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## The Haunted Academy...if you dare



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The Fairhaven Visitors Center, 141 Main Street, is hosting The Haunted Academy, this weekend, Fri.–Sun., 6–9 p.m. The grounds around the old building, once a school, will be transformed into a classic Halloween haunt. Inside more frights and scares will await those brave enough to enter. (Some scenes may be too scary for pre-school aged children.) See page 12 for more. *Photo by Beth David.*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

It's here! It's here!  
Halloween....yippee!  
Hope you all have your copies of last week's issue (it's online). I also hope you had a chance to visit the houses that are already decorated.

This weekend, be sure to get to the Visitors Center for the Haunted Academy (page 12), and on Sunday evening, nice and early (5 p.m.), get yourself to North Fairhaven for the annual Horribles parade (page 5).

You'll also notice that the food drives are starting to gear up as the weather gets cold.

Brrr...it did get cold this week, huh? I actually used my wood stove a couple of times.

Time to stock up on apple cider and hot chocolate.

We have some meeting coverage for you this week. The Selectboard (page 4) did not vote on the remote voting issue. They kicked the can down the road a bit, opting to get more information. That means you have some time to have your opinion heard. Call those guys, email them, write letters to the editor. They will probably have it on their next agenda, so don't delay.

We also have a BPW story this week. See page 22 for that. Acushnet was hopping this week, too. See page 16 for that.

Our happenings pages (5, 8, 9), have all kinds of good stuff going on this weekend and next, in Fairhaven and surrounding towns. Acushnet is having a hay ride at the COA (see page 9), New Bedford's got a bike tour (see page 8), and lots of other stuff indoors and out.

As I mentioned above, as the weather gets cold, the food drives start popping up. Thanksgiving is right around the corner and lots of people are struggling to make a special meal for the family. Give to the local food pantries. They make it a point to give a special meal, including turkeys (or vouchers) for people who use their pantries.

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## Support the Food Pantry

The Shepherd's Food Pantry at the Long Plain United Methodist Church in Acushnet spends more than \$5,500 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 120 families each week and has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food.

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Five people killed in wrong-way crash on Route 495

*From Mass. State Police press release materials*

According to the Massachusetts State Police, five people were killed in a wrong-way crash on Route 495 in Middleborough just after midnight on Monday, 10/24.

The accident involved two vehicles with a total of five occupants. One vehicle contained the driver who was driving the wrong way, the other vehicle contained four people travelling northbound.

The operator who was driving the wrong way, southbound on the northbound side of the highway, was a 31-year-old woman with a last known address of Fall River. Why she ended up driving on the wrong side of the highway, and any contributing factors to her erratic operation, remain subjects of the ongoing State Police investigation.

The victims are identified as follows:

The operator of the 2011 Infiniti G37, who was operating southbound

on the northbound side of the highway, is identified as Valantein V. Burson, 31, of Fall River.

The operator of the 2003 Mercury Sable, the car that was traveling northbound when it was struck head-on by the wrong-way vehicle, is identified as Kraig A. Diggs, 20, of Paxton and Osterville, a student at Anna Maria College in Paxton.

The passengers in the Sable are identified as follows: Jordan J. Galvin-Jutras, 19, of Hyannis, a student at Anna Maria College in Paxton; Jordan J. Fisher, 19, of Harwich, a student at Becker College in Worcester; Cory P. Licata, 18, of West Babylon, N.Y., a student at Becker College in Worcester.

The facts and circumstances of the crash remain under investigation by Troop D of the Massachusetts State Police with the assistance of the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section and the State Police Crime Scene Services Section.

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# Selectboard puts off vote on remote participation

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard put off a vote on remote participation by town officials at its meeting on 10/17.

Kathy Sturtevant, a member of the Board of Public Works has pushed the issue so that she may vote while she spends four months in the winter at her home in Florida.

By state law, the Selectboard must approve the measure. In December of 2015, the board voted against the it, 2-1. Since then, Dan Freitas, who was a BPW member at the time and in support of remote voting, was elected to the Selectboard, replacing one of the "no" votes.

Ms. Sturtevant has been participating by phone or tablet, but not voting, while she was in Florida.

All the BPW members attended the meeting on 10/17 to discuss the issue. They did not, by any means, present a unified front.

BPW chairperson Michael Ristuccia said that the BPW decided that the Selectboard should decide the issue. He also asked, however, that the BPW be allowed to put the rules and regulations in place.

Robert "Hoppy" Hobson, a BPW member who has been very vocal against the idea, said he actually made the motion and voted to have the Selectboard decide, one way or the other. He said he was "sick of hearing about it" at BPW meetings over and over again.

He said when Ms. Sturtevant has participated remotely in the past he found it "very disruptive."

"You shouldn't even consider allowing something like this," said Mr. Hobson.

If someone wants to live in Florida for four or five months, "I don't think

they should be running for election on any board," said Mr. Hobson.

He said it was the "American way" to attend board meetings, and members should be able to attend 90% of the time.

BPW member Brian Wotton said he wanted the option for medical reasons that might arise, such as a car accident. He said they would set up rules and regulations, but the BPW should be able to set them up for themselves.

"We're a separate board, we're independent," said Mr. Wotton.

Frank Coelho, who is chairperson of the Marine Resources Committee, suggested that the Selectboard let Town Meeting decide.

"I'm not denying that you have the authority," said Mr. Coelho, but argued it should be turned back to voters. He said Ms. Sturtevant got it voted on last year, and should not keep coming back every year.

BPW member Jarrod Lussier agreed, but said it should go to a town-wide vote.

Selectboard member Dan Freitas disagreed, saying that board members were voted in to lead, not to bounce everything back to voters.

"At some point, you're elected to lead," he said.

Planning Board Chairperson Wayne Hayward spoke against the measure, saying it simply would not work for his board. He said board members need to be in the room, especially when looking at plans.

"There is a human element here," said Mr. Hayward, saying it is important to see people, read body language and engage in back-and-forth discussions.

He recited a litany of problems with remote voting, including a

problem with the logistics of it. Who would provide the equipment? What kind of equipment?

"We're not even allowed to

whisper," during a meeting, said Mr. Hayward, adding that no one will know what is going on at the other end.

He said just because technology is advancing, does not mean they all have to jump at the chance. It is not like ordering food at McDonald's.

"This is the wave of the future? Not my future," said Mr. Hayward.

What if he is driving or just does not feel like going to a meeting one day, so he decides to call in form his car instead?

"You've [got to] clarify all that for me," said Mr. Hayward.

Town Administrator Mark Rees said the board could limit the number of members who can call in at any time, and define the circumstances where it would be allowed. The rules would apply to all boards, which was another point of contention for Mr. Hayward.

He said all boards are not the same, so a one-size-fits-all solution would not work.

Mr. Ristuccia said he was very uncomfortable with the idea that his board would not be able to set the rules for itself.

Ms. Sturtevant was largely silent, letting her fellow board members take the floor most of the time. But she did say that she is now using Skype, so board members can see her and see that she is paying attention.

Jim Leal, a former member of the Fairhaven Housing Authority spoke against the idea. He said the FHA tried it and it did not work too well.

He said that when he went to Florida, he would fly back for meetings.

Selectboard chairperson Charles Murphy, the lone vote supporting the measure in December, is also the chairperson of the Commission on Disability. That board has always had an exemption, and has used remote participation in the past. Those boards have always been able to use remote voting because some members have physical difficulty getting

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## WI Road Close

### DATE CHANGE

The West Island Causeway was originally slated to be closed for part of the day on 10/28, but that date has been changed. The exact date has not been announced, but will probably be the week of 11/7. Please call the DPW, 508-979-4030 for details

## Haunted Academy

At the Fairhaven Visitors Center, 141 Main St. See page 12 for details.

## Halloween Parade

Annual Halloween parade sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. **On Sun., 10/30, 5 p.m. March down Main Street from Benoit Square to St. Mary's Church.** FREE. Meet at Benoit Square, where Main Street and Adams Street merge.

Prizes are given to: Most Horrible, Most original, Most beautiful. First, second and third place in each group: Toddler to 4 year old, 5 to 7 years old, 8 to 12 years old, 13 to 16 year old, Adults. Treat bags for all, free hot chocolate.

### Food Drive

Take cans and non perishable items to the parade and donate to the Boy Scouts for local pantries.

## Halloween Party

The West Island Improvement Association is holding an adult Halloween party on **Sat., 10/29, at 7 p.m., at the community center, 41 Causeway Rd. Costumes required. Adults only. BYOB**

Music by the Relics. Tickets: \$15. Contact Donna Hunter Curelop, 508-648-9241, or 508-996-3473.

## Clean it up

Students of the Fairhaven High School music program are offering Fall yard clean ups at reasonable rates. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help to defray the cost of their April 2017 trip and band competition in Toronto, Canada.

You can support these FHS music students by having them work for you. To schedule your yard cleanup contact the student by email at [fhsstudentcleanup@gmail.com](mailto:fhsstudentcleanup@gmail.com) or call 508-951-5198.

## High School Plays

This Fall The Fairhaven High School Drama Club is presenting two shows. The first is, *You Can't Take it With You*, which runs from **Nov. 3-5 at 7 p.m. tickets are \$10 for students and seniors and \$12 for adults. Our box office is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8.**

*You Can't Take it With You* is a raucous comedy for the whole family. Come see the unconventional Sycamore family as they deal with their daughter's fiance bringing his straight laced family to dinner on the wrong night!

Any additional questions can be directed to Jeremy Young at [Jyoung@fairhavenps.net](mailto:Jyoung@fairhavenps.net) or by calling 508-979-4051 (Ext. 11022).

The club will also present *Fairhaven is Kinda Live*, a student created show. This is a **one night only show December 2nd at 7 PM. Tickets are not on sale yet but they will be \$7 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults.**

## Spaghetti Supper

The Fairhaven Lions club, will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on **Wed., 11/16, from 5-7 p.m., at St Mary's Church, 440 Main St. Fairhaven.** Spaghetti (meat or meatless), garlic bread, salad, beverage and dessert. Tickets: \$8.00. For Tickets call 508-996-3420 or 508-542-2484. Sponsored by Southern Mass Credit Union

## Fight Alzheimer's

Gather with friends and family for a celebration of the season. Join us on **Sat., 10/29, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Atria Fairhaven, 391 Alden Rd., for our Bite to Fight Alzheimer's cook-out.** Eat, socialize and participate in our silent auction. Enjoy a variety of activities including face painting, pumpkin painting, and our pumpkin patch walk-through. You will also have an opportunity to learn more about Alzheimer's disease. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Alzheimer's Association®.

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## Wed. Walkabout

Take a stroll through working farms in Fairhaven, Mattapoisett and Rochester with the Buzzards Bay Coalition during "Wednesday

Walkabouts," a series of four walks on Wednesday mornings in November. You'll enjoy some fresh air and learn about the history of local farms that have been protected forever through a conservation restriction.

**On Wednesday, Nov. 2, tour Viveiros Dairy Farm in Fairhaven, 10-11 a.m.**

Attendance at each walk is limited to 20 people. Registration is required. To RSVP, visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events) or contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at 508-999-6363 ext. 219.

These free events 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 upcoming Bay Adventures, visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events).

## Dining for a Cause

Support the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. Simply dine at 99 restaurant, 32 Sconticut Neck Road, Fairhaven, on Wed., 11/2, from 4-9 p.m.

Present the voucher, available on their website at <http://northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com> and 15% of your guest check will go to the NFIA.

## Food Drive

Food for the Holidays, sponsored by Fairhaven McDonald's and the Fairhaven Firefighters Association, Local 1555. Drop off non-perishable cans and boxes of food at Fairhaven McDonald's, 14 Plaza Way; and the Fairhaven Fire Department, 146 Washington St.

All food collected will be distributed to area food pantries and shelters.

## Vets Dance

Veterans Day Dinner Dance Sponsored by Fairhaven Improvement Association to Give Thanks to a Veteran During this Season of Thanksgiving To honor Fairhaven veterans and to remember those of us who have recently passed on **Sat., 11/12, 6-11 p.m. Fairhaven VFW, 109 Middle Street**

Cash Bar Open at 6 for Happy Hour. Hors D'oeuvres, Soup & Salad from 7:15 p.m. Dinner at 7:30, Music at 8:00. Dinner Catered by Bonney Cardoza.

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# Early voting begins in Massachusetts

By Beth David  
Editor

Early voting has begun in Massachusetts. All registered voters may vote in their local municipalities until Friday, November 4. After that, they will have to wait until election day, Tuesday, 11/8.

In Fairhaven, voting is available at the Fairhaven Fire Station Meeting Room, 146 Washington St., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday until 11/4; and this Saturday, 10/29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (see ad on page 7).

On Monday, Rita McLeod, 91, took advantage of the opportunity to get her vote in early.

Her daughter, Elaine McLeod Pasquill, said they went to a doctor's appointment and it was just very convenient to go vote after that.

"It was easy in, easy out, even with her walker. She loved interacting with the helpers there," said Ms. Pasquill. "When I said I would take her there, she was so glad. It was important for her to vote and to be able to do her civic duty."

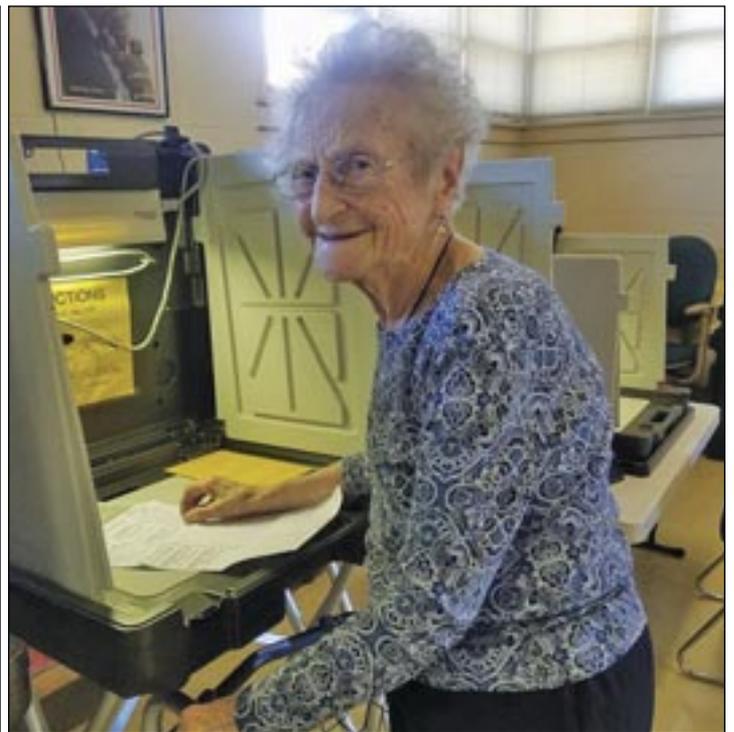
In Acushnet, early voting is avail-

able Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Tuesday, November 1 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., at Town Hall (see ad, page 16).

All cities and towns are required to have a voting booth set up for early voting.

For more information call your Town Clerk or your city's election commission.

In Acushnet call 508-998-0215; in Fairhaven call 508-979-4023, Ext. 3; in New Bedford call 508-979-1420; in Mattapoisett call 508-758-4100 Ext. 207; in Marion, call 508-748-3502; in Dartmouth call (508) 910-1800.



Rita McLeod, 91, votes in Fairhaven on Monday. Her daughter, Elaine McLeod Pasquill, took this picture to show her mother doing her civic duty. Ms. McLeod had hip surgery recently, but insisted on going to vote as soon as she could.

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# BBC announces new partnership for outdoor recreation

## Press Release

The Buzzards Bay Coalition and Southcoast Health announced last week a new partnership to promote healthy, active outdoor recreation and exploration on the South Coast through an initiative called Discover Buzzards Bay, unveiled at a public event at The Sawmill in Acushnet on Thursday, 10/20.

Discover Buzzards Bay is a resource to help local residents across the South Coast find unique and exciting ways to explore the outdoors, get some exercise and connect with nature. Whether they are looking for a new trail to walk, route to cycle, waterway to paddle or shellfish bed to dig, South Coast residents can use Discover Buzzards Bay to get outside and discover woods, wetlands and waterways from Fall River to Wareham and beyond.

The centerpiece of Discover Buzzards Bay is [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/discover](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/discover), a portal to hundreds of outdoor adventures across the South Coast and the Buzzards Bay region.

Local residents can use the website to find outdoor events, ideas for new activities to try with friends and family, and information about more than 100 public parks, trails, beaches and boat launches around the area.

"People take care of things they know and love; unfortunately, fewer people today know Buzzards Bay's beaches, salt marshes and streams. Through Discover Buzzards Bay, more people will be able to experience — and connect with — the Bay and its watershed," said Buzzards Bay Coalition President Mark Rasmussen. "We're thrilled to partner with Southcoast Health to share this resource with thousands of South Coast residents."

"We are incredibly excited to partner with the Buzzards Bay Coalition to bring these healthy activities to the people in the communities served by Southcoast Health," said Kerry Mello, Community Benefits Manager for Southcoast Health. "At Southcoast Health, we believe that an active lifestyle is the

first step to better health. We are proud to support organizations that share this belief and deliver wellness to our region."

At the Discover Buzzards Bay launch event at The Sawmill, Dr. Robert McGowen of Southcoast Health led members of the public on a walk along the park's trails, sharing the benefits of outdoor recreation to physical and emotional health.

Along the edge of the Acushnet River, the Coalition's environmental educators showed visitors how to search for animals in the water using nets, buckets and magnifying glasses.

As part of the Discover Buzzards Bay partnership, the Coalition and Southcoast Health will be leading a series of monthly walks called "Sunday Strolls" at trails across the South Coast.

The first Sunday Stroll will take place on Sunday, December 4 from 10–11 a.m. at William Minot Forest in Wareham.

To find an outdoor place, event or activity near you, visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/discover](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/discover).



## Early Voting in Fairhaven is available until Nov. 4

For the first time in Massachusetts, the first choice all voters will make is which day to vote. In Fairhaven, early voting can be done in person at:

**The Fairhaven Fire Station Meeting Room  
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8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
now through November 4.**



**Saturday, October 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
at the Town Hall, 40 Center Street.**

Also, registered voters have the option to request an early voting ballot through the mail. Simply fill out an application and mail it to: Town Clerk's Office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Call 508-979-4023, Ext. 3, for details.

You can find the application on the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website: <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele>.

Please note, however, once a voter has cast an early voting ballot, the voter may no longer vote at the polls on Election Day.

Unlike absentee voting, early voting is for every registered voter. Registered voters do not need an excuse or reason to vote early.

## EPA Public Information Meeting, New Bedford Harbor Site Update: November 3, 2016

**New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park  
33 Williams St. • New Bedford • 6–8 p.m.**

### Agenda Items Include:

- Contract Status Update, Final Remedial Action Contract Issuance
- Lower Harbor Dredging Progress Update
- Shoreline Work Update
- Lot 265 (across from Market Basket)
- Upcoming Riverside Park Shoreline Work (see information below)
- Community Involvement Update
- 2017 Planning: A Look Ahead

### Upcoming Riverside Park Shoreline Remediation:

The shoreline area next to Riverside Park between Sawyer Street and Coffin Avenue in New Bedford will be the next shoreline area to be remediated and restored. This stretch of shoreline will be remediated from approximately November 2016 through May 2017, beginning with clearing and temporary access road construction. Air monitoring will be performed throughout this cleanup to ensure the project is running safely, and fencing will be placed to provide security. PCB-contaminated sediments which are above cleanup levels, and between the high and low tide lines, will be excavated and disposed at an off-site, licensed landfill. The area will then be restored as clean saltmarsh. Once this work is complete, the City of New Bedford plans to move forward with planning and implementation of its Riverwalk in this area.



## STILL AROUND TOWN

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Menu to include hors d'oeuvres table and choice of soup and salad, followed by dinner, dessert and coffee.

Dinner & Dance Music by The After Hours. **Tickets: \$25 pp (Limited Number).** For tickets contact: Theresa Pereira, 508-994-7266; Jim Leal, 508-993-1064; Barbara Acksen, 508-993-0317; Tony Lopes, 508-993-7378; Linda Meredith, 508-994-8751

Or at the VFW Bar: 508-997-1701. Please make checks payable to the Fairhaven Improvement Association (FIA) and mail to PO Box 877, Fairhaven, MA 02719

### Guided Hike

Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust will host a guided hike on Sconticut Neck Properties. Meet at Shipyard Farm, Sconticut Neck Rd. Easy hike for approximately 2 hours. **Sun. 11/6, 10:00 a.m. FREE**

### Run to Remember

The second annual LCpl Matthew R. Rodriguez Run To Remember 5K will be held on **Sun., 11/6, at Fort Phoenix State Reservation. Steps off at 10 a.m. Registration at 8:30 a.m.**

Registration Fees: Pre-Registered Runners/Walkers/Ruckers Fee: Adults: \$30.00 Students (under 18 y/o): \$15.00 Active Military: \$20.00 Same Day Registration Runners/Walkers/Ruckers Fee: Adults: \$40.00 Students (under 18 y/o): \$25.00 Active Military: \$20.00 Virtual Registration Runners/Walkers/Ruckers Fee: Adult and Student Participants: \$30.00 Active Military: \$20.00

If you are a Gold Star family member, or a Marine in the 1st CEB/1st Marine Unit/1st MEF, stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA, please email the Race Director for your promotional code prior to registering.

Limited Edition race T-shirt

guaranteed for the first 100 registered runners/walkers that are registered before Saturday, October 1. (Additional shirts may be available for purchase day of event)

Proceeds benefit the LCpl Matthew R. Rodriguez Memorial Foundation. The foundation was established in 2014 and is an approved 501(c)3 non-profit organization. LCpl Matthew R. Rodriguez was a United States Marine from Fairhaven, Mass. who was killed in action in Now Zad, Afghanistan on December 11, 2013. We serve the community with the same patriotism and honor that Matthew served the United States of America with.

### Holiday Bazaar

At Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center St., Fairhaven, Sat., 11/5 from 9a.m.-4p.m. Cost for a 6-foot exhibit space is \$30. Crafts, Vendors, Raffles, and Food Item (Specific vendor info will be posted closer to event date.)

## HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

### Guided Bike Tour

Discover New Bedford Harbor on a scenic guided bike tour from **Fort Taber in New Bedford to Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on Sat., 10/29 at 11 a.m., hosted by the Buzzards Bay Coalition.**

The tour will begin at Fort Taber Park in New Bedford's South End. Along the way, group leaders will share information about the ecology of New Bedford Harbor and how the Coalition works to protect clean water. After stopping for a waterfront lunch at Fort Phoenix State Reservation, the group will return to Fort Taber to complete this 12-mile round-trip tour.

Please bring water and lunch. All participants must wear a helmet while riding. Families with children are welcome. This program is supported in part by a grant from the New Bedford Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

This free event is 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 all our upcoming Bay Adventures, visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events).

Registration is required for all Bay Adventures. To RSVP online, visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events) or contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at (508) 999-6363 ext. 219.

### Haunted Whaleship

Back by popular demand, "The Haunted Whale Ship," event returns Sat., 10/29, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Whaling Museum. Tickets are \$5 and children 12 and under are free. Tickets can be bought at the door or online at [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org).

### EPA Harbor Mtg

New Bedford Harbor Site Update, Thurs., 11/3, New Bedford National Historical Park, 33 Williams St. New Bedford, 6 pm - 7:30 pm

### Halloween at the Z

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center wants to get you in the mood for Halloween with four movies during the annual **Spooktacular Saturday, on October 29.** Get tickets at [www.zeiterion.org](http://www.zeiterion.org), or call 508-994-2900, or at the box office at 684 Purchase St., New Bedford

### Baby Boo at Zoo

Join us for Baby Boo at the Zoo,

**Mon., 10/31, 10 a.m.-noon. The morning will include a Halloween Theme Toe Jam show,** educational activities, up close and personal visits with fun and furry animals with train and carousel rides included. After monster mashing at the Toe Jam Show you will be invited to parade around the Zoo in your cutest, funniest, most creative costumes while enjoying trick-or-treating and animal enrichment along the way! End your morning with a costume contest. The costume contest will feature the following categories: Cutest Costume, Best Animal Costume, Best Parent/Child Combo Costume, Best Brother/Sister Costume Combo, Funniest Costume, Spookiest Costume, Most Colorful Costume, and Most Creative Costume. Member: Adult \$9, child \$5; Non-member: Adult \$14, child \$10; Children under 3 are free

### Shakespeare 4 Teens

An opportunity for teens to join a newly forming Shakespeare 4 Teens acting troupe based in New Bedford.

Those interested should prepare a speech or monologue to present, and call for an audition. **WORKSHOPS ARE FREE!** Shakespeare 4 Teens is for teens between ages 14-17 yrs

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For information or to schedule an audition: [culturepark.ed@earthlink.net](mailto:culturepark.ed@earthlink.net) or call: 774.202.0588, or visit [www.culturepark.org](http://www.culturepark.org) and follow us on facebook...

These New Bedford Community projects are dedicated to Shakespeare's plays, themes and language as a means for self-discovery and exploration of the human condition

Culture\*Park Theatre is a

collaborative organization of theatre and performing artists, community members, and others who support the production and development of new works in theatre and dance.

Funded in part by the Mass. Cultural Council, New Bedford Education Foundation, New Bedford Day Nursery and other generous supporters

### Crafters needed

Looking for crafters, product salespeople, and other vendors!!

Looking for those interested in renting a table at Our Lady of Purgatory Church's Annual Lebanese Holiday Bazaar on Saturday November 12th from 10am-7pm and Sunday November 13th from 10am-3pm at St. Mary's School in NB.

It's an inexpensive opportunity to sell your crafts or products, pass out business cards, and meet a lot of wonderful people. Please call Sharon Tripp at 508-971-3804 if you are interested and would like more information.

## HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

### Spooky Hay Ride

Everyone is welcome to a Spooky Hay Ride at the Acushnet Council On Aging, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet, on Fri. & Sat., 10/28 & 10/29, from 6-9 p.m. The Salvation Army will serve hotdogs from 6-8 p.m.

FREE! Spooky hay ride, candy for the kids. Come join the Fun!

### Garden Club

The next regular meeting of the Greater New Bedford Garden Club will be held Wed., 11/2, at 1 p.m. at the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 So. Main, St., Acushnet.

Hostess will be Paulette Hudson and Corinne Weaver. Guest speaker, Gene Bertram of Haskell Public Garden, will speak on "His Most Favorite and Five Hardest to Grow Plants."

Cranberry wreaths made at the November 1 workshop will be displayed. Garden Therapy will hold a preparation workshop on Thursday, November 17, at 10:30 a.m. at the Acushnet Council on Aging followed by a Presentation at 2:00 p.m. at Cedar Dell, 628 Old Westport Road, Dartmouth.

A Workshop will be held Tuesday, November 29, at 9:30 a.m. at 96 Brownell Avenue, New Bedford, to make swags and centerpieces for the Holiday Greens sale to be held Saturday, December 10. Members are asked to make up theme baskets for the December meeting.

### Bird Club

The Paskamansett Bird Club's November meeting will be at 7:30 pm on Wed., 11/9, at the Community

**Hall of Friends Meeting, 739 Horseneck Rd., in So. Dartmouth.** Geoff Dennis will present some of his recent bird photos, and discuss the methods he uses to capture these remarkable images.

Geoff began photographing birds in his yard as a hobby, primarily to document uncommon birds he occasionally observed. His photos attracted attention, and he now provides photographs for three major bird feeder companies. In his yard, Geoff has observed over 180 species of birds including Rhode Island's first Rufous Hummingbird. Some of his work is currently in use by The Nature Conservancy of RI, RI Audubon, US Fish and Wildlife, and Cornell University's online Birds of North America. He lives in Little Compton, RI with his wife Emily and works as a commercial fisherman.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Dartmouth Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. The meeting is free, open to the public, and accessible.

### Christmas Bazaar

**St. John Neumann Women's Guild, 57 Middleboro Road, East Freetown, invites all to their annual Christmas Bazaar, held in their parish hall, on Sat., 11/3, from 9 am to 4 pm.**

Our ONE DAY bazaar will feature a wide variety of booths, sure to interest all your tastes! Some of what we have to offer are assorted gift basket raffles, money raffles, an assortment of home baked goods, baked beans, Chinese Auction,

Lottery Ticket raffles, Antiques and Collectibles and Guest Vendors. We are also offering a HEARTY home made lunch. Wheelchair accessible. FREE ADMISSION!

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### Teen Dance

At The Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Rd. in Mattapoisett, on Fri., 11/4, from 7-10 p.m. for \$8.00.

A safe place for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to have a good time socializing, dancing and listening to their favorite music on a Friday night. Knights of Columbus Chaperones and a uniformed police officer are on site at all of our dances.

### Livestock Conf.

On Saturday, November 5th, 2016, The Livestock Institute of Southern New England and the Bristol County Agricultural High School, will co-host the **1st Annual Southern New England Livestock Conference & Expo at the Bristol Aggie School in Dighton, MA.** The conference is geared toward aspiring, beginning, and experienced livestock farmers, homesteaders, students, chefs, foodies, and anyone wishing to learn more about the issues surrounding sustainable livestock production in Southern New England.

The conference will include 5 one-hour sessions (workshops and panel discussions), and we are excited to announce that TLI's newly hired plant manager, Amado Baeza, will be the highlighted keynote speaker.

For more information or to register, visit <http://www.thelivestockinstitute.org/sne-livestock-conference.html>

# Recipe of the Week

## Beer Cheese Dip

- 1 round pumpernickel rye bread
- 1c cheddar cheese
- 2c Mozzarella cheese
- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese
- 1c beer
- Garlic salt to taste

Cut a large hole in the top of the loaf of bread and hollow out to form a bowl; set onto a serving platter. Cut or tear removed bread to use for dipping.

Combine cheddar cheese, mozzarella cheese, beer, and garlic salt; heat, stirring continually, until all the cheese is melted; pour the hot cheese mixture into the bread bowl.

*By Marianne Brodo*

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to meetings.

"Let's understand why," said Mr. Hayward. "It makes sense."

What he did not understand, he said, is how the BPW will draft regulations for all the boards.

"I think you're opening up a Pandora's Box," said Mr. Hayward.

Mr. Ristuccia said that members of the public seemed "pretty concerned about it," so he recommended letting it go to a town meeting vote.

He said they serve on boards for the citizens.

"So, let the citizens decide, he said.

"The people of the town are the only ones who can tell us what's best for them," said Mr. Ristuccia.

"My stance hasn't changed," said Mr. Freitas.

He said he has been at meetings at his job when people were on screen instead of in the room.

"I'm all for it," said Mr. Freitas. "The voters will have the ultimate say in this," by voting for, or against, people who are participating remotely.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola said that he is familiar with remote participation because of his job. He said he did not feel the town should put time and energy into something they do not really need.

"It's not just about a vacation," said Mr. Wotton.

"How often does this come up," asked Mr. Espindola. "I just don't see it."

He said he would like input from all boards and committees. The previous wisdom that prevailed was that the decision applied to all boards, but that was disputed at the meeting. He also wondered about how executive

session would be handled by the person on the remote end. Executive session is not open to the public.

In the end, the board decided to have Mr. Rees look into the practices of other communities that use remote participation. He will also ask Town Counsel for an opinion on whether or not the decision applies to all boards, and what kinds of rules and regulations the town can impose on individual boards.

It will probably be on the agenda for the 11/7 meeting.

Mr. Ristuccia made a plea to the public to contact the Selectboard and to write letters to the editor to let officials know how they feel.

In another matter, the board met with Carol and Nicole Dussault about the new site plan for the Spring Street Garage.

The Selectboard has required all service stations and used car lots to submit engineering plans that show where cars will be parked. After a series of contentious meetings between the board and the Dussaults over their property the past two years, the Dussaults said there was an error in the number of cars they are allowed.

The board had ordered that no cars could be repaired in front of the building.

The new license seemed to say that no cars could be parked in front.

After some wrangling over the details of how many cars in front and on which sides of the building, the board agreed that the Spring Street Garage was not ordered to lose those 10 spots.

They will still not be allowed to repair cars in front of the building.

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# Fairhaven Visitors Center features “Haunted Academy”

The Fairhaven Office of Tourism is hosting The Haunted Academy this weekend. The Visitors Center and grounds will be transformed into an old fashioned haunt.

On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 28, 29, and 30, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., you are dared to be scared at this free Halloween event in Fairhaven. The Fairhaven Office of Tourism will be sponsoring this fun attraction with spooky scenes and

costumed characters both outside and inside the Visitors Center/Academy Building, 141 Main Street, right next door to Fairhaven High School.

At The Haunted Academy, you'll see witches, a mad scientist and his monster, Lizzie Borden, Mrs. Lovett in her meat pie shop, a graveyard, and a haunted toy shop, among other things. Free treats will be handed out to children. Some of the items on

display were donated from Manny Souza's Ole Oxford Haunt, and Manny himself will be here to haunt with us. (NOTE: Some of the scenes may be scary for pre-school aged children. Parents are asked to use their judgement.) Free admission. For more information, call 508-979-4085 or email [FairhavenTours@aol.com](mailto:FairhavenTours@aol.com).

Parking in Fairhaven High School lots. Partially accessible.



The Fairhaven Visitors Center, which is housed in an old school, is hosting The Haunted Academy this weekend. ABOVE LEFT: These weird characters take up a bench in the waiting area of the Visitors Center. ABOVE RIGHT: Crows and bodies litter the lawn. BELOW LEFT: This new student is getting a special treatment. BELOW RIGHT: This lovely child will teach lessons in how to play nice-nice.



# New Bedford Preservation Society presents annual awards

## Press Release

The New Bedford Preservation Society held its 42nd Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 29th, at the New Bedford Free Public Library. After a brief business meeting, the Society presented its annual Elm Awards.

Established by the society in 1997, the Elm Award recognizes individuals or organizations that have done an exceptional job in either the ongoing maintenance, restoration, preservation or adaptive reuse of historic New Bedford properties.

Executive board member Jan da Silva gave a PowerPoint presentation, which featured before and after photos of this year's awardees. The slide presentation highlighting photos of the award winners can be viewed on the society's website ([www.nbpreservationsociety.org](http://www.nbpreservationsociety.org)).

Society president Mark P. Fuller, assisted by board member Carl Simmons, presented Elm Awards to the following for preservation and restoration:

1. 46 Seventh Street to Mark Anderson
2. 61 South Sixth Street to Jose Da Silva
3. 61 South Sixth Street to Kenneth Encarnaceo & Son, Inc. for craftsmanship
4. 89 South Sixth Street to Paul V. Clemeno
5. 101 Orchard Street to Maurice & Teresa Ouellette
6. 16 Ohio Street to Mary Arruda
7. 1004 Pleasant Street to Paul Andonian and Laura Vaughan
8. 277 Wood Street to Sharon Marie Pedro (restoration of slate roof)
9. 100 Hawthorn Street to Matthew and Kristen Morrissey

10. City Hall Façade Restoration Project to Mayor Jon Mitchell
11. City Hall Façade Restoration Project to Bay State Restoration, Ltd. for craftsmanship

Since 1976 the society has administered the Historic Marker Program, which awards historic plaques to qualifying historic properties in the city.

New Bedford homeowners may apply to the Society to receive a plaque. Applications are available on the society website at [www.nbpreservationsociety.org](http://www.nbpreservationsociety.org), or by calling the society office, 508-997-6425.

In recent years, recognizing the diversity of the city's neighborhoods, the society has developed a more inclusive, multi-tier marker program that reinforces the collective memory of many diverse people, past and present, who share a common heritage and which builds understanding and neighborhood pride.

The Marker Program now consists of three distinct marker types: Level 1 and 2 markers that denote style, based on the following values of architectural significance, and a third marker (Level 3) that denotes a significant person or event having been associated with the property.

- Age of property, minimum of fifty years.
- Architectural Style. Property must be clearly representative of its style or a combination of styles. Altered properties would not necessarily be excluded, but the property must retain definite elements of its contributing styles. A change in exterior wall fabric (for example, replacing clapboards with wood shingles) would not automatically

disqualify a property unless the change included wholesale destruction of architectural details.

- Property must be well-maintained and appropriately restored with a paint color scheme suitable to the style and period of the property.

The fee for a plaque covers the historical research done to date the building and to establish who was responsible for its construction, the completion and filing of the Historic Building Survey Form B with the Massachusetts Historic Commission and for the manufacture of the plaque. Highlighted in the presentation were properties which received historic markers this past year:

1. 22 Stetson Street (1930 Benjamin F. Proud, Treasurer, N. B. Rayon Co.) to Norman and Brenda Beauregard
2. 33 Seventh Street (1834 Captain Daniel Wood, Whaling Master) to Jarrett Drake
3. 104 Ash Street (c. 1878 James Fisher, Dry Goods) to David and Matthew Considine
4. 103 Chestnut Street (c. 1885 Ebenezer Kempton, Painter) to Donna Harris-Richards and Kenneth Richards

In addition to the Historic Marker Program, other Society projects include New Bedford Re-Leaf, the production of historic district walking tour brochures, walking tours, historical cemetery tours, the Captain Daniel Drayton grave restoration project, historic house tours, and other programs.

Be sure to "save the date" for the Society's Annual Holiday House Tour, December 10 and 11. To learn more about the society, call 508.997.6425, visit [nbpreservationsociety.org](http://nbpreservationsociety.org).



Fairhaven Neighborhood News



After picture (LEFT) of 61 South Sixth Street in New Bedford, which received an Elm Award from the New Bedford Preservation Society for preservation and restoration. RIGHT: City Hall also received an award for facade restoration. Submitted photos.

# Fairhaven Recreation Center

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Sat., 11/26. Depart FHVN: 6 a.m. Arrive NYC: 10:30 a.m. Depart NYC: 5 p.m. Arrive FHVN: 10 p.m.

## Kool Kids

### Thanksgiving 1/2 Day

Children can come to the Rec after school and do their homework, enjoy a snack, and play a variety of games! Sign up for one, two or all three days. The Fairhaven Rec staff will offer supervised walks to our program for Wood School students only

\*\*Please note only Elementary Schools have half days on November 21st and 22nd\*\*

**One Day:** Member \$25, Sibling: \$20; Non-Member: \$30, Sibling: \$25

**Two Day:** Member: \$45, Sibling: \$42; Non-Member: \$50, Sibling: \$47

**Three Days:** Member: \$60, Sibling: \$54; Non-Member: \$65, Sibling: \$59

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## Mall Trips

Nov. 2: Twin Rivers  
11/9: Hyannis Mall, Xmas Tree Shop, Trader Joes

## Entertainment: 12:30-2:30 p.m.

10/28 Ray J

## Special Activities

### ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 8th, 7:00a.m.-8:00 p.m. Seniors needing transportation to voting polls, call 508-979-4029 before November 7th

### Senior Resource Association Presentation

Are you overwhelmed with major decisions needed to maintain your independence and don't know where to turn? Consider joining this informational event sponsored by the Senior Resource Association, (SRA), on Wednesday, November 16th, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center. A panel of experts who provide valuable services to seniors will be available to answer questions and provide information to assist you through this important decision making time. Audience participation is welcome. This is sure to be a lively and engaging event. Bring a friend! The first 50 people to sign up will be entered into a raffle to win a fitbit. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up.

### Walgreens Flu Shots

A pharmacist from Walgreens Fairhaven will be giving flu shots, anyone 18 and older at the Fairhaven Senior Center on Tuesday Nov. 15th and Nov. 22nd from 2:30-4:00 p.m. Please bring your Insurance card with

you, if you do not have insurance the cost is \$31.99. Call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up.

### Sand for Seniors

In a collaborative effort to keep seniors safe from falls this winter, The Fairhaven Commission on Disability and the Fairhaven COA will be providing the sand for seniors project again this year. This project provides seniors of Fairhaven, 60 years old and older, with a 5 gallon bucket of sand/salt mix to use on their icy walkways. If you DO NOT already have a bucket, please call the COA to get on the list to receive one. If you already have a bucket and would like it refilled, please call the COA, 508-979-4029, to request a refill. There are only a limited number of available buckets.

### S.H.I.N.E.

Open Enrollment, During Medicare Enrollment, from October 15th to December 7th, 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. Learn more about how S.H.I.N.E can help you: Call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029.

## Ongoing Programs

Call 508-979-4029 for days and times

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

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## Acushnet keeps tax rate same

By Beth David  
Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard set the tax rate for FY18 at its meeting on Monday, 10/24. The Assessors recommended changing the shift, lowering by .05 the difference between residential and commercial tax rates. Selectboard members, however, voted to keep the rate the same, saying the .05 would just have to be absorbed by residents.

The tax shift is the difference between the residential rate and the commercial rate. State law allows a 175% shift maximum, according to a formula that takes into consideration what percentage of properties is commercial and what percentage is residential. Acushnet's current tax rate is \$14.53 per \$1,000 for residential properties, and \$18.60 per \$1,000 for commercial properties.

The rate will have to be certified by the state.

The board also heard from Town Clerk Pamela Labonte on a recurring issue with the upstairs bathroom and a leaky urinal. Amid a few squeamish chuckles and attempts to make light of the situation, Ms. Labonte did manage to get her point across that the situation is serious.

The bathroom is not supposed to be used, but apparently, someone is forgetting, or simply not heeding the signs that say it should not be used.

After the urinal is flushed, it continues to run, eventually running over and leaking into the clerk's office.

Ms. Labonte said that some records have been damaged, although she has managed to save them from total destruction.

"Something has to be done," said Ms. Labonte, insisting that if it were any other office in town, it would not happen nine times before being resolved. "I have voting records, I have vital records. I can't have a urinal overflowing on them."

"I blew a gasket," said Selectboard Chairperson Garry Rawcliffe, adding that the door was supposed to be blocked.

It has happened three times since June.

Mr. Rawcliffe said if the town does not need that bathroom to satisfy a code, that they should just remove it.

Building Inspector James Marot said it was more complicated than it sounds and would cost about \$10,000 to remove it.

He said he it is a "non-issue" because he has put a large box in front of the urinal and a lot of signs. He said not only would someone have to aim over the boxes, in order to use the urinal, they have to be "not really smart."

"I shut it down," said Mr. Marot. "No water can come out of it."

Ms. Labonte said she was still skeptical because she had been promised before that it would not happen again, and then...

"It just keeps happening."

Interim Town Administrator Kevin Paicos said he believed it was the custodian who was using the bathroom at night, and he would speak with him.

Mr. Rawcliffe, however, said the new custodian is a woman, so that should take care of it in any case.

While she was at the podium, Ms. Labonte gave the board an update on early voting. Monday was also the first day that Massachusetts voters could vote in the presidential election.

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# ACUSHNET VOTERS

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# FHS Girls Volleyball ends season 14-6 with victory over D-R



The Lady Blue Devils Volleyball team capped off Senior Night, 10/25, with a big 3-0 victory over Dighton-Rehoboth with the scores of each game 25-18, 25-19 and 28-26. With the victory, Fairhaven finished the regular season with a 14-6 overall record and a 11-5 record in the South Coast Conference. They await their seeding to start in the MIAA State Tournament. ABOVE LEFT: Fairhaven High School's Girls Volleyball team on Senior Night. (L-R) The Canastra family, The Pike family, and the Duarte family. ABOVE RIGHT: Ainslee Roderigues sets up a teammate off of the Lady Falcons serve. BELOW LEFT: Ali Stuessi moves to low and to the right to dig the serve from Dighton-Rehoboth. Sierra Canastra spikes it past Emily Hall for Fairhaven. *Photos by Ryan Feeney.*



# Hospitals merger called off

## Press Release

In separate actions undertaken by their respective governance boards, Southcoast Health and Care New England have voted to terminate their agreement to affiliate the two not-for-profit health care systems. The announcement was made on October 17 by Jean MacCormack, chair of the Southcoast Health Board of Trustees, and Charles R. Reppucci, chair of the Care New England Board of Directors.

The organizations first announced they would study a potential partnership in November 2015 when Care New England selected Southcoast Health through a competitive request for proposals (RFP) process. An announcement to proceed with a closer affiliation was made in May 2016.

Since that time, while conducting due diligence reviews and preparing regulatory filings, the parties have come to recognize that their visions for the combined system could no longer be achieved. Southcoast Health and Care New England are parting on amicable terms and will continue their longstanding collegial

relationship in the southeastern New England community.

“Care New England and Southcoast share a vision of creating a healthier community through community-based care,” said Reppucci. “We believe both organizations will continue in their unrelenting pursuit of this goal. Yet, for Care New England, we now believe the full extent of our mission as teaching, research and clinical organizations will be better served through today’s decision. We wish all of our colleagues at Southcoast continued success in their commitment to excellence and to community.”

“We have a great deal of respect for our counterparts at Care New England, their staff and their high-quality programs. However, we believe that it is best for both parties to end affiliation discussions,” said MacCormack. “When we entered into this process, we did so with the promise that we would always keep the best interests of our patients, communities, physicians and staff at the forefront of our deliberations. We held true to that promise throughout

this process, including with today’s announcement.”

An application seeking approval for the proposed affiliation had been filed with the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission in late August, and work had been underway for several months on the regulatory filings for the Mass. Department of Public Health and Mass. Office of Attorney General, and the RI Department of Health and RI Office of Attorney General.

Care New England is the parent organization of Butler Hospital, Kent Hospital, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island, the VNA of Care New England, The Providence Center, CNE Wellness Center and Integra, a certified ACO created in collaboration with the Rhode Island Primary Care Physicians Corporation.

Southcoast Health includes the three hospitals that make up Southcoast Hospitals Group: Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River, St. Luke’s Hospital in New Bedford and Tobey Hospital in Wareham.

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## U.S. Drivers Waste \$2.1 Billion Annually on Premium Gasoline

### Press Release

According to new AAA research, American drivers wasted more than \$2.1 billion dollars in the last year by using premium-grade gasoline in vehicles designed to run on regular fuel. With 16.5 million U.S. drivers having used premium fuel despite the vehicle manufacturer’s recommendation in the last 12 months, AAA conducted a comprehensive fuel evaluation to determine what, if any, benefit the practice offers.

After using industry-standard test protocols designed to evaluate vehicle performance, fuel economy and emissions, AAA found no benefit to using premium gasoline in a vehicle that only requires regular-grade fuel.

“Drivers see the ‘premium’ name at the pump and may assume the fuel is better for their vehicle,” said John Paul, AAA Northeast Senior Manager of Traffic Safety. “AAA cautions drivers that premium gasoline is higher octane, not higher quality.”

In partnership with the Automobile Club of Southern California’s Automotive Research Center, AAA tested 87-octane (regular) and 93-octane

(premium) gasoline in vehicles equipped with a V-8, V-6 or I4 engine designed to operate on regular-grade fuel. To evaluate the effects of using a higher-octane fuel when it’s not required by the manufacturer, each vehicle was tested on a dynamometer, which is essentially a treadmill for cars that is designed to measure horsepower, fuel economy and tailpipe emissions when using both fuel types and variety of driving conditions. The laboratory testing found no significant increases in any tested category, indicating the practice of using premium gasoline when it’s not required for the vehicle offers no advantage.

To understand the magnitude of the issue, AAA surveyed U.S. drivers to understand what type of fuel their vehicles require and the frequency at which they upgrade to premium fuel. Results reveal:

- Seventy percent of U.S. drivers currently own a vehicle that requires regular gasoline, while 16 percent drive vehicles that require premium fuel. The remaining 14 percent own a vehicle that requires mid-grade gasoline (10

percent) or uses an alternative energy source (4 percent).

- In the last 12 months, 16.5 million U.S. drivers unnecessarily used premium-grade gasoline in their vehicle at least once. On average, those that upgraded to premium did so at least once per month.
- In the last 12 months, U.S. drivers unnecessarily used premium gasoline in their vehicle more than 270 million times.

“When it comes to gasoline, ‘premium’ does not mean ‘better’ if your vehicle doesn’t require it,” continued Mr. Paul. “Drivers looking to upgrade to a higher quality fuel for their vehicle should save their money and select a TOP TIER™ gasoline, not a higher-octane one.”

Previous AAA research found that fuel quality varies significantly among gasoline retailers and that using a gasoline that meets TOP TIER standards can result in 19 times fewer engine deposits, increase vehicle performance and improve fuel economy.

For additional information about premium fuel, including the full test report and fact sheet, visit [NewsRoom.AAA.com](http://NewsRoom.AAA.com).

# Public Hearings/Legal Notices

## Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petition(s):

### NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Petitioner: Scott Dupuis, RE: 9 Eddy Street, Plot 30C, Lot 44; Book 5515 and Page 1. 198-18 Short 4' of required 10' side yard, west side, all within an RA District.

*Peter DeTerra, Chairman*

## Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on November 14, 2016 in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Request for Determination Applicant Scott Dias Location 209 Scoticut Neck Road Plot 28B lot 453 Purpose construct a 26' x 32' addition within an AE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Susan Amorin Location 13 Hathaway Street Plot 28B Lot 63 Purpose construct a shell driveway within the 100' buffer zone to BVW and within a VE flood zone (after the fact)
- Request for Determination Applicant Randall B. & Renee D. Gomes Location 282 Mill Road Plot 38 Lot 1 Purpose conduct repair of septic system within the Nasketucket River Basin.

*Jay Simmons Chairman  
Fairhaven Conservation Commission*

## FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Fairhaven Board of Health will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Banquet Hall, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, to discuss adoption of a proposed Regulation entitled Ban of The Sale of Synthetic Drugs. Copies of the proposed regulation are available at the Office of the Board of Health.

## Town of Fairhaven Notice of Neighborhood Forum. Main and Middle Street Traffic Circulation Project

Town of Fairhaven will hold a Neighborhood Forum at 6:30 P.M. on November 9, 2016, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The purpose of the meeting is to take Public input on the possibility of the Town's consideration of changing the transportation circulation of the area around **Main & Middle Streets**. The Town is considering a series of one way streets to improve safety and traffic efficiency. Those unable to

attend the forum may submit comments or questions to the Department of Planning & Economic Development at the Fairhaven Town Hall, broth@fairhaven-ma.gov or call (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9.

*William D. Roth, Jr., Director*

*Planning & Economic Development Department*

## NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE  
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NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. Section 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR Part 27, subpart B and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner filed for registration in the Bristol County Registry of Deeds in Book 11787, Page 25 notice is hereby given that on November 3, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. local time, all real and personal property, if applicable, at or used in connection with the property located at 12 Jameson Street, Fairhaven, MA, as more particularly described in Instrument, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, subject to any and all outstanding real estate taxes and municipal charges. The auction will be held at 12 Jameson Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

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There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagors or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale provided herein; HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The scheduled auction shall be canceled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than three (3) days before the date of the auction, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is/are based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the Mortgage Instrument are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before the public auction of the property is completed.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure auction shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

Shabnam Mashmasarni, Attorney & Foreclosure Commissioner, Mashmasarni Law, 1629 Central Street, Suite 1, Stoughton, MA 02072, Tel: 508-846-6021  
10/13, 10/20, 10/27

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"All I can say is, 'wow,'" said Ms. Labonte. "It was incredible. On the first day we had 84 people."

She emphasized that it was not as simple as voting on election day.

Voting was done in the clerk's office, but may have to move to the meeting room if it gets too busy.

Ms. Labonte said to all who went to the office: "Thank you, thank you, thank you, for your patience."

Ms. Labonte also told the board that signs for early voting and precinct changes have been disappearing around town.

She said some people are getting

confused between the early voting, which is only happening at town hall, and the change in precinct places for some voters.

She emphasized that voters should go to their regular polling places on November 8 only. If they want to vote early, they have to go to town hall.

She said she did send postcards to all voters, but people are still getting confused. The board decided to do a reverse 9-1-1 call.

"This early voting is becoming much more expensive," said Ms. Labonte.

"We'll get it from your budget," said one board member.

"Good luck," replied Ms. Labonte.

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not being used. He suggested revamping/expanding that building, so they can get rid of the storage crates completely.

The board agreed that it was something to consider for next year's football season.

Mr. Lussier said he would speak to the Pop Warner football team and ask if it is something they would want. He also suggested if they do decide to redo the building for storage, maybe they should consider asking New Bedford Vocational to take it on as a project for students.

In another matter the board discussed a new agreement with the BETA Group.

The contract will update the Highway Department's information into the computer program. The program helps the department determine which streets should be worked on from year to year. The contract also includes putting digitized plans on all computers. As of now, only one computer can read the documents.

The money will come from Chapter 90 funds. The agreement will give the town licensing to use the program for three years

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## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 11/1, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Board of Assessors

Fri., 10/28, Town Hall, 3 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/7, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Community Preserv. Com.

Thurs., 11/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 11/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Cultural Council

Mon., 11/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Economic Develop. Comm.

Thurs., 11/3, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Historical Commission

Wed., 11/2, Police Sta. Mtg Rm. 7 p.m.

### Neighborhood Forum

Wed., 11/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

For Main & Middle St. traffic project

### Planning & Econ. Devel.

Wed., 11/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 11/16, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 11/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Agricultural Commission

Thurs., 11/10, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Planning Commission

Thurs., 10/27, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

### Town Meeting

Mon., 11/14, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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

		OCT. 2016		NOV. 2016	
		HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	27	0622	1842	0104	1335
Friday	28	0702	1921	0141	1419
Saturday	29	0738	1958	0159	1457
Sunday	30	0815	2035	0127	1417
Monday	31	0852	2115	0150	1431
Tuesday	1	0932	2156	0223	1504
Wednesday	2	1012	2237	0302	1540
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Monday	7	0058	1319	0548	1833

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
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# BPW hires for Highway; remote discussion moves to Selectbd

By Mary Macedo

## Neighb News Correspondent

At their meeting on Monday, 10/17, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed a wide range of topics, including the hiring of a Working Foreman for the Highway Department, getting the digester working again, and discussions about the remote vote rules and regulations.

The board interviewed Joseph Desroches for the Working Foreman position. He has worked for the Highway Department for about 10 years.

Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau attended the meeting to show his support for Mr. Desroches.

Mr. Charbonneau told the board what that Mr. Desroches was a great worker and was highly recommended for the position.

"I'm behind him 150%," said Mr. Charbonneau.

The board agreed that Mr. Desroches was deserving of the job, but Mr. Desroches had one concern about the position. He asked the board about starting at a higher pay rate.

Mr. Charbonneau explained that the raise for the job was only around 50 cents and he felt that because of Mr. Desroches' experience, he should receive a higher pay for the new responsibilities the job will have.

Board members Robert "Hoppy" Hobson and Brian Wotton agreed that the job requires more work and responsibilities, which is worth more than a 50-cent raise.

BPW Chairperson Mike Ristuccia agreed and suggested they start Mr. Desroches pay rate on the top tier.

Mr. Wotton made a motion to hire Mr. Desroches with top tier pay, which was passed by the board.

Mr. Hobson thanked Mr. Charbonneau for attending.

"You put your heart and soul into the job," said Mr. Hobson. "If all supers ran their departments like you we would be golden."

In another matter, the board decided to table an appointment with the owner of the Pasta House, Mario Ribeiro. The board had scheduled to meet with him about issues with the restaurant's internal grease trap.

In the past few weeks Mr. Ristuccia and BPW Superintendent Vincent Furtado visited the Pasta House to

look at the line to see if it was filled with grease. Mr. Ristuccia and Mr. Furtado said the restaurant line was clear, but the town line was not.

Mr. Ribeiro informed the town that he installed a new system, which uses microorganisms to eat away at the grease.

Mr. Ristuccia told the board that the new system seems to be working for the Pasta House pipe, but the main line still has grease. He said that they are going to keep checking the line to see if Mr. Ribeiro's new system continues to work.

Both Mr. Ristuccia and Mr. Furtado will check other lines to see if any other businesses are causing the problem with the town line. The board tabled the discussion to give

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them time to do that.

In another matter, the board discussed an agreement with Pride Environmental Construction to get the anaerobic digester working again.

Pride will install the "muffin monster," which cleans out rags, and will work on bypassing, and isolation valves. The contract is about \$20,000.

Mr. Wotton explained that every month the town is losing money because the digester is not working.

"When can they start," Mr. Wotton said "Tomorrow?"

The board agreed that they need to get the digester running again as soon as possible. Mr. Ristuccia said that the work will take two to three weeks.

"It will be on its way to working by Thanksgiving," Mr. Ristuccia said.

The problem started when a valve blew a few weeks ago. The system was shut down resulting in a congealing of the rags and other debris that clogs

the system. The muffin monster will break up that clogging.

The board approved the contract.

"Call now, tell them to start tomorrow morning," said Mr. Wotton.

The BPW also discussed their continued concerns with the idea of remote voting.

Mr. Ristuccia explained that the BPW would be meeting with the Selectboard that same night to discuss Kathy Sturtevant's ability to remote vote while she lives in Florida four months of the year.

Mr. Ristuccia told the board that he had a list of rules and regulations to show the Selectboard if they did decide to approve it. He said he would tell the Selectboard that the BPW would like to make the rules and regulations for Ms. Sturtevant's ability to remote vote.

Depending on the Selectboard's decision, the rules and regulations will be discussed at the next BPW meeting.

In another matter, Mr. Ristuccia brought up an issue with the parking lot at Town Beach.

"You can hardly drive in," Mr. Ristuccia said, because of holes in the unpaved lot. He said the first 50-60 feet going into the parking lot is difficult to drive on.

Mr. Hobson agreed and the road near the Community Center is bad for driving too.

Mr. Wotton added that the roads on West Island need to be filled and paved, specifically near Cottonwood Street and Rocky Point Road. He said the same is true of the side streets near the Bayside Lounge on Sconticut Neck Road.

The department will send the grader to fix the unpaved roads.

Board member Jarrod Lussier brought up a separate issue regarding the Pop Warner football games at Livesey Park. He told the board that currently the football team has two storage crates at the park filled with their equipment and are asking for a third storage crate.

Mr. Lussier suggested that rather than continuing to add storage crates, maybe they should consider a storage building or shed. He said there is a small 18x18 building that is

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