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Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow?



Katherine St. Amand wears sandals as she slides down a pile of snow at Winterfest in Cushman Park in Fairhaven on Sunday, 9/27, perfectly illustrating the point of having snow in September. The event was free and held in honor of LCpl. Matthew Rodriguez, who was killed at the age of 19, in Afghanistan on 12/11/3. 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.

Look who I saw this weekend!

Now, about that fish pier (see page 4). This thing has been kicking around for years. A lot of egos are getting bruised and both sides are getting a little hot under the collar.

Let's take a look at this from the beginning.

Back in 2008-ish or so, the Selectboard asked the state to look into building a fish pier at Hoppy's Landing to get people off the causeway. The general wisdom at the time was that the pier would be built off the south point. There's great scup fishing over there. Anyone with a six-foot skiff can tell you that. Just a few hundred feet off that point and you can find keepers all year long.

In 2011, the town signed a land management agreement with the state for the recreational fishing pier. The agreement does not specify where the pier will be, it just says Hoppy's Landing on Causeway Road.

Since then the state guys have been meeting with the Marine Resources Committee (known by other names previously), to discuss the project. Some people went to those meetings at the beginning. Then, when it seemed that the south point was the place for the fish pier, they stopped going.

Then the project changed.

The state decided it would be too expensive to build at the point. But instead of scrapping the project, they decided to build a fish pier right at Causeway Road, the very place where the original request had been to MOVE people AWAY from.

Now, at the risk of insulting the members of the Marine Resources Committee, the rest of it all kind of fell into obscurity. It's not a major board, it's an advisory committee. People believed, and rightly so, that any real decisions would be made by the Selectboard and so it would go before them again. The Selectboard is the authority, not the Marine Resources Committee.

And, of course, a state project needs a public comment period, right? Well, that only happened this summer. The comment period closed on August 16. So how can this be a done deal?

What's the point of a comment period if the state is just going to go ahead with it no matter what?

What is the point of having the meetings at Selectboard and Board of Public Works? What is the point of asking for public comment? What is the point of all that if the state will just refuse to withdraw its application, if the state will just ignore all public comment? No one even mentioned any public comments that might have been submitted.

What, indeed, is the point?

So, here's the cautionary tale to all elected officials: be careful what you sign. The land management agreement just says they will build a fish pier at Hoppy's Landing. It does not specify the south point. A lawyers argument, to be sure, but a valid one nonetheless.

It appears, to this lay person anyway, that the state may indeed be able to shove this down our throats.

And, please do NOT tell me this is a NIMBY thing or a snobby West Island thing. There was very little opposition, if any, when it was going on the south point of Hoppy's Landing. Maybe a few grumblers about out-of-towners, but nothing serious. And it's the same piece of property, a point the state is so willing to point out as they point to the land management agreement.

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(with...you know who)

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Same property, within a few hundred feet. But those feet make all the difference.

This project is a disaster in the making, and the state is going in with eyes wide open and a thumb to their noses at the town. Shame on them if they complete this project as it is currently designed.

Your tax dollars at work.

And what about the comment that this is for people who don't have boats and "can't afford to live on West Island"?

Oh, how do I count the ways? At the same time, they tell us they just built a

300-foot pier on Nantucket.

That's Nantucket the island.
Nan-tuc-ket.

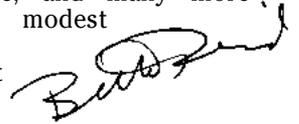
Nantucket is hardly a place synonymous with people who can't afford stuff. It costs a fortune just to get there, never mind live there.

Fairhaven is easily accessible to people in New Bedford and other modest southcoast communities. If you truly want to help the less well-heeled to be able to get to the fish, then THIS is the place to spend \$1+ million on a fish pier, not Nantucket.

So, build the thing out the 600 feet on the south point. It will be glorious, and it will be used, and it will be welcomed by those of use who live here.

If you can spend \$1+ million on Nantucket to benefit such a small group of people who can afford to get THERE, then you can spend \$1+ million in Fairhaven, where the project will be used by many more people, and many more people of modest means.

Until next week then...



Weekend happenings in Fairhaven (see page 5 for more)

Manjiro Festival this Saturday in Fairhaven



This Saturday, 10/3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., enjoy Japanese food and entertainment at the 15th Manjiro Festival in the center of Fairhaven. Features day long entertainment with no admission fees. Food and vendor booths. Karate and Japanese drum demonstrations.

This Japanese-American festival commemorates Manjiro Nakahama, the first Japanese person to live in America, and the town's Sister City connection with Tosashimizu, Japan. Arts and crafts, food, entertainment, Taiko drumming, tea ceremony, tours of the Manjiro Trail and more. Sponsored by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society. Free admission.

Entertainment Schedule (on four stages)

- 10-10:30 a.m. The Beans, Takao Shinzawa Classical Flute, Martial Arts.
- 10:30-11:15 a.m. Shindaiko Taiko Drums
- 11:15 a.m.-Noon Tea Ceremony, Alan Sosei Palmer; E. Fairhaven Peace Students (11:30), Martial Arts
- Noon-12:30 p.m. Official Opening
- 12:45-1:30 p.m. The Beans, Ikebana

- Keiko Thayer, Martial Arts
- 1:30-2:15 p.m. Shindaiko Taiko Drums
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. The Beans, Tea Ceremony Alan Sosei Palmer, Boston Chorus (3 p.m.), Martial Arts
- 3:30-4:30 p.m. The Beans, Ikebana Keiko Thayer, Martial Arts
- 4:30-5 p.m. Closing & Tosa Dance

On Sunday, 10/4, 6:30 p.m., join us and our Japanese guests for the Friendship Dinner at the Unitarian Church Hall in Fairhaven; \$25 per person (children 12 & under \$15)

Buffet dinner includes: Sirloin Steak Tips (with mushrooms & onions), Seafood Newburg over Puffed Pastry, Garlic Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Summer Squash, Zucchini & Broccoli, Cloverleaf Rolls & Butter, Petite Éclairs & Raspberry Cream Squares, Coffee-Punch.

For more information, and to get tickets, call 508-858-5303 or email Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org. Visit <http://whitfield-manjiro.org/PROGRAMS.html> for details.

Fire department to hold fire safety demo on Sunday

The Fairhaven Fire & EMS Department welcomes local families to a Free "Public Safety Open House" on Sun., 10/4, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Fairhaven Fire Department Headquarters, 146 Washington St.

The Annual Open House, sponsored by The Fairhaven FD, is aimed at teaching families safety and prevention practices.

This open house commemorates National Fire Prevention Week,

officially sponsored by the International, non-profit, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) of Quincy, MA. This year's theme: "Hear the beep where you sleep: every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm."

Visitors to the fire station will receive safety tips such as "stop, drop and roll," learn how to plan escape routes, tour fire apparatus, watch how fast fire burns, learn how to use a fire extinguisher and try your escape plan skills in the SAFE House smoke trailer along with other fun activities for kids.

The open house is part of a broader community relations campaign sponsored by the NFPA, Fairhaven Firefighters and the local Papa Gino's Restaurant which will provide free pizza and children's coloring sheets at the event. For the past 20 years Papa Gino's has partnered with the fire service to help teach fire safety throughout Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

For more information, call the Station at 508-994-1428. "Like" us on Facebook: FAIRHAVEN FIRE-EMS; Visit www.FairhavenFire.org





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Selectboard votes not to support fish pier on Causeway

By Beth David
Editor

After hearing about the unsuitability of alternative sites, and hearing again from residents for and against, the Fairhaven Selectboard voted not to support a plan by the state to build a recreational fishing pier on both sides of Causeway Road.

At its meeting on Monday, 9/28, the board heard from Douglas Cameron, Assistant Director, Deputy Chief Engineer, Fishing and Boating Access in the Mass. Department of Fish and Game; and from Ross Kessler, Public Access Coordinator for the Recreational Fisheries Program of the Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries, who both worked on the proposal.

Also in favor of the plan was Ted Lorentzen, chairperson of Fairhaven's Marine Resources Committee.

Most other speakers were against the plan as it currently stands, which is to build two fishing piers on both the north and south sides of Causeway Road. Wheelchair access and handicapped parking would be available from Hoppy's Landing.

Since the last meeting, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Kessler and West Island residents looked at four alternative locations. All were rejected for various reasons.

The original plan at Hoppy's, several years ago, was to build a fishing pier at the south point. The state determined that the location was not suitable because the water is too low and the rocky shore would make it unfeasible to build a pier out to water that is at least six feet deep even at low tide.

West Island Improvement Association president Bob Konicki again asked the board to withdraw its application for the pier.

Mr. Cameron made it clear that the application was the state's, and not the town's to withdraw. He also reiterated that the land management agreement gave the state the right to continue with the project, even if the town changed its mind.

The Selectboard in 2011 signed an agreement to allow for the construction of the fishing pier at Hoppy's. It does not specify the south point.

Mr. Lorentzen reiterated his complaint that the issue had been discussed at his board's meetings for two years with no opposition from the public.

Residents, however, noted that the issue only went in front of the Selectboard recently.

Comments on the project, solicited by the state in a legal ad, ended on August 16.

Mr. Lorentzen, Mr. Cameron, and Mr. Kessler, however made it clear that the plans were set long before August 16. They also made it clear that they were not inclined to change those plans.

To complicate matters more, the water main under the causeway is slated to be replaced and the causeway itself is slated to be repaired or replaced.

"This is going to take people off the causeway," said Mr. Kessler, adding

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a fishing pier, you're
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[Ted Lorentzen]

that "people are all over the rocks" on both sides of the causeway.

He noted that he lives on Sconticut Neck, so he is a neighbor, too.

"I think this fear of all these people coming is completely overblown," said Mr. Kessler.

"If you're [going to] build a fishing pier, you're [going to] build it where people fish," said Mr. Lorentzen. "I'm a little disappointed this board let it get to this point."

He said the pier would be for everyone and provide "access for people who can't afford a boat and can't afford to live on West Island."

He told the board members they should look at why their "predecessors" agreed to it, and he questioned if the current board even has the authority to rescind the 2011 vote.

"That stretch of road is probably the most dangerous stretch of road in Fairhaven," said Mike Ristuccia, a

West Island resident and chairperson of the Board of Public Works.

He said, although it is just as wide as some other roads, it has no shoulders and it has very high curbs.

The accusations of NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) also made their way into the room.

Several residents, however, pointed out that the original plan had been for the south point, which is still on Hoppy's Landing. They said they did not object to the pier being at Hoppy's. It was only when the location moved to the causeway itself that opposition rose.

"It's not so much NIMBY," said Rob Rizzo, but more about finding a better spot.

Mr. Cameron said he believed it would cost more than \$1 million to build the pier on the south point, basing his estimate on a similar pier on Nantucket. The causeway plan is estimated to be about \$250,000.

Mr. Rizzo said that the estimate of \$1+ million is inaccurate because they used a Nantucket project as a guide, and any project on Nantucket will have increased transportation costs.

He said the current project as designed will cause people to load and unload their gear from the road.

"It's just [going to] cause more people, more congestion," he said.

Mr. Konicki said the he felt the site was just "inappropriate," and it was simply a safety issue.

"It just doesn't make sense," he said.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola, who was not on the board when the original agreement was signed, said the town has "drastically changed" since then.

"People are so against it," he said.

Selectboard Chair Geoffrey Haworth said he believed the project could be done safely, but did not believe it was something he could support as is.

"I'm a little perplexed," said Mr. Kessler, of all the safety talk, because the plan was designed to improve safety.

He said the complaints "came from left field at the eleventh hour."

In the end, the board voted not to support the project.

Mr. Cameron said the state would not withdraw its application for the project.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

15th Manjiro Fest

On Sat., 10/3. See page 3 for details.

Fire Safety Demo

On Sun., 10/4. See page 3 for details.

SAVE THE DATE

Oxford Bell To Be Removal

The public is invited to attend A Colonial Spirited Day to Watch the Revere Bell Removal, on Sat., 10/10, at Oxford School, 12 Noon (across from Benoit Square)

Please come and enjoy a special afternoon as the Historic 1796 Paul Revere Bell is removed from the Oxford School Belfry to be preserved for the Town of Fairhaven.

Gather around and join us as Mrs. Xifaris, a former principal of Oxford School, rings the bell for one last time in honor of all students who heard the call to education and entered these school doors.

Bring the kids of all ages to see history in the making. **Show your spirit and dress up in your colonial clothing** to help us celebrate and honor the Patriot Paul Revere's Bell casted in Boston in May 1796, the third oldest Revere Bell known in existence.

The Revere Bell will be accessible to the public for a short time so you will be able to put your hands on history, feel free to take photos and see our Town's historical artifact and a national treasure.

Free and open to everyone. Compliments of: A1 Crane Services which provided all services for no charge; Fairhaven Lumber for all the materials needed for no charge; Keith Silvia Carpentry for all carpentry services needed for the proper removal and storage container for no charge; Cottrell Construction/ LePage Roofing for roofing services; Rogers-Oxford Study Committee, NFIA, Lions Club, & all the volunteers who provided their time and help to make this event successful

Harvest Fun Day

Third Annual Harvest Fun Day, Sat., 10/10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fairhaven Visitors Ctr., 141 Main St.

Enjoy some fall family fun at Harvest Fun Day where you will find more than 35 booths by local non-profit groups and business, children's

activities and more. Face painting, craft projects, pumpkin decorating, games. Enjoy some great food, including caçoila sandwiches, apple crisp, Del's Frozen Lemonade, apple cider donuts, fudge and more. Musical entertainment by The Showstoppers. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. Free admission.

Oktoberfest

Join us at the West Island Community Center,, 41 Causeway Road, for our annual Oktoberfest and Beer Swap, Sat., 10/3, 710 p.m., Tickets, \$10. RSVP Marc, 774-259-5561

Traditional food will be served. **Beer Tasting & Beer Swap.** Beer swap, here's how it works: Get a group of people together and each person brings a 6 pack of a unique craft beer (no domestics). Every guest swaps beers with every other guest and suddenly each person has a six pack of 6 different beers.

Blessing of Animals

Trinity Lutheran and Church of the Good Shepherd will hold their annual joint **Blessing of the Animals on Sun., 10/4, at 12:30 pm at Livesey Park in North Fairhaven**, in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi.

Pastor Paul Wheeler of Trinity Lutheran Church will officiate. All pets will receive individual blessings, and should be on lead or in a crate. Everyone is welcome.

Fall Breakfast

Annual Fall breakfast this **Sun., 10/4, at St. Mary's Parish, 440 Main Street Fairhaven, from 8:30-11:30 a.m.** Breakfast, Raffle, Bake Sale.

Serving fruit cup, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, potatoes, pancakes, juice & doffee. Tickets are....a real bargain: **Adults \$6; Youth 5-10, \$3; Children under 5 Free**

Cultural Council. apps

The Fairhaven Cultural Council's 2016 grant application cycle is now open! The group was recently awarded \$6100 from the Mass. Cultural Council and \$1,000 from the Town of Fairhaven, providing a total of \$7100 in funds available to community organizations and schools providing cultural programs

to Fairhaven residents during the 2016 calendar year.

To apply pick up hard copies at the Selectmen's Office in the Fairhaven Town Hall, or download forms online at <http://www.mass-culture.org/Fairhaven>. There is also a specific LCC Field Trip Grant application form if that applies to your project.

Completed applications and required documents can be hand-delivered to the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall or mailed to 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719, and **must be postmarked no later than 4:00pm on October 15, 2015.** Applicants must read all guidelines and requirements thoroughly to ensure their application may be considered.

State and local grant guidelines are found at <http://www.mass-culture.org/Fairhaven>. There is also more information on the council's blog at <http://fairhavenculturalcouncil.blogspot.com>.

Priority will be given to first-time applicants and to programs or projects that are specifically related to the culture and history of Fairhaven.

The Fairhaven Cultural Council is funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the town of Fairhaven. The mission of the Massachusetts Cultural Council is to promote excellence, access, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and contribute to the economic vitality of our communities. The Fairhaven Cultural Council specifically supports the arts and culture in Fairhaven and the Southcoast community.

Animal Shelter FR Skate for a Cause

Enjoy a night of skating and support the Fairhaven Animal Shelter at the same time. On Thurs., 10/8, from 6-8 p.m., all admission fees at Carousel Family Fun Center, 4 David Drown Blvd., Fairhaven, will be donated directly to the shelter. Vendors welcome, tables and chairs provided. (Sorry, no pets). Visit www.carousel skate.com

If you can, please bring something to donate to the shelter. Find it on Facebook to see what they need.

Encampment shows life in 1700s



The Fairhaven Village Militia brought the Revolutionary War era to life at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven this weekend to commemorate an attack by British forces. In September 1778, about 4,000 British soldiers attacked the four villages situated on the Acushnet River. During the raid houses, ships and business places in New Bedford, Acushnet and Fairhaven were ransacked and burned. The fort at Nolscot Point in Fairhaven, now called Fort Phoenix, was destroyed by British troops. LEFT: Matt McDonald eats a traditional meal of lobster and clams, a meal that soldiers could have taken from the ocean in 1778. ABOVE LEFT Luke Stanger (RIGHT) catches the ring tossed by his sister Nina (LEFT) in the game called "gracie" while their brother Jack (MIDDLE) plays crap ball, both are games that would have been played in the late 1700s in America. LEFT: Fairhaven Militia member Jeremiah Katz lights cannon #3 on Sat., 9/26, at dusk. Beth David photos.

Cub Scout Pack 52 & Boy Scout Troop 52



Join the Scouts!

Boys are welcome to join anytime throughout the year. Meetings are held from 6:30–8 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Mary's Church in Fairhaven (440 Main St.). Next meetings are on 10/1 & 10/8.

For Cub Scout information contact
Jason Schofield at 774-473-4338

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For Boy Scout information contact
Bob Dorgan at 508-994-5361

ATRIA FAIRHAVEN

Our residents are looking forward to an exciting, eventful October here at Atria Fairhaven. We'd love for you to join us.
(RSVP: 508-994-9238)

Join us for:

Join us for Active Aging Week

Dorothy Cox Candy Sale Wed., 10/7, 12:30 p.m. Dorothy Cox Chocolates will be joining us with an assortment of delicious regular and sugar-free candies and chocolates.

Autumn Soup Tasting Mon., 10/19, 2:30 p.m. Stop on in and warm up your taste buds with some of our delicious homemade soups prepared by our own Atria Chefs. Entertainment with Gary Duquette.

Oktoberfest Wed., 10/21, 2:30 p.m. Enjoy some hearty German fare along with toe tapping accordion player David Caponigro. Let's raise our glasses and have some fun! Some beer tasting for everyone!



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FHS Girls soccer record drops after loss to Voc-Tech



Fairhaven lost 2-0 to GNB Voc-Tech on Monday, 9/21, at Hastings Middle School, dropping them to 1-5 overall with a 1-4 record in the South Coast Conference. ABOVE: Fairhaven's Kaci Berche fights for possession of the ball for the Lady Blue Devils, who fell 2-0 to GNB Voc-Tech on 9/21 at HMS. RIGHT: Fairhaven's Madison Bussierre fights through Audra Gracia to gain possession of the ball. Photos by Ryan Feeney.



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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Free Flu Clinics

The Greater New Bedford Community Health Center has announced that it will provide free flu vaccine at the following locations and times.

- **Sat., 10/3, from 9–11 a.m.**, 874 Purchase St., New Bedford. The vaccine provides protection against seasonal flu and will be available to both adults and children six months and older. For information, please call 508-992-6553.
- **Mon., 10/5, from 10:30 a.m to noon**, 26 Caroline St., New Bedford. There is no out of pocket cost but participants are asked to please bring in their insurance cards. Consent forms will be available for signing. The vaccine provides protection against seasonal flu and will be available to adults 18 years and older. For further information, please call 508-992-6553.

Autumn Festival

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 235 No. Front St., New Bedford, will be having an **Autumn Festival on Sat., Oct., 3, from 11-6 in the Church Hall. Featuring our famous Polish Kitchen and various vendors.**

Visit <http://www.olphchurchnb.org> or call 508-992-9378

Alzheimer's Walk

The 2015 Southeastern Mass. Walk to End Alzheimer's® is set for **Sun., 10/4, at Fort Taber, 950 Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford. Register online at www.alzwalkMANH.org. Reg. at 8:30 a.m., ceremony at 9:30 a.m., walk steps off at 10 a.m. 3.1 miles.**

Highlights include free refreshments, children's activities, the opportunity to connect with local service providers and the opportunity to learn more about the services the Alzheimer's Association provides.

Walk to End Alzheimer's is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. For more information or to volunteer or participate in the Walk call 800-272-3900 or visit www.alzwalkMANH.org.

Yard & Bake Sale

Pilgrim United Church of Christ

presents an Indoor Yard & Bake Sale on **Fri., 10/9 from 5–8 p.m. and Sat., 10/10 from 10 a.m.–2 p.m., at Pilgrim Church Home, 634 Purchase St., New Bedford.**

Proceeds to benefit PUC's programs. Bargains for all!

Contact: Lora, 508-998-1718, or Alice, 508-996-1498, for drop off times.

Cemetery Tour

On Sun., 10/4, the New Bedford Preservation Society will present a tour of Pine Grove Cemetery, 1100 Ashley Blvd., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Rain Date: 10/11). **General Admission \$18 at the cemetery; Society Members \$15.** Call 508-997-6425, or Visit www.nbpreservationsociety.org

Historic portrayals in period costume will take place at the gravesites of New Bedford notables along the tour route. The Pine Grove Cemetery is the burial site of many residents of the city's north end along with numerous World War I veterans in its World War I Veterans Plot.

Former New Bedford Mayor Leo H. Carney is interred there as well as the late Bishop "Daddy" Charles H. Grace, leader of the United House of Prayer for All People. An elaborate mausoleum was constructed there after his death in 1963.

The smallest of our city-owned cemeteries, comprised of approximately 50 acres, it was opened in the 1890s. Cemeteries have been called outdoor museums, windows to the culture of the past. They not only serve as a resting place for the departed, they tell us much about the times in which they lived.

Guided walking tours led by knowledgeable society volunteers will step off from the cemetery maintenance building, located at the end of the cemetery front entrance drive, **every ten minutes beginning at 11 a.m. The last tour will leave at 1 p.m.** The tour route encompasses approximately one mile in a one-hour walk, so plan to wear comfortable walking shoes.

A portion of the proceeds generated from the tour will be donated to the society's Captain Daniel Drayton Grave Restoration Project. It has been the society's goal to raise funds through its annual cemetery tours to preserve deteriorated markers. The first

marker chosen was that of Captain Daniel Drayton, who was a coastal trader determined to help slaves escape from the south to freedom aboard his ship, the "Pearl." His efforts eventually cost him his family, his liberty and his health. He died in New Bedford in 1857 a broken man. His gravesite at Rural Cemetery is in need of immediate repairs, and the Preservation Society is seeking contributors to the grave restoration project to honor this forgotten abolitionist hero. The stone has arrived, and Rex Monument has finalized versions of the inscriptions. The rededication of the monument is scheduled for next spring. Donations to the project can be made at www.nbpreservationsociety.org.

Please call the New Bedford Preservation Society office at 508.997.6425 or visit the website for more information.

Free Play/Moby Dick

The Consulate of Portugal in New Bedford, along with the Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture at UMass Dartmouth, present a performance of "Moby-Dick" by the Portuguese theater company *teatromosca* on **Thurs., 10/8, at 7 p.m. in the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 187 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford.** The play is spoken in Portuguese with English subtitles. The total length is approx. 55 mins. **Free and open to the community.**

CPR Course

Low Tide Yacht Club will host a CPR Training Course presented by Glenn Nunes on **Thurs., 10/8 from 6–8:30 p.m. at the LTYC Clubhouse, 1000B Rodney French Blvd, NB.**

This hands-on skills training prepares you to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies. It also teaches the skill and knowledge needed to provide care for victims of sudden cardiac arrest through the safe use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). Upon completion of this course you will be certified in both Adult and Infant CPR/AED.

The cost for this comprehensive training program is **\$35 and a self addressed stamped envelope.** To register contact Nancy Jordan at 508-999-9722; leave your name and number and she will return your call.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Acushnet Residents

REMINDER TO ALL ACUSHNET RESIDENTS: If you are not yet a registered voter and would like to participate in the upcoming **Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday, October 19, 2015 you must register to vote by 8:00 p.m. Friday, October 9, 2015.**

The Town Clerk's Office is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and every Tuesday from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. The office will also be open until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, 10/9.

All new residents and residents who have changed their address within the town should register with the Town Clerk. If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's Office at (508) 998-0215.

Lions Clambake

The Acushnet Lions Club is holding its annual Clambake on Sat., 10/3, at the Rivers End Cafe, 7 Tarkiln Hill Road, Acushnet. Tickets are \$35, at the bar.

Collectibles & Crafts

Please join us at our third annual Smith-ApplebyAntiques, Collectibles, and New England Crafts Show on Sun., 10/4, on the grounds of the Smith-Appleby House, 220 Stillwater Road, Smithfield, RI. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. rain or shine. Visit <http://www.smithapplebyhouse.org>.

Visit antique dealer booths featuring historic, vintage, and collectible items. See a live blacksmith demonstration, spinners, and a wool demonstration. There will be many quality craft artisans' booths of handmade soaps, baskets, various country items, baked goods, and more. **Admission to the show is free. House tours are \$5 for adults and free for children.**

Twilight Workshop

Fermentation Twilight Workshop. Join the Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership as we continue our 2015 Twilight Workshop Series! This workshop will take place at the **Dartmouth Grange, Dartmouth, MA Mon., 10/5, from 6-8 p.m.**

Live-culture fermentation is an ancient method of food preservation that is still practiced widely around the world. Brined fermented

vegetables can retain their nutritional value over the entire winter season, allowing you to eat fresh and local all year round. In this workshop, learn how to ferment whole or chopped vegetables for flavor, nutrition, and preservation. Leave this course with an understanding of the basic science behind culinary fermentation, an appreciation of the magic of its flavors, and an ability to create your own fermented vegetables at home. **\$5 Beginning Farmers, \$15 SEMAP Members, \$20 General Public.** Visit semaponline.org/fermentation-twilight-workshop-monday-105 for details and registration.

SNEEF Forum

TechStars winner Peter Zawadzki and his startup Classics&Exotics speaks at Southern New England Entrepreneurs Forum (SNEEF), **Thur., 10/8, 6-9 p.m., at White's, 66 State Road, Westport.** Panelists: Jennifer Jordan, VP, MassVentures, and Barbara Arena, VP, Granite State Development Corp. Open to public. **Admission \$20, SNEEF, Affiliate member \$15, SNEEF Members free. Pizza and salad dinner. Join SNEEF for \$75 and attend free.** Register at www.SNEEF.org.

Auditions

Buzzards Play Productions, Inc. is holding auditions for its Holiday presentation, *Miracle on 34th Street* on **Sun., 10/4, from 6 to 8 p.m., Wed., 10/7 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Sun., 10/11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the theatre, 3065 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham, MA 02538.** (Directly across from Benny's) *Miracle on 34th Street* will be directed by Ms. Traci Antil of Fairhaven. The performances are slated for two weeks at the end of December.

Audition requirements: Prepare a short dramatic monologue of your choice. A holiday theme is recommended but not required. Be prepared to do a cold reading from the script. However, auditioners may e-mail tre0714@aol.com for info or questions and/or to confirm auditions.

Additional info at buzzplayprod@gmail.com or call 508-591-3065. Walk-ins will be accepted.

Roles: (The suggested ages are approximate and flexible). All are welcome to audition for any role

Kris Kringle, age 60's-70's; Fred Gailey, age 25 to 35; Doris Walker, age 25 to 35; Susan Walker, age 7 to 9; Granville Sawyer, age 40-50; R.H. Macy age 50's-60's; Mr. Gimbel, age 50's-60's. Ensemble roles and cameos are available for adults and children.

The Story: Kris Kringle is the personification of good will and holiday spirit. As Macy's holiday Santa, he enchants children and shoppers so completely that he is deemed dangerous by fellow employees who question his competency and plot to ruin him. A small girl's belief in Santa and the magic of the holiday are at stake in a climactic courtroom decision. This hilarious, tender and charming show for the entire family is a Christmas classic.

Apple Days

New England is experiencing a bumper crop of apples this year, and Old Sturbridge Village celebrates the taste and history of an old-fashioned apple harvest during its annual Apple Days Festival, **Oct. 3-4 and Oct. 10-12.** Visitors can taste nearly forgotten heirloom apple varieties, help the farmers pick apples 1830s-style, try their hands at cider making, and see the ox-powered Cider Mill in operation as it grinds and presses apples.

Village historians will cook with apples over the hearth, talk about apple preservation, and give tours of the root cellar to show how apples were stored. Village gardeners will lead orchard walks and recount the amazing origins of some of today's popular apple varieties.

Old Sturbridge Village is one of the country's oldest and largest living history museums, celebrating life in early New England from 1790-1840. The Village offers free parking and is open from 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. seven days a week.

Daily admission is: \$24 for adults, \$22 for seniors, \$10 for children ages 3-17, and children 2 and under are admitted free. Each admission includes free parking and a free second-day visit within 10 days.

October is also prime foliage viewing season. The Old Sturbridge Inn and Reeder Family Lodges, owned and operated by the Village, offer special Fall Foliage Packages.

Call 1-800-SEE-1830 or visit: www.osv.org or

Recipe of the Week

Cod Fish Cakes

- 1 box salt cod
- 6 slices bacon, diced and cooked
- 4 medium potatoes, cubed
- 1-2 tbsp butter
- 1 medium onion, diced

Soak salt cod overnight, changing water frequently.

Dice bacon and cook over medium high heat until crisp, stirring frequently.

Drain bacon, reserving 1-2 tablespoons. Place onion in pan and cook until soft and clear; mash cooked potatoes.

Mix cod, bacon, potatoes, and onion in large bowl. With ice cream scoop, make cod fish patties.

Melt butter in fry pan, place cakes in pan and cook until golden brown on both sides. Serve hot.

Serves 4-6

By Ann Pieroway

Author of *Tastes and Tales of Coastal New England* and more

Shot is best flu prevention

Press Release

Don't be fooled by these common misconceptions about flu shots. A flu shot is one of the best ways to prevent getting the flu.

Myth #1: The flu shot gives you the flu. The viruses in the flu shot are killed (inactivated) so people cannot get the flu from a flu shot. Minor side effects including soreness, redness or swelling where the shot was given, a low grade fever or aches may occur and last one to two days. Almost all people who receive influenza vaccine have no serious problems from it.

Myth #2: It's too late to get the flu shot. Flu season typically peaks in January or February. It takes about two weeks after being vaccinated to develop full protection, so you should make getting the vaccine a priority.

Myth #3: If you get the flu, you can't get it again during that flu season. Different strains of the flu circulate each season, so don't assume that if you have already had the flu, you will not get it again.

Myth #4: Antibiotics will help fight against the flu. Antibiotics work well against bacteria, but are not effective

for a viral infection like the flu.

Myth #5: The flu is only spread by coughing and sneezing. While the flu is spread by coughing, sneezing and even talking, the flu virus can survive for a few hours or even a day on surfaces and in enclosed spaces. The most common way the flu virus is spread is when hands that have been in contact with contaminated surfaces go near your face. That is why you should wash your hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol-based cleanser.

Flu shots are now available at AFC Doctors Express New Bedford. No appointment or referral needed, and most insurance coverage accepted. Open 7 days a week, 119 Coggeshall St., New Bedford; 508-990-1900.

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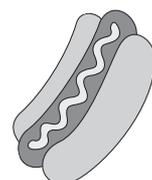
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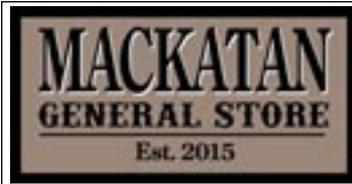
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Winterfest brings winter fun a few months early

By Beth David
Editor

Cushman Park became a winter sport wonderland on Sunday, 9/27, with 10 tons of snow trucked in for snow games and sliding and, of course, a little snowball fighting.

And it certainly can't be winter without the big guy, so Santa made a visit, with Mrs. Claus at his side. It is, after all, the off-season.

The second annual Winterfest was free to participants and included a table with all the necessities to make snow figures, piles of snow for making snowballs or sliding, large targets to throw those snowballs (not at each other, kids), and pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, all with Christmas tunes blasting through the park.

"It's cute," said Joanne St. Amand. "It brings the community together. Snow this time of year? Adorable. The little snowmen, just adorable."

"I've never been to anything like this before," said Hayley Whitley, as she watched her toddler son throw snowballs with his dad.

At the Santa canopy, children sat with Santa and Mrs. Claus, revealing their secret desires.

It's never too early to think about Christmas.

Some children cried, of course, while their adults laughed, some shied away, some ran to the big guy with gusto.

The Disney princesses were also on hand for pictures; the National Guard had a soccer and baseball tent for young and old alike to try their aiming skills; food vendors, bounce houses and face painting rounded out the scene.

A magic show and mad science show also kept people entertained.

The event was held in honor of Lance Corporal Matthew Rodriguez, a Marine who was killed at the age of 19 in Afghanistan on 12/11/13. A Fairhaven resident, LCpl Rodriguez loved winter sports, said his mother Lisa. The event, which was free except for food vendors, was held as a way to give back to the community for all the support people showed after Matthew was killed.

"It's an amazing turnout," said Lisa. "[Matthew] loved the snow, he loved winter sports, but he hated the cold."

So what could be better in his honor than having snow in September?

"It's just a great event," said Michael Knabbe, a key organizer of Winterfest. "It's way for the community to come together, it's a family day, and a way to remember Matt."

"It's all about the Rodriguez family giving back for all the support they got when he was killed," said Mr.



Knabbe.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola said a few words before the magic show, thanking the family for holding the event.

"They are doing wonderful things in [Matthew's] name and in his honor," said Mr. Espindola.

Visit www.thesmilingwarrior.org to learn more about the LCpl Matthew R. Rodriguez Memorial Foundation, which is also organizing a road race on November 8.

At the risk of giving away trade secrets: the snow came from skating rinks and local ice houses. The rinks scrape off the layers to smooth the ice creating snow. ●●●



ABOVE: Children climb a pile of snow at Cushman Park in Fairhaven during the 2nd annual Winterfest in honor of LCpl. Matthew Rodriguez who was killed in Afghanistan on 12/11/13. TOP: Children make snow figures, complete with carrot noses and stick arms. ABOVE MIDDLE: Olivia Rosas shakes the snow off her hands, clearly surprised at how cold it is. RIGHT: Children react in their own special ways to a visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus. Photos by Beth David. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos



Working Waterfront Fest celebrates fishing industry

By Beth David
Editor

The theme of this year's Working Waterfront Festival, "Every Object Tells a Story," was chosen with an eye to the future. The group is working to establish the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, which will exhibit items that tell the story of the fishing industry.

According to the program book, New Bedford's fishing industry makes up 1/3 of the city's economy generating approximately \$4 on land for every \$1 in landings, and supports a wide array of companies.

The WWF was held on Saturday and Sunday on the piers of New Bedford, and included cooking demonstrations, fishing boat tours,

on-water events, musical entertainment, author events, vendor booths and informational booths.

The festival is held the last weekend in September each year. For more information, including a download of the program guide (which includes a couple of recipes) visit www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org, or call 508-993-8894.



LEFT: Children watch closely as Mathieu Lemieux demonstrates how scallopers measure the holes in their nets to comply with regulations at the Working Waterfront Festival in New Bedford on Saturday, 9/26. RIGHT: The Buzzards Bay Rowing Club's whale boat "Phoenix" is dwarfed by the fishing boats of New Bedford harbor as BBRC members give lessons on how to row a whale boat at the festival on Sunday, 9/27. Photos by Beth David. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos

New Wattles Jacobs Center holds grand opening ceremony

By Beth David
Editor

The New Wattles Jacobs Education Center opened in grand style on Saturday, 9/26, with traffic on Johnny Cake Hill blocked off to accommodate seating for dignitaries from far and wide, local politicians, benefactors and the public.

The major donors and namesakes, Gurdon and Kathy Wattles, and Dr. Irwin and Joan Jacobs, also attended and spoke to the crowd.

"It's unbelievable, it's astounding," Kathy Wattles told the crowd.

Mr. Wattles called it a "joyful merger."

The new center has four levels and houses a discovery center, a research library, a learning and media lab, a gallery, and a function room with views of the harbor.

"We had a great time putting it together," he said.

Keynote speaker Armand Fernandes, chairperson of the New Bedford Whaling Museum, told the crowd that, "Dr. Jacobs is a native son, who never, never, never forgot his roots in this city."

He said that "knowledge is indeed

power and education is the great equalizer."

He recounted to the crowd that Mr. Jacobs' father owned a meat store in New Bedford. Irwin went to Cornell and MIT, and became extremely successful as the founder of Qualcomm.

"It goes to show you what a great community New Bedford is," said Mr. Fernandes. "So think of Dr. Jacobs when you talk to your kids."

Dr. Jacobs told the crowd that the focus of their philanthropy has always been New Bedford and education.

"I was very lucky to go through a very good education system here in New Bedford," said Dr. Jacobs, which allowed him to go to Cornell and MIT.

After the speechmaking, a toast, and a

ribbon cutting, the new center was open all weekend with programs and activities for all ages.

The new center is connected to the Whaling Museum, adding 3,000 square feet of classroom space, quadrupling the museum's existing classroom space.

To learn more about the center, visit <http://www.whalingmuseum.org/support/museum-building-project>



Armand Fernandes (left) and New Bedford mayor John Mitchell (right) hold the ribbon as donors and namesakes (L-R) Kathy and Gurdon Wattles, Dr. Irwin and Joan Jacobs, cut the ribbon on the new Wattles Jacob Education Center on Johnny Cake Hill in New Bedford. The center is part of the Whaling Museum. Beth David photo.

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Home Alone Safety Class

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The Journey of Alzheimer's Caregivers

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supplies (colored pencils, markers etc.) and we will supply coloring pages. Of course you can bring your own books too. Supplies can be purchased at A.C. Moore or Michaels (don't forget their 50% off coupons). The group will meet at The Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave. on Thursdays from 3-5 p.m. starting Oct. 1. For more information, call Anne Silvia at 508-979-4029.

SHINE Open Enrollment

During Medicare Open Enrollment from Oct.15 to Dec. 7 you will be able to change your plan for next year. If you would like help understanding your upcoming changes and options, a trained S.H.I.N.E counselor is available to offer FREE and CONFIDENTIAL counseling on all Medicare and related health insurance programs. Call the Fairhaven Senior Center, 508-979-4029 to make an appointment.

SNAP

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Ongoing Programs

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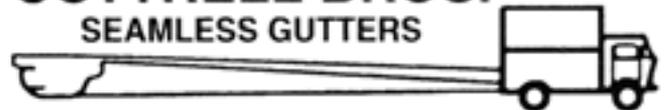
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Acushnet Selectboard not so sure about LNG tax revenue

Michael Smith

Neighb News Correspondent

On the heels of residents voicing their concerns about the proposed expansion of the LNG facility on Peckham Road, the Acushnet Selectboard discussed possible tax revenues from the project at their meeting Monday, 9/28.

Eversource held a public forum September 23 at Ford Middle School to inform residents on the proposed project that will see two new state-of-the-art tanks and a new pipeline constructed (see page 18).

The concerns Acushnet residents had, Chairman David Wojnar noted, were issues with public safety and possible decline of home property values. However, town officials had concerns of their own with projected tax revenue as stated in a memo read by Mr. Wojnar from the town assessor's office.

The cost of the project is estimated at a \$600 million. If approved, the project could possibly generate an additional 10 to 12 million dollars in tax revenue for Acushnet. But town assistant assessor Kelly Koska warned that it would be premature for Acushnet to anticipate a huge increase in tax revenue without certifying the values associated with the project first.

Ms. Koska said the current Hopkinton LNG site on Peckham Road, built in the mid-1970's, generated over \$527,529.72 in four taxable accounts for FY15 alone.

Mr. Wojnar concurred with Ms. Koska's assessment and asked for independent research on concerns with the project.

"It's important to have our own independent research so we can post our findings on the town page to

inform the public," said Mr. Wojnar.

"The project should be reviewed on its merits, and not necessarily on the tax dollars per se, although it is part of it," he added.

As for residents' safety concerns, Mr. Wojnar suggested an ad hoc committee be formed to look into legitimate safety issues.

In another matter, the board met with Carol Harris of Woodward and Curran, providing an update on the infiltration and inflow study on a proposal to solve the sewer outflow issues Acushnet is facing.

Mrs. Harris reviewed the proposal to the Selectboard, which includes flow isolation and access hole inspections, closed-circuit television inspections for 25% of the system, and a private inflow abatement plan that would look at sump-pumps, floor drains, and other issues that may be contributing to excessive outflow.

"We want to work with the community to develop a program that's going to meet your needs and meet your goals," Ms. Harris said.

Justin DeMello, a wastewater engineer with Woodard and Curran, said the sewer system is showing signs of age and sending out more wastewater flow than necessary.

"You're paying for extraneous flows you're sending," he said.

He told the board the town is paying anywhere from \$50,000 to \$75,000 on extraneous flows per year.

The project would be in five phases, which are recommended to solve the outflow issues, according to Ms. Harris. Each phase would drive the next phase. Work for the high-water ground would be done first starting in the spring.

The first three phases done at the same time, would cost approximately

\$100,000, with money coming from the sewer enterprise fund. Town Meeting will vote on that in Article 5 on October 19.

The Selectboard voted unanimously to keep two temporary maintenance workers on for another 30 days with the possibility of keeping them on for another year. The temporary crew has been working at the new library on Middle Road.

According to Mr. Wojnar, they have saved the town money while performing exemplary work. He then suggested keeping them on full-time for a year because of projects on the horizon.

"These projects will keep them busy all year long," said Mr. Wojnar. "I hate to lose these guys."

"I couldn't agree with you more," said Selectboard-member Kevin Gaspar. "They are hard-working kids and there is a lot of work coming up."

Town Administrator Alan Coutinho added that the two workers finished an estimated \$10,000 project for less than \$1,500.

One stumbling block is funding for the positions and putting it in the FY16 budget. If approved by the union for full-time work, the employees would be eligible for union benefits, according to Selectboard-member Garry Rawcliffe.

In other business, the board approved all 15 articles to be placed on the town warrant for the upcoming Special Town Meeting on October 19.

Some noted articles include \$265,000 for the purchase and equip-ping of a new ambulance. The money would come from the Ambulance Reserve Account.

Police Chief Michael Alves

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Residents make views known on LNG facility expansion

Michael Smith

Neighb News Correspondent

Eversource pulled out all the stops in providing a 90-minute information session Wednesday, 9/23, at Ford Middle School to explain the proposed expansion of the LNG facility in Acushnet. The open house format was followed by a Q&A session with a panel of LNG experts from Eversource Spectra Energy, and CH-IV International.

Officials said the project will help lower energy costs and provide more natural gas to the area by expanding on the existing Peckham Road facility. The project calls for two new state-of-the-art LNG tanks and a new pipeline.

The new tanks will be 3.4 billion cubic feet each. Currently, the site houses two LNG storage tanks with a total capacity of 0.5 Bcf, according to a fact sheet previously provided by Eversource. The outside diameter of each outer containment tank would be approximately 270 feet at the base; the height of each tank would be 170

feet. For comparison, the rainbow LNG tank on the Southeast Expressway is about 140 feet high. Other specifications on that tank were not available by press time.

The project will generate an estimated \$10 to \$12.5 million in taxes annually to the town.

The gymnasium was filled with displays of construction timelines, HD monitors depicting pipeline routes, and many representatives and experts on hand to answer questions.

Acushnet resident Jack Costa said he had concerns about the pipeline and got to take a look at the proposed route on one of the monitors as Bill Fricke of Spectra Energy helped explain the process.

"It seems like they got everything in control and covering their bases," Mr. Costa said about the project.

Mr. Costa, who will live a half a mile from the proposed route of the new pipeline, said he also had concerns if something was to happen at the facility.

"I'm only one person, but the current site has been safe all along," he said.

After the open house, a panel answered questions from the public. The project is slated to start construction in 2018 after research and permitting.

Acushnet Selectboard Chairperson David Wojnar opened the panel discussion.

He said the project will be a "long and arduous process" that has to have "a great deal of transparency with the town as a whole, and here we are."

Doug Foy, a former



cabinet secretary overseeing energy in the Romney administration, moderated.

Most of the questions from the public had to do with safety, from safe guards of accidents to possible terrorism.

Answering a question read from a card on a possible terrorist attack on the new facility, Phil Suter of CH-IV International, a consulting service for LNG developers, said that LNG facilities remain "low on the totem pole" as possible terrorist targets.

But Mr. Suter did assure the public that they will be looking into new security systems and computer firewalls to minimize and prevent potential cyber attacks.

Concerns about impact on wetlands and of bright lights from the new facility on nearby homes were also raised by Acushnet residents. Eversource's Jim Hunt said there were no conservation lands on the property owned by the company.

Jeff Martin of Eversource said there would be some additional lighting to the new facility, but there will also be studies done on the houses that abut the grounds prior to construction and the study's findings will be made available to the public.

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TOP: Joe Carvalho, president of the Coalition for Responsible Siting of LNG Facilities, makes a point to the panel at a public meeting with Eversource at Ford Middle School in Acushnet on 9/23. ABOVE: Bill Fricke of Spectra Energy talks with Acushnet resident Jack Costa, center, on the route of the proposed LNG pipeline through Acushnet during an information session before the panel convened. Photos by Michael Smith.



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Press Release

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Open to racing shells, open-water shells, kayaks, canoes, surf-skis, rowing crafts, whaleboats, pilot gigs, and stand-up paddleboards, with separate age categories. As always, the emphasis of the regatta is on good fun and enjoyment of the scenic Slocum.

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ABOVE: The Buzzards Bay Rowing Club participates in the Lloyd Center's Slocum Challenge on the Slocum River on Sept. 19. BELOW: Edward Dow works hard curing the regatta. *Submitted photos.*

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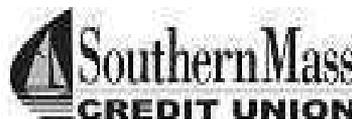
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Peter DeTerra, Chairman

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submitted Articles 9 and 10, looking or \$36,440 to purchase new Taser guns for each officer and \$10,112 in bulletproof vests.

Article 13, which has the school department requesting \$109,294 for upgrades in technology hardware, drew some concerns from Mr. Rawcliffe who asked why the school department was sitting on over \$92,000 in June and spent it on office supplies.

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The Selectboard convened in Executive Session to discuss non-union contracts.

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However, Joe Carvalho, president of the Coalition for Responsible Sitings of LNG Facilities, had more than just concerns with safety.

Mr. Carvalho, a Fall River resident, was instrumental in stopping Hess from building an LNG plant at the Weaver's Cove site in Fall River after a 10-year battle with the company that ended in 2011.

Holding documents and articles in his hand as he spoke, Mr. Carvalho asked the panel why energy companies like themselves and Exxon proceed with new projects when there are thousands of documented gas leaks in existing pipelines that have not been fixed.

"How safe are we? It only takes one accident," Mr. Carvalho said as the audience applauded his remarks.

Mr. Hunt responded by stating they are working on Massachusetts legislation and the Department of Public Utilities, and work is under way to address the leaks and update cast iron pipelines that are nearly 100 years old.

While Mr. Carvalho was on hand to address concerns, he and the coalition were not there to stop the proposed LNG project, he said.

"We are not here to fight LNG," said coalition board member Ray Thomas. "We are here to make sure it's done responsibly."

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Fri., 9/25, Town Hall, 3:30 p.m.

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Community Preserv. Comm

Thurs., 11/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 10/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Master Plan Sub-Comm.

Wed., 10/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Wed., 10/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

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

Police Station Bldg. Comm.

Wed., 10/7, Police Station, 3 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 10/7, Town Hall, 8 a.m.

Town Meeting

Oct. 19, Ford Middle School, 7 p.m.

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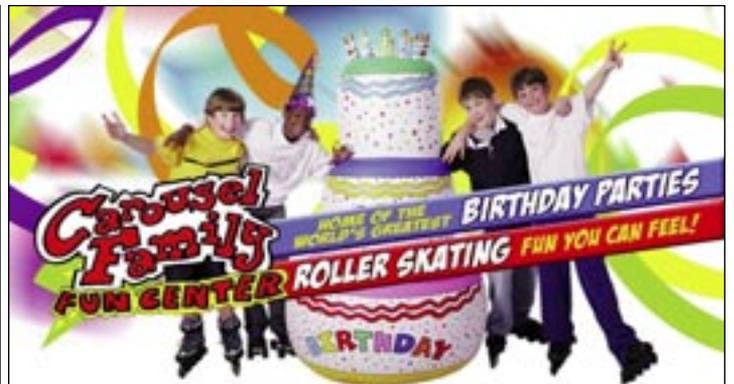
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