, \$14/youth, free under 3 years.

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Recipe of the Week

Pepperoni Pizza Casserole

1 pound ground beef
1 (8 oz.) package uncooked egg noodles
16 oz spaghetti sauce, or as needed
2.25 ounces sliced black olives
2.5 ounces sliced mushrooms
9 ounces sliced pepperoni, coarsely chopped
20 ounces shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
Preheat oven to 375°

Cook the ground beef in a skillet over medium heat until no longer pink, breaking the meat apart into crumbles as it cooks, about 10 mins.

Cook the egg noodles in boiling water until cooked through yet slightly firm, about 5 minutes; drain.

Mix the noodles with the spaghetti sauce, black olives, mushrooms, pepperoni, and half the mozzarella cheese in a large mixing bowl; spoon the mixture into a 9x13-inch baking dish and top with remaining half of the mozzarella cheese. Cover the dish with foil.

Bake in the preheated oven until the casserole is bubbling, 30 to 45 minutes.

From www.allrecipes.com

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Dussault get a mortgage on the garage and pay the town its full due.

"I think the board is being very generous to your client," said Mr. Benac.

Mr. Michaud countered that 16% was not generous.

In addition to the agreement on back taxes, the board also discussed the details of how many cars could be outside, inside, under repair and for sale. Mr. Dussault promised the board that he would put cars behind the fence.

"I promised this board months ago that I would leave a buffer zone," at the property line near McGann Terrace, the Housing Authority property, Mr. Dussault told the board. "So even though I have to pay taxes on that property," he said, he would not be able to use it.

All three Selectboard members said they were happy with the way the property looks now.

The board also discussed the dilemma of the Rogers School. No one is showing an interest in redeveloping the building.

The options left are for the town to use it as a Town Hall annex, auction it off, or knock it down and make a park and parking lot out of it.

"Everybody I talk to has a different idea," said Mr. Haworth.

He said Town Hall was not cramped enough to justify the millions it would take to renovate the

Rogers School, and lamented that it was allowed to get into such "disrepair." He noted that it took decades for the building to get into such bad shape.

Still...

"I'd like to see something done with the building, other than the wrecking ball," said Mr. Haworth.

Mr. Murphy agreed that he would like to see the building "put to good use."

Mr. Espindola suggested that the board consider tax breaks to anyone who wants to develop the parcel.

Mr. Haworth said he would be "very comfortable" with tax credits if it would get the building on the tax rolls eventually.

The board will discuss the building again after getting information on demolition costs. The board will probably form a committee to look at options.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a transfer of the liquor license at Down The Hatch to Matthew Hebert and James Broughton, who have bought the business, including Earl's Marine from David Hebert. There was no public comment;
- Voiced support for a kayak fishing tournament to be held in early June off the town beach on West Island.

**The recommended budget is on the town's website at: www.fairhaven-ma.gov under "News & Events"*

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Duane Darock and Samantha Johnson come home

By Beth David
Editor

Two of New Bedford's famous returned to the area for a video shoot at Carousel Family Fun Center in Fairhaven. Duane Darock and Samantha Johnson were making a video for Darock's single "Come Down," a remake of "Love Come Down" by Evelyn Champagne King, a disco tune from the 80s. This version has a rap and hip hop twist, but family friendly.

Duane is one of the most established producer-writers in music, according to promotional materials.

He is from New Bedford, born Duane Ramos, still has family here, and said he wanted to create a video with Samantha Johnson because of her obvious talent.

Samantha is from New Bedford and became famous on America's Got Talent.

The two teamed up at Carousel for a fun night of rap and dance and roller skating.

The plan was to get that old 1980's disco feel.

According to chief videographer Damond Normandin, also of New Bedford, Carousel was perfect because it already had the lights and even the disco ball.

Duane wanted to be near his home town.

And Samantha? Well, she called Carousel "home," saying she and her siblings spent many hours skating

there when they were young.

"All my brothers and sisters had birthday parties here," said Ms. Johnson. "It's like a little club."

Dancers from Illusions Dance Academy in New Bedford created a routine with Samantha and appear in the video with her.

"This is an actual music video," said Mr. Normandin.

He said he wanted the background noise of the skaters and the disco lights to add atmosphere.

"It's already high energy," he said. "They can feed off it."

"I wanted to bring it back home to this skating rink to make it for the kids," said Duane Darock. "I wanted to bring that disco vibe back, and we're gonna make it happen tonight."

Mr. Normandin said they wanted to make the video where people from New Bedford could be part of it.

"It's where they grew up," he said, and they wanted people they grew up with to be able to attend.



ABOVE: Duane Darock and Samantha Johnson share a laugh between shooting takes for their music video "Come Down" at Carousel Family Fun Center in Fairhaven on Saturday, 2/27.

BELOW LEFT: Samantha Johnson, Duane Darock's mother Maria Rosario and Duane Darock pose for a shot during a break in the action BELOW RIGHT: Duane Darock and Samantha Johnson perform "Come Down" for the music video. Photos by Beth David.

his father and his mother Maria Rosario were there to watch the happenings.

"I'm loving this," said Ms. Rosario. "I'm very proud of my son. And he represents New Bedford."

Duane's father Joe Ramos also joined in the evening's fun time.

"It's nice to see young people doing something positive," he said. "Let's make sure it's a chain reaction."

Local photographer Ron Barboza said he had Duane in his Physical Education class.

"He was persistent," said Mr. Barboza. "And he had a lot of talent, too."

And they did. A couple of Duane's brothers,



More video pictures



ABOVE LEFT & RIGHT: Samantha Johnson and Duane Darock perform for their music video "Come Down" at Carousel Family Fun Center in Fairhaven on Saturday, 2/27. LEFT: Samantha Johnson (front) performs a dance routine with students of Illusions Dance Academy for the video. (See story previous page) Photos by Beth David.

Santander Bank in Fairhaven robbed

Press Release

Fairhaven Police responded to a bank robbery that was reported at the Santander Bank branch, located at 125 Huttleston Avenue just after 4:30 Wednesday afternoon, 3/2.

Officers were informed a white male in his mid 20's entered the bank and appeared to be talking on a cell phone. When he approached the

teller, he passed a note demanding money. The note also claimed the robber was armed with a gun.

The teller handed over an undisclosed amount of cash and the suspect left the bank without brandishing a firearm. It is believed the suspect fled in a vehicle in an unknown direction, based on a witness statement. The robber is

described as being unshaven, in his mid 20's, with brown hair. He was wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt, gloves, blue jeans, a Red Sox ball cap and large sunglasses.

If anyone can provide further information about this case, they are encouraged to contact Fairhaven Police Detectives at 508-997-7421. Callers can remain anonymous.

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Acushnet Selectboard approves most budgets, holds off on COA

Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard approved almost all department budgets at its meeting on Monday, 2/29. The board held the Council on Aging budget to discuss it in executive session at a later date. The board also discussed the proposed remodeling of the Parting Ways Building.

Park Commissioner Chad Leclair told the board that additions to the budget reflect changes, such as adding portable toilets to Pope Park and hiring a couple of high school students to clean up at Pope Park during the playing season. Mr. Leclair said he would prefer to use the younger high school students, who might otherwise have difficulty finding work.

"I think it's a good opportunity for the youth in the area," he said.

Selectboard member David Wojnar did, however, make it a point to say that the hires should be Acushnet residents.

Other changes include "general park improvements," said Mr. Leclair.

The department has already added benches to the basketball court area, so players have a place to sit and to drop their coats and other belongings. They have also added a "doggie station," he said, for people to safely dispose of dog waste.

"Little things," said Mr. Leclair, that add to the park as a whole and not just the baseball fields, which have been the main focus for years.

Mr. Wojnar said that adding \$40,000 to the park department budget was a "good bang for the buck."

Selectboard member Garry Rawcliffe asked if the Park Department could use fertilizer from the Golf Department.

Mr. Leclair said they were looking into buying both fertilizer and equipment from the Golf Department, to see if it saves money. He said there might be a problem because personnel have to be certified to use the specific chemicals used by Golf.

Mr. Rawcliffe said he believed it was a simple certification that could be done online for \$30.

"Anybody with a half a brain can get it," said Mr. Rawcliffe.

Rebuilding the dugouts is also on track for this year, Mr. Leclair told the board. The money for that project has already been allocated. The work

should be finished before the season begins, depending on the weather.

Mr. Rawcliffe made his signature pitch for the town to use students from Old Colony for the project.

The board also discussed the proposed renovation project at the Parting Ways Building.

Town Clerk Pam Labonte told board members that she would, indeed, like to move her office there, but that the issue about the vault had to be settled first.

The state's requirements to protect permanent records are causing a bit of a conundrum. Ms. Labonte said that her state contact said no one is being held to the six-hour burn time for the vault because no contractors in the state are able to create a vault that can withstand six hours of burn time. However, the state contact refused to put it in writing. The old

I'll just skip snow
removal. I won't
even say a word
[Al Coutinho]

standard is four hours.

Estimates for the vault as specified ranged from \$130,000 down to \$9,600.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar said a concrete room adjacent to the building could cost as little as \$9,600.

That concept, however, may not be possible on a building that is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Gaspar also questioned the whole project, saying a funding source was never identified. He said he wanted to know how it all came about and who decided what and when.

Town Administrator Al Coutinho said nothing was decided. He said they simply cleaned up the space after the Police Department left for its new building on Middle Road.

"I didn't spend any money," said Mr. Coutinho, adding that they used students and internal labor. "We just cleaned up the place."

He said there were hundreds or thousands of feet of electrical wire that were not connected to anything. That got removed and parts of the

building were gutted.

Mr. Gaspar insisted that the project's estimate of \$350,000 came from somewhere and now the project was stopped, after he asked about a funding source. He said he wanted to know how a \$350,000 project got started.

"We did not start the project," said Mr. Coutinho, reiterating that they only cleaned up the place and pulled wires. He said they did nothing to change the use of the building.

Mr. Coutinho added that the building was completely unusable the way it was and there was no construction started.

There has been no money appropriated for any re-use of the building. Town Meeting would have to approve any funding.

The board will discuss the issue again after Ms. Labonte gets more information on specifications for the vault and what her office needs.

She said her department is very cramped in its current space.

"I think it would be the right decision," she said, about the move, as long as the vault situation can be resolved.

Mr. Wojnar cautioned that the board should not let "perfection become the enemy of the good."

The board voted to have the clerk's office move to the Parting Ways Building when the time comes.

Building Commissioner James Marot will also look into preservation restrictions for the building.

In another matter, the board approved a reserve fund transfer of approximately \$22,600 for snow removal, bringing the deficit to \$146,805.48.

The board went through all the department budgets, approving all except for the Council on Aging. Mr. Gaspar said he had a matter he wanted to discuss in executive session before voting on the budget.

Not in the budget, said Mr. Coutinho, is costs for the Russell Memorial Library. The Acushnet Library moved to Middle Road, and the old building has not been turned over to the Selectboard yet.

"I'll just skip snow removal," said Mr. Coutinho. "I won't even say a word."

The SEMASS budget was another

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Candidate Statements: Fairhaven School Committee

Tatiana Panasenکو Andrade



My name is Tatiana Panasenکو Andrade and I was born in Bilibino Russia 30 years ago. I am a candidate for the Fairhaven School Committee. I graduated from Moscow New University in 2007 with a major in Economics. While in school I was Captain of the Billibino High School Basketball Team, Competed in Math, Science and Language School Olympics and Won a Second Place and was awarded a trip to Alaska to study English. I also studied piano for 7 years at the Bilibino Music School and participated in piano recitals.

I followed my dream and immigrated to America in 2007 and worked in a laundry while I attended Upper Cape Technical School where I became a Certified Nursing Assistant.

I then took the Pre-Nursing Program at Cape Cod Community College while working as a CNA at Beth Israel Hospital and other nursing homes. I graduated with an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts (Cum Laude).

I then enrolled at University of Massachusetts (Boston) in the Nursing Program where I graduated with honors.

I now work at St. Luke's Hospital.

I have always valued education and worked and studied paying my own way following the American dream and opportunities.

I have a son, Nikolas, who is six years old and in the 1st Grade at the Wood School.

The School Committee is the most important board in the town. It establishes educational goals and policies and employs the superintendent. It establishes a budget to fund those goals.

The school board must be responsible to the people of Fairhaven. It is a legislative body that develops, evaluates and oversees education policies.

Teamwork is essential as a member of the school committee. An effective school committee person solicits information and recom-

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Michael McNamara



My name is Michael McNamara and I would like to announce my candidacy for Fairhaven School Committee. My wife Kerrie and I have been married for over 22 years and are both graduates of Fairhaven High School. All of our three children have had the privilege of attending Fairhaven Public Schools. My roots are deeply vested in this town where my family has lived on West Island since 1950. I take great pride that my children are fourth generation "West Islanders."

As working parents, Kerrie and I understand the complexities of raising children in today's challenging environment. Concerns have ranged from guiding our children toward prospective careers to teaching them responsibility with technology and social media.

I believe that parent, teacher and school administrator involvement in our youth assures greater success for them today and for our community tomorrow.

As a concerned and involved parent, I am actively engaged in the school community. Examples range from lending my cooking skills to pancake breakfasts or spaghetti dinners to being one of the original Wood School "Pie Daddies."

As a budget conscious taxpayer, I participated in many meetings reviewing the facts which led to the consolidation and construction of the new Wood School. These were not things that I took lightly as my son experienced the move from Wood to Oxford and back to Wood. In the end, it was a positive experience and is a credit to our teachers and administration.

I have also served on the Engineering Technology advisory board at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School (GNBVT) for fifteen years.

Having three children, I understand that students learn differently. From IEPs and 504 plans to honors or AP classes, my family has experienced them all. Each student

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Stasia Powers



My name is Stasia Powers and I'm running for re-election to the Fairhaven School Committee. My husband, Sean and I decided to move back to his hometown to raise our family 16 years ago. We have three children: a senior at Fairhaven High School, a seventh grader at Hastings Middle School and a second grader at East Fairhaven School.

My experiences throughout the school system put me in a unique position to understand the needs of the district and the impact of choices we make on all levels.

During my tenure, the faces of Committee members have changed, but the committee continued to be a cooperative team that works for the good of the children, while always keeping in mind the town as a whole. Our committee has made important choices over the past few years that have not only raised the bar for performance but have helped our district focus on serving the needs of the whole child.

We choose to believe that every child can learn and strive for excellence in the classroom. Our curriculum provides teachers with many tools to determine how a student learns, what their strengths and weaknesses are and how best to teach them. Their success is evidenced by our Level 1 high school being recognized by the National AP Honor Roll for the Advanced Placement offerings, by the amazing colleges our graduates are being admitted to and the large merit scholarships they are being awarded.

We choose to provide the tools our students need to succeed. This year we upgraded our IT infrastructure, technology is integrated across the district using iPads and Laptops, and at our high school, most students are equipped with their own district provided laptop.

We choose to enhance programs such as music and art, where others are cutting them. Our art/media programs are competing around the country and have earned Emmy

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Mariner Girls Soccer beat one, tie another



This past weekend several local girls played indoor soccer games at Champions in New Bedford. The Mariner U11 Girls team (pink/black shirts) beat the St. Michael's U10 Girls team (white shirts) 7-4 on Saturday. On Sunday, the St. Michael's U9 Girls team (pink jerseys) battled to a 4-4 tie with the Dartmouth Strikers. TOP LEFT: Natalie Mattos fires off a shot with heavy pressure from Chloe Mattos. TOP MIDDLE: Peyton Costa celebrates her direct kick goal for St. Michael's. TOP RIGHT: Faith Landreville blasts a direct kick just under the crossbar for the goal. RIGHT: Vanessa Bucha (pink) fends off Ava Costa in the Mariner U11 Girls 7-4 victory over St. Michaels at Champions on Saturday, February 27. FAR RIGHT: Elizabeth Feeney rolls the ball to an open teammate
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mendations from the public, teachers and the superintendent before establishing a new policy or making decisions.

Whenever the line between policy and operations is not clear, I believe the matter is best resolved through open communication and collaboration between the school committee and the superintendent.

School committees are most effective in advancing education when they focus on the strategic direction of the school system, on educational policy and outcomes rather than on managerial responsibilities.

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deserves a method of learning which works for them.

My oldest daughter recently graduated from Fairhaven High School and is currently attending college at Massachusetts Maritime Academy where she is the Vice President of her class. My other daughter is currently a freshman at GNBVT and my son is in the 7th grade at Hastings Middle School.

My experience in industry as a Sr. Machine Designer for Acushnet Company gives me appreciation for a team spirit as well as insight to what skills and opportunities may be needed in the future.

As a part time Captain for TowBoatUS New Bedford I have a working knowledge of our waterfront and have been tested under pressure.

I believe success is earned, but it is up to leaders to provide the tools to get there.

In a time where budgets are tight, we need to be sure every dollar is working towards its full potential to continue these successes. It would be my privilege to serve the residents

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awards for their films. We have a tremendously successful choral, band & strings program with record numbers of children performing at all levels from Elementary, Middle and High School.

We choose not to have athletic fees. This allows every student who wants to participate the ability to do so, and they do. We have amazing participation in our high school athletic programs.

We choose to make breakfast a priority, recognizing a good breakfast is critically important in being ready to learn. We implemented the "to go" breakfast at the high school and The Leroy Wood School has been recognized by the state for their strong breakfast program.

Because of these choices, Acushnet Students are choosing Fairhaven High School. Our high school is not only thriving with their presence, but the revenue implications to the town are tremendous. In 2006 the district received roughly \$500,000 from Acushnet tuition, now in 2016 it is projected to be over \$2,500,000, making the School Department the largest revenue producer in the town.

None of these choices are made without thorough consideration and some debate. I am so proud of what we have accomplished while remaining fiscally responsible.

When you go to the polls on April 4, please place your trust in me to represent you and to continue to make the right choices for the students of Fairhaven Public Schools.

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and children of Fairhaven on the School Committee and I ask for your vote on Monday, April 4th.

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question mark. Mr. Coutinho said he estimated costs very high so the town would be prepared. The contract is up for renewal with the waste-to-energy plant and costs are bound to be high. The town is looking into alternative waste disposal options, and has been pushing to increase recycling by residents.

In another matter, the board voted to use MMA Consulting Group to conduct the Town Administrator search. A representative from Municipal Resources is not able to meet with the board for several

weeks, but said that the price is about the same as MMA CG. The board did not want to wait to get the process started. Mr. Coutinho is retiring as of June 30 of this year.

The board will appoint a screening committee, but did not ask for the public to submit letters, choosing instead to "recruit" for the members.

- In other business, the board:
- Appointed John Howcroft to the Finance Committee
 - Convened in executive session to discuss union contracts for Teamsters Local 59 EMS, and the Acushnet Permanent Firefighters Association.

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Fait d'Hive: A classic dark comedy short from Belgium director Dirk Belien. The film was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Live Action Short Film a few years back.

In all, there will be 10 world-class shorts in the festival including Oscar nominees, "Best of Show" winners from various US film festivals and international honorees.

Asbury Shorts USA programs have been presented at: The Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Lake Shore Theatre in Chicago, Summer Stage in Central Park, The Director's Guild Theatre in Manhattan, The AERO Theatre in Santa Monica, Royal Festival Hall in London, The Alamo Draft House in Dallas, and the Leminske Theater in Berlin to name a few of the prestigious venues where audiences have enjoyed the world's best short films.

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Fairhaven Meetings

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Mon., 3/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 3/3, Arsene St., 7 p.m.
Thurs., 3/10, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Neighborhood Forum

Tues., 3/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Reconstructing Green Street

Planning Board

Tues. 3/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 2/24, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 3/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Budget meeting

Mon., 3/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 3/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Health

Tues., 3/8, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Park Commission

Mon., 3/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon. 14, Town Hall, (Time TBA)

TIDE TABLE

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March 2016		HIGH		LOW	
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Sunday	6	0536	1759	1107*	2322*
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Tuesday	8	0706	1930	0014*	1242*
Wednesday	9	0753	2019	0107*	1331*
Thursday	10	0843	2109	0202*	1422*
Friday	11	0932	2159	0253*	1508*
Saturday	12	1023	2252	0340*	1552*
Sunday	13	----	1219	0526*	1738*
Monday	14	0050	1319	0620*	1834*

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From our readers

HARC calls for EPA to stop burying PCBs

Hands Across the River Coalition, Inc. (HARC) has written a letter of complaint to the EPA's Inspector General regarding the EPA's plan to bury 300,000 cubic yards of PCB sediments in the riverbed of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site near a densely populated, residential area and high school in Fairhaven, MA.

This is the first time in the country that the EPA plans to bury deadly PCB sediments dangerously close to

residents. HARC calls for a method that better protects public health — removal of the PCB sediments safely to an offsite, TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) approved landfill.

HARC is a New Bedford, MA-based environmental advocacy group that advocates for a safe, health conscious cleanup of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site and other contaminated sites in the Greater New Bedford area.

The group provides information about the detrimental health effects caused to the community by toxic

chemicals, i.e. PCBs, DIOXIN, mercury, lead and others.

The Acushnet River running through New Bedford Harbor was known to be the #1 most PCB contaminated river in the world. Concerns about fish consumption with PCB contaminated fish prompted the EPA to designate this site as the "New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site."

Susan Grace, HARC

EDITOR'S NOTE: Read HARC's letter on our website, www.NeighbNews.com.

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The Fairhaven Office of Tourism is seeking a few volunteers to serve at the Visitors Center on weekday mornings from June through September. A volunteer would be expected to work for a shift from approximately 9:30 a.m. to noon on a Thursday or Friday morning. The schedule may be once weekly or every other week, depending on the number of volunteers available. Volunteers would be on duty at the Visitors Center while the Director of Tourism is out of the office guiding tours. Training and reference materials will be provided.

Volunteers should be able to:

- Answer visitors' general questions about local attractions and provide travel directions if needed.
- Help visitors find specific information that is available in brochures and/or direct them to other sources of assistance.
- Answer the telephone and take messages if needed.

Visitors Center volunteers represent the Town of Fairhaven to the public. They should have a neat,

professional appearance, a friendly, outgoing personality and be comfortable with people "one on one" or in small groups. Good communication skills, both in person and on the phone are a must.

A general knowledge of Fairhaven and surrounding communities is needed. Visitors Center volunteers must be able to work alone without supervision. Volunteers do not need to be versed in local history, though some historical knowledge can be helpful.

If you have questions, or are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call Chris Richard, 508-979-4085, or email FairhavenTours@aol.com.

Sponsor the Bounce House

Last summer, the Fairhaven Office of Tourism created a new summer activity in town — the eight-week Monday Morning Fun programs on the lawn of the Visitors Center in July and August. Each week there were children's lawn games, face painting, Del's Frozen Lemonade, visits from Chuck E. Cheese and special children's programs.

Some of the guest presentations were provided by the Buttonwood Park Zoomobile, the Buzzards Bay Coalition, the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, DJ Ken Souza, author/illustrator Kristine Daniels and others. For six of the eight weeks there was a bounce house, rented from DeTerra's Jump & Party.

This was a very successful program attended by many children

and their parents or guardians.

Having the bounce house at the Monday Morning Fun programs was a big hit, but it is an expense. This year, the Office of Tourism added a budget request to help fund the programs, but that money was not included in the administration's recommendation submitted to the Board of Selectmen by the Town Administrator. So as I did last year, I am seeking donations from the community in order to continue the Monday Morning Fun programs.

If any businesses or organizations would like to help out by sponsoring the bubble bounce for a week, that would be a big help. This year the program is scheduled to run seven weeks, from July 11 to August 22. Melissa DeTerra is giving us a very special rental rate of \$100 per week. (I am also getting a price of a larger water slide unit for one week.)

Sponsors last year included Kristine Daniels Studio, Four Paws Up, Dream Land Arts & Crafts, Green Fairhaven, Fairhaven Lions Club and DeTerra's Jump and Party.

Any size contribution is welcome. If the contribution covers the full \$100 rate for the bubble bounce, you will be acknowledged as a sponsor in the publicity.

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