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

## Halloweentown(hall)



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Employees in Fairhaven Town Hall got into the Halloween spirit with costumes from Roman times to future times and a few between times on Friday, 10/20. People entering the clerk's office (the Clerkatory), found the flames of Hades and the Evil One himself greeting them. See page 16 for more photos. *Photo by Beth David*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Surely you can see why we are the REAL Halloweentown, yes?

Our town hall employees got all dressed up for our favorite holiday. The clerk's office totally transformed into Hades itself.

What fun!

But, hey, don't expect that kind of dressing up for our utility boxes in town. We're way too special for that. According to our all-knowing Beautification Committee, painting gray boxes with all kinds of bold and colorful flowers and trees and grassy knolls is, well.... too inner city for our little burg.

Honestly, folks, sometimes I am amazed at how I can sit in some of these meetings without jumping up and down and screaming at the top of my lungs.

See page 16 for some pictures of painted utility boxes in other places, and a picture of the gray one that the beautification committee insists is neutral and blends in better with the neighborhood than the painted ones.

I wonder if we were all looking at the same photos.

The worst part is that the Selectboard decided to "compromise." Really? Compromise?

Heavy sigh.

Sometimes, compromise is....well...oh, geesh, how can I say this without both sides going into conniptions? I can't. And to think I actually thought of running for office once upon a time. I think I'd make a lousy politician.

People, people, people: They are big, gray, ugly boxes; and boring, too. Painting cool looking stuff on them will make them interesting.

And, the idea that we will be distracted by them?

Heaven help us all! I have managed to do a whole lot of driving for the last 40+ years. I don't need the Beautification Committee protecting me from my own driving.

Geesh.

Onto other matters.

Veterans Day is on Wednesday (see page 3). Fairhaven will hold its annual parade, with ceremonies concluding at the high school. If you live along the route, please display an American flag for the marchers. If you do not, please line the route to show your support for our military personnel, both active, retired, and those not longer with us.

And, if you've never seen the big flag get raised, you owe it to yourself to get to the high school for the conclusion of the parade.

The 30x50 flag is a wonder to behold as it flutters in the wind in front of the magnificent Fairhaven High School.

There is also a flag raising and lowering at Fort Phoenix, and a flag raising in Acushnet on that day.

Details are on page 3.

And, in your travels this week, thank a veteran.

Until next week then, see ya



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

We made an error in our photo attribution in last week's story about the Halloween Parade in North Fairhaven. Pictured was Serenite-Love Truehart as Winter Wonderland Barbie, who won second place. First place winner was her sister Trinitie-Heaven Truhart as the Pink Lady. We apologize for the confusion.

# Fairhaven to hold Veterans Day Parade, flag raising

*From press release materials*

The Fairhaven Veterans Day Parade Committee announces that the 10th annual Veterans Day Parade will take place on Wednesday, 11/11.

All veterans from near and far, as well as all active military personnel, are cordially invited to march proudly behind their respective branch flag. Our committee members would like people to come and show support for those who will be marching on that day.

This year's parade will be dedicated to the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII and all surviving WWII veterans. The Parade Marshal will be 94-year-old WWII Veteran Manuel Leite. The keynote speaker will be Gayla Reilly who served over 20 years in the U.S. Navy

For those who will be marching in this parade, please meet behind Oxford School in North Fairhaven in Livesey Park by 9:15 a.m. The parade

will start at 10 a.m. and will proceed down Main Street to the Fairhaven High School where there will be a short dedication, which will include the raising of the big flag.

For those veterans who cannot march the parade route for any reason, transportation will be provided, courtesy of the Fairhaven COA, so they may also participate in this parade as well.

Those who can't march can meet at the Recreation Center/Senior Center building, near Stop & Shop by 8 a.m., and get transported from there to the parade and back. There will be coffee and doughnuts served at the there for all veterans before the parade.

We are also asking

homeowners and spectators along the parade route to fly the American flag to show support and appreciation for the veterans and active military who will be marching by.



George Brownell, a Vietnam War Veteran, helps fold the flag at Fairhaven High School at last year's Veterans Day ceremony. *Neighb News file photo by Beth David.*

## Fort Phoenix Flag Raising

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association will hold a flag raising and reveille by the Boy Scouts on Veterans Day, Wednesday, 11/11.

At 8 a.m., the Boy Scouts will raise the flag at Fort Phoenix, near the cannons. At 4 p.m., the Scouts will lower the flag. Scouts from Troop 52 and Troop 55 will participate in the ceremonies.

Activities at 4 p.m., include flag lowering, Taps, flag presentation and cannon salute.

The flag will be raised and lowered in memory of Private Ernest J. Benoit

and Lance Corporal Patrick J. Gallagher, who both have memorials in their honor at Benoit Square in North Fairhaven.

Pvt. Ernest J. Benoit, age 28, of Fairhaven, Mass., was killed in action with the American Machine Gunners on the Western Front in France on October 13, 1918. He was survived by his mother and father and four brothers. Pvt. Benoit is buried in France.

On Memorial Day, 1928, the memorial to Pvt. Benoit was unveiled at the square in North Fairhaven. On this day the square was officially

designated as "Benoit Square."

LCpl Patrick J. Gallagher, age 27, formerly of Fairhaven, was killed on Sunday, April 2, 2006 in ASR Uranium, Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom while serving in the United States Marine Corps. He was the husband of Elizabeth Gallagher.

Born September 22, 1978, he was the son of Walter J. Gallagher, Jr., and Barbara Gallagher, and the father of Evan Paul Gallagher.

Besides being an avid sports fan and true baseball fan, Patrick wanted nothing but to be a Marine.

## Acushnet to hold flag raising, flyover

*Press Release*

Please join our celebration and salute to all Veterans by attending our 8th annual flag raising ceremony on Wednesday, November 11, at 10 a.m. in front of Town Hall, 122 Main Street, Acushnet.

We will have a bagpiper ensemble, along with other entertainment and a U.S. Coast Guard flyover. Refreshments will be served!

Also featuring the Ford Middle School Chorus.



# Fairhaven Road Race hands out \$25,000 to local causes

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Father's Day Road Race recognized volunteers, donors, and local groups with a luncheon on Sunday, 11/1. Despite the torrential rains on race day, road race organizers were able to hand out \$25,000 in donations to 42 local groups.

Long time organizer Allen Days said the rain did have an impact on the amount the race made for donations, but he was happy with the end result.

"And it wasn't a light rain," he said.

This year the race donated \$2,000 each to the Fairhaven Emergency Management Agency, Fairhaven Fire Department and the Fairhaven Police Department.

The fire department plans on using the money for equipment for the workout room at the station.

"We figure it's a good investment to keep those guys in shape," joked Mr. Days.

The EMA will use the money to continue the rehab of a squad vehicle the agency acquired this year. It needs a generator and parts are hard to come by for the old truck.

The race also donated \$2,000 to repair all the gates at the Cushman Park track, which is used by

Fairhaven High School athletes. Mr. Days said he visited the newly built track and was sad to see the gates were all broken.

"There are lots of little stories behind each donation," said Mr. Days.

Mr. Days told the crowd that the volunteers make the race happen, and said it takes a lot of them to keep the operation running smoothly, from water stops along the route, to loading, delivering, and breaking down equipment before and after the race.

"It just wouldn't happen without these people here," he said.

Several thousand dollars went to various scholarship funds.

The MO LIFE food pantry received \$300, and Charles Murphy, who is also a Selectboard member, said the money would be

used for turkeys.

"When you are sitting down at Thanksgiving, know that you have provided turkeys for 300 families," said Mr. Murphy, noting that they get a great deal on turkeys from the Boston Food Bank.

The road race is held on Father's Day every year.



L-R: Jennifer Hartley of the Hampton Inn, a major sponsor of the Fairhaven Father's Day Road Race; Officer Alex Kisla, Sgt. Daniel Dorgan, and Emcee Allen Days share a laugh after Mr. Days hands over a \$2,000 donation check to Sgt. Dorgan, at the annual volunteer luncheon on Sunday, 11/1. The police department will use the money for workout equipment in the gym at the police station. The race donated \$25,000 to local agencies and nonprofit organizations. Photo by Beth David.

# Wood School Garden Club plants bulbs around building

The Wood School Green Team Garden Club planted more than 525 bulbs on Thursday, 10/29, around the school building. The club has 67 students and 20 parent volunteers.

The group planted tulips, daffodils

and irises, all perennials that will come up on their own every spring.

"I get to dig holes," said Kaylin, explaining why she had fun helping. "So in the spring we'll have nice flowers."

Mark said he helped plant about 10

bulbs and enjoyed being able to hang around with his friends, and also making new friends.

He said he is sure he will remember which flowers he planted when they come up in the spring.



LEFT: Group shot of the Wood School students and adults of the Green Team Garden Club who planted more than 525 bulbs on Thursday, 10/29. Photo by Beth David.



RIGHT: The students spread out along the building to plant bulbs under the direction of adult volunteers. Photo courtesy of Noelle Aubin.

# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Veterans Day Parade

Wed., 11/11. See page 3 for details.

## Run to Remember

The LCpl Matthew Rodriguez Run to Remember on Sun. See page 10.

## Musical

On 11/6 and 11/7 at 7 p.m., "Closer Than Ever" by Maltby and Shire will take place at the Unitarian Church, 102 Green St., Fairhaven. Accessible. This musical depicts the ages and stages of life with a focus on love, friendships, career, family and aging.

Cast features Heather Bodnar, Bonnie-Jeanne Brault, David Jones, Kelly Morrell, Tyler Rowe, with a guest performance by Berklee School of Music's Benjamin Young on upright bass. Directed/music directed by Bonnie-Jeanne Brault.

All proceeds to benefit the Unitarian Memorial Church. No tickets. Admission fees: \$15 students 12-adult, \$13 seniors. Reservations ONLY at 508-984-1253.

## Community Meeting

Meet with the potential developers of the Oxford School buildings. Do you have questions about the future use of the Oxford School? Do you care about what is coming into your neighborhood?

If you have any interest in what will become of the use of the Oxford School, please attend the community meeting organized by the North Fairhaven Improvement Associations. Take advantage of an opportunity to ask questions of the two potential developers and what their plans are for the school.

The NFIA has organized this opportunity for the residents and businesses of North Fairhaven so you may be a part of the process and to express your feelings and concerns to town officials.

**At Our Lady of Angels Hall at 7 Jesse Street, 7 p.m., Thurs., 11/12.**

NFIA wishes to thank the members of Our Lady of Angels for the use of their hall for this community forum.

## Free Film

*The Story of Broke* will be shown on **Tues., 11/10, 7-8:30 p.m., Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., Fairhaven.** Free. Accessible.

*The Story of Broke* is an animated DVD by Annie Leonard that quite clearly portrays why so many of our social programs are slowly being eliminated or under-funded. Approximately 20 minutes long, the DVD will serve as an excellent basis for discussion which will follow its showing.

## Skate for a Cause

Please join us for the Fall Fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters on **Tues., 11/10, from 6-8 p.m., at Carousel Family Fun Center, 4 David Drown Blvd., Fairhaven.** All admission proceeds to benefit BBBS at Child & Family Services. Admission: **\$5; skate rentals \$3; skate-mates \$5.**

The mission of BBBS is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. For more information, visit [www.child-familyservices.org](http://www.child-familyservices.org)

## Free Meal for Vets

To honor those who have served our country and protected our freedom, Friendly's is treating veterans and active military, with a valid military ID or honorable discharge card, to a free breakfast, lunch or dinner on **Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2015.**

Eligible guests are invited to start their morning with a hearty meal that's sure to satisfy any appetite. The Big-Two-Do® allows guests to customize their breakfast entrée by choosing two slices of French toast, two buttermilk pancakes or two slices of toast; two strips of crispy bacon or two sausage links and two made-to-order farm fresh eggs. As guests delight in the Big-Two-Do's® array of breakfast options, they'll also be treated to a cup of complimentary coffee.

For veterans preferring to dine at Friendly's for lunch or dinner, the restaurant is showing their appreciation with a complimentary All American Burger with fries and a beverage (soda, iced tea or hot beverage). Friendly's All American Burger features a fresh Big Beef burger patty topped with sliced tomato, crisp lettuce, red onion and a dash of mayo on a buttery brioche roll.

Friendly's takes pride in giving back to the community and recognizing the men and women who diligently serve our country. This Veteran's Day, Friendly's says, "thank you," with a bountiful, mouth-watering meal...no wallets needed! Offer is valid for dine-in guests only at all Friendly's locations and is limited to one breakfast or lunch/dinner entrée per person.

## SAVE THE DATES

### Turkey Trot

5K Fun Run/Walk on Thanksgiving morning, Thurs., 11/25, 8 a.m. (rain, snow, or shine). Starts and Finishes @ Nemasket Group, Green St. & Bridge St., Fairhaven Visit [www.FairhavenTurkeyTrot.com](http://www.FairhavenTurkeyTrot.com) or [active.com](http://active.com)

### Spaghetti Supper

Fairhaven Lions Club will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner, **Sat., 11/14, 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.** For Tickets call 508-996-3420 or 508-542-2484. Sponsored by Southern Mass Credit Union

## Thrift Store Open

Heavenly Treasures thrift store open 10:00-1:00. **Come see Christmas items.** New arrivals every day. Bargains galore! First Congregational Church of Fairhaven 34 Center St.

## NO Leaf Collection

The Town of Fairhaven will not be collecting leaves curbside this year. Leaves may be brought to our recycle center on Arsene Street. A permit is required. Permit Fees: Residents: \$20.00 and Senior Residents (60+), \$5.00. Vehicle registration is required to obtain a permit. The recycle center is open Monday-Friday: 8:15-Noon and Saturdays: 9:00-1:00.

## CPC Apps

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee is accepting applications for the 2016 funding round. Guidelines and Application Forms are available at [www.fairhaven-ma.gov](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov). Click on the Community Preservation Committee's page.

**Deadline is Fri., 11/6, by 12 noon.** Contact the Planning and Economic Development Department at 508-979-4082, Ext. 9 or [cpc@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:cpc@fairhaven-ma.gov).

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## EPA Meeting

New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site, EPA Public Meeting will be held at Victoria Riverside Apartments **10 Manomet Street New Bedford, MA, on Thurs., 11/5, from 6-7:45 p.m.**

\*Please park and use entrance on the backside of the building\*

Visit <http://www2.epa.gov/new-bedford-harbor> or reach: Kelsey O'Neil at [oneil.kelsey@epa.gov](mailto:oneil.kelsey@epa.gov) or 617-918-1003

## Try Hockey For Free

South Coast Panthers Youth Hockey invites BOYS AND GIRLS ages four to nine years old to **Hetland Ice Rink, 310 Hathaway Blvd., New Bedford, on Sat., 11/7, 10:30 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.** for a Try Hockey For Free clinic to experience ice hockey for the first time and learn the basics of the sport in a fun, safe environment. This event is sponsored by USA Hockey and KraftHeinz and hosted by the South Coast Panthers Youth Hockey.

To register your child, please visit [www.TryHockeyForFree.com](http://www.TryHockeyForFree.com) or contact Wendy Barros at [barros.panthers.lts@comcast.net](mailto:barros.panthers.lts@comcast.net) or ask for Kim Ferrara at the rink on Nov 7.

## NB Open Studios

November is New Bedford Open Studios month.

Discover Kilburn Mills Studios, 101 W. Rodney French Blvd., **Sat. 11/7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.** Mill Histories at noon, Confessions of An Art Critic, 3 p.m.

Visit The Ropeworks, 123 Sawyer St., **Sat., 11/14, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sun., 11/15, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.** Special Exhibit by Love The Ave muralists.

Experience Hatch Street Studios, 88 Hatch St., **Sat., 11/21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., & Sun., 11/22, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.** **Friday opening, 11/20, 5-9 p.m.** Live music, preview building expansion

The NB Open Studios tour is free. It is funded by member artists with special thanks to the New Bedford Cultural Council. Art and arisan work will be available at all locations. Visit [www.NewBedfordOpenStudios.org](http://www.NewBedfordOpenStudios.org)

## Wellness Van

The Southcoast Wellness Van travels across the region bringing health screenings into the community. To schedule free screenings, please call Susan Oliveira, RN, at 508-973-8740 or email [oliveiras@](mailto:oliveiras@)

[southcoast.org](http://southcoast.org) or check the schedule at [www.southcoast.org/van/](http://www.southcoast.org/van/)

**Fri., 11/6, 7 a.m. to noon**, CSAC, 10 Kilburn St., New Bedford

**Sun., 11/8, Noon to 4 p.m.**, Boys And Girls Club of New Bedford, 166 Jenny Street, New Bedford

**Mon., 11/9, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, Bay Village/ Boa Vista Housing, 134 South Second St., New Bedford

## Free Flu Vaccine

The Greater New Bedford Community Health Center has announced that it will provide **free flu vaccine on Sat., 11/7, from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.** The vaccine provides protection against seasonal flu and will be available to both adults and children six months and older. The vaccine will be available at **874 Purchase St., New Bedford, MA 02740**. For further information, please call 508-992-6553.

## Dracula

*Dracula*, the classic gothic thriller, will open an eight show run at Your Theatre, Inc. on November 12. Written by Bram Stoker and adapted for stage by John L. Balderston, the play has a cast of eight South Coast actors and is directed by Stephen R. Kay of Swansea.

The play follows Lucy Seward, daughter of the physician in charge of a sanatorium near London, who has a mysterious illness. Doctor Van Helsing, a family friend, suspects a vampire that roams the earth by night sucking the blood of victims to sustain its earthly life. With the help of Lucy's father and her fiancé they search for the fiend among the sanatorium patients and beyond.

You won't want to miss this seasonal show, hear the keys in the lock, and feel the tingles run down your spine. Listen for the correct answer to a question asked at the curtain call, and enter a chance to win two free passes to another YTI play.

A special discount ticket of \$10 is offered for the two Saturday night performances for those who "**Dress Up for Dracula.**" Wear your best Vamp attire and makeup and receive the discount on Nov. 14 & 21 only.

YTI is grateful to our 69th Season Sponsor, BankFive, for its fourth year of strong support for the arts. YTI also thanks Bristol County Savings Bank for its support of this production.

**Performance dates are: Nov. 12, 13, 14 & 19, 20, 21 at 8:00 p.m., and Nov. 15 & 22 at 2:30 p.m.**

**General admission is \$15, \$12 for season subscribers (three show minimum), and \$13 for students, seniors, and military personnel.**

Performances are held at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse located at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at the St. Martin's Episcopal Church complex. Free parking.

For tickets call 508-993-0772, or send an email to [info@yourtheatre.org](mailto:info@yourtheatre.org). Visit [www.yourtheatre.org](http://www.yourtheatre.org)

## Gallery Talk

*Inside Out: The New Bedford Fishing Industry Through Industry Eyes*, is a multi-media exhibit featuring the work of six artists who are all employed in or retired from the local fishing industry. The exhibit which is on display at the main branch of the New Bedford Public Library (613 Pleasant Street) has been extended through November 30th. **The public is invited to a gallery talk on Nov. 12 (AHA night) from 7:00-8:00 pm.** The exhibit, which features photographs of Alan Cass, Serina Gundersen, and Phil Mello, illustrations of Bob Bowers, knot work of Manny Vinagre, and boat models of Manuel Silva, is a project of the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center.

For more info call 508-993-8894 or email [nbfishingheritagecenter@gmail.com](mailto:nbfishingheritagecenter@gmail.com).

## Free Film

The SE Mass. Alzheimer's Partnership in collaboration with The UMass Dartmouth Ora DeJesus Gerontology Center, presents *The Genius of Marian*, Thurs., 11/12, in conjunction with AHA! Night in New Bedford. Art Show 5:00 - 9:00 pm. Film Screening will begin at 6:00 pm This is a FREE event and open to the public! At Star Store Campus (College of Visual and Performing Arts) 715 Purchase St. New Bedford, MA 02740

"An intimate family portrait that explores the heartbreak of Alzheimer's disease, the power of art and the meaning of family. *The Genius of Marian* follows Pam White in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease as her son, the filmmaker, documents her struggle to hang on to a sense of self."

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Flag Raising

Acushnet Town Hall. See page 3.

## Depression Group

Depression, Bipolar Support Alliance support group meets every first Thursday of the month from **6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Southeast Complex, 100 Rosewood Way, Wareham, MA.** Next meeting is 11/5. Call 508-295-3286 for more information.

## Acushnet Author

Jackie Leduc, Acushnet resident and sixteen year old author of two novels, will be at Rhode Island Comic Con, November 6-8. Her two novels: *The Demonic Eyes* and *Bloody Nightmares* are spine-tingling suspenseful tales that will have you at the edge of your seat. If you are into action-packed science fiction based horror, come by her table at **The Providence Convention Center, 1 Sabin St. Providence, RI: Nov. 6, 3pm-9pm; Nov. 7, 10am-7pm; Nov. 8, 10am-5pm**

## Christmas Bazaar

St. John Neumann Womens Guild is sponsoring their "Christmas Bazaar" featuring Guest Vendors To be held at St. John Neumann Parish Hall, next to Cathedral Camp, Route 18/ Middleboro Road, East Freetown, Mass., on **Sat., 11/8, From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Take exit 8 (Chace Road Exit) off Route 140.

FREE admission. Hearty Lunch will be served. Wheelchair accessible

## Rare Books Talk

Kenneth Gloss, proprietor of the internationally known Brattle Book Shop in Boston's Downtown Crossing, will give a talk on **Tues., 11/10, at 6:30 p.m.** on the value of old and rare books at the **Hayden Library at Tabor Academy, 71 Spring St., Marion.** Free and open to the public.

Mr. Gloss, a frequent guest appraiser on PBS' Antiques Roadshow, will talk in part about the history of his historic bookshop, one of America's oldest and largest antiquarian bookstores going back to around 1825. He will also show some of his favorite finds and describe some of the joys of the "hunt," as well as explain what makes a book go up in value. He has many fascinating

anecdotes to share as well as guidelines for what to look for when starting a collection. Following the talk, Mr. Gloss will offer free verbal appraisals of all books attendees have brought with them.

Please visit the Brattle Books website at [www.brattlebookshop.com](http://www.brattlebookshop.com), or call 800-447-9595.

## Civics Quiz Nights

The Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee is sponsoring a Civics Quiz Night at **The Inn on Shipyard Park, 13 Water St., Mattapoisett, Wed., 11/18 from 7:30-9:00.** Why not put together a team of 2-4 friends or family and compete for a \$25 gift certificate to the Inn? The winning team will also be able to donate the proceeds from the event to their favorite charity. **Registration fee for each team is \$10.00.** Whatever your political affiliation, we hope you will come and enjoy the fun. You can pre-register your team by emailing your team's information to [mattdemtc@gmail.com](mailto:mattdemtc@gmail.com) or by registering at the door the night of the event. If you have any questions or need further information, please email the Mattapoisett committee at [mattdemtc@gmail.com](mailto:mattdemtc@gmail.com).

## Exhibit Reception

In an old Chinese folktale, the goddess of reincarnation Meng Po serves up the Tea of Oblivion to souls passing on to another life. Made with herbs collected from ponds and streams, the mystic brew ensures that the memories and experiences of previous lives are forgotten. Occasionally, one may refuse the tea to retain the details of their lives.

Through their work, Heidi Lau and Megan Ledbetter embody the tale of Meng Po and its connection to nature and nostalgia. Incorporating elements from their respective cultures, the artists preserve personal connections to home. Lau's ceramic sculptures and Ledbetter's photography are rich with details collected from various earthly sources and suggest a threshold between the physical and intangible.

Opening Reception: Sat., 11/7, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Gallery Talk 7:00 pm. Kniznick Gallery, Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University, MS 079, 515 South Street, Waltham,

MA; [brandeis.edu/wsrc/arts](http://brandeis.edu/wsrc/arts), 781-736-8102, [wsrc-arts@brandeis.edu](mailto:wsrc-arts@brandeis.edu)

## Caregiver Workshop

Feeling stretched as a caregiver? Coastline is offering a free six-week Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop **beginning Fri., 11/6 through 12/18, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Dartmouth Council on Aging, So. Dartmouth.** No class will be conducted on Nov. 27.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an educational series designed to provide you with the tools you need to take care of yourself as you provide care for a friend or family member.

Workshop is free. Class size is limited, registration required. Care may be available for your recipient. This workshop is not for professionals.

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## Apple Cranberry Currant Crumble Pie

- 1/4 cup brandy
- 1/4 cup dried currants
- 1 1/2 c cranberries, rinsed, drained
- 1 cup sugar
- 6 Tbsp + 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbsp finely grated orange zest
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 6 cups sliced peeled Granny Smith apples (about 2 1/4 lbs)
- 10-inch pie pastry for a single-crust pie
- 2/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, cut into chunks

Combine brandy and currants in a small bowl. Let sit until currants are plump (about 1 hour)

Preheat oven to 375°F. In a large bowl mix 1 cup white sugar with 6 tbsps flour, orange zest, cinnamon, nutmeg, salt. Use slotted spoon to transfer currants from brandy (reserve the brandy) to the sugar mixture. Add cranberries and apples and mix well. Pour filling into unbaked pie pastry and drizzle with the reserved brandy.

In another bowl mix 1 cup flour with 2/3 cup of brown sugar. Add the butter and cut in with a pastry blender until the mixture forms small lumps. Sprinkle topping over the filling. Set pie in a foil-lined 10x15 inch baking pan.

Bake on bottom rack until juices bubble, 55 to 65 minutes.

Set pie on rack, uncovered, to cool, 2 to 3 hours.

From [www.simplyrecipes.com](http://www.simplyrecipes.com)

# Run to remember

*From press release materials*  
Come run or walk with us in Fairhaven, MA on Sunday, November 8, at 10 a.m., at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven, to honor LCpl Matthew Rodriguez!

Fairhaven resident LCpl Matthew Rodriguez was killed in Afghanistan on 12/11/13 at the age of 19. Dubbed "The Smiling Warrior," Matthew wanted to be a Marine since he was a little boy. His family created a charitable foundation in his name. Proceeds from the race will benefit the foundation.

To register, visit <http://TeamSmilingWarrior.org/>

Pre-Registered Runners/Walkers Fee: Adults: \$30; Students (under 18 y/o): \$15; Active Military: \$20

Same Day Reg. Runners/Walkers Fee: Adults: \$40; Students (under 18 y/o): \$25; Active Military: \$20.

If you are 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, at [lauren@thesmilingwarrior.org](mailto:lauren@thesmilingwarrior.org)

Can't be in Fairhaven on 11/8? Run/walk with us virtually by registering and posting your distance and pics of your run/walk here in our event!

Virtual Registration Runners/Walkers Fee: Adult and Student Participants: \$30; Active Military: \$20.

Schedule of Events: Saturday, November 7, Race Bib Pick-up. Visit website for place and time.

Sunday, November 8, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Pre-Registered Bib Pick-up & same day Registration.

9:45 a.m.: Opening Remarks

9:55 a.m.: Singing of the National Anthem

10 a.m.: start Limited Edition race T-shirt for the first 150 registered runners/walkers (Additional shirts may be available for purchase day of event)

Awards to the top Male & Female Adult runners; top Male & Female Student runners; top Male & Female Active Military members; top Male & Female Adult walkers; and top Male & Female Student walkers

Race day will also feature music and vendor table.

The LCpl Matthew R. Rodriguez Memorial 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, MA 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.

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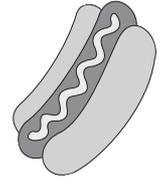


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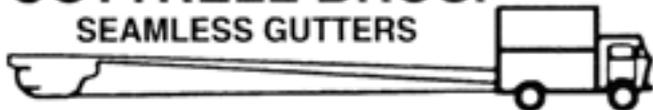


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# Acushnet LNG plans move to next step, face opposition

Michael Smith

## Neighb News Correspondent

With the proposed LNG expansion project well underway, Acushnet residents, in spite of Eversource's well-planned information blitz, are still showing safety concerns over the project.

During their Monday afternoon meeting, the Acushnet Selectboard read a letter from a resident pertaining to the proposed LNG tank project. Dana A. Sargent, a criminal defense attorney whose law office is in New Bedford, wrote to the board containing specifics as to the size and capacity of the new tanks and how they could cause a real danger to residents and surrounding towns.

Mr. Sargent lives a half-mile from the Peckham Road facility. He wrote that most people "probably don't know" that there are already two small LNG tanks in town. He said that everyone will be aware of the "two huge, towering new" tanks as proposed.

The letter cited Oxnard, CA, studies done in the late 70's on possible dangers of explosions and asked why the tanks could not be placed in a more remote place instead of in Acushnet.

Everywhere within 30 miles of the tanks is in danger, Mr. Sargent said in his letter.

"This facility will expose our community, not only Acushnet but the entire South Coast, to the dangers that are associated with LNG facilities," wrote Mr. Sargent. "With these facilities come high volume, high pressure, industrial-sized gas pipe lines that will threaten our communities with an unacceptable risk."

Dennis Calvin, a spokesperson for Eversource, responded saying those

studies used now-outdated science, and that Eversource would address Mr. Sargent's concerns "point-by-point" to the public.

Selectboard Chairperson David Wojnar suggested that Mr. Calvin have Eversource not rely solely on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to inform residents of the LNG project and to do due diligence to keep things transparent.

In another matter, the board agreed to hold a joint meeting with the School Committee to fill a vacancy created when by the resignation of Frank Kuthan, who served for 11 years. The two boards will vote on 11/30.

Send letters of interest to the Selectboard by 11/24 at noon.

The board also read and placed on file a letter recognizing and praising Acushnet Animal Control Officer Rebekah Tomlinson for her response when a dog attacked its owner.

Ian Marcotte wrote that Ms. Tomlinson went "above and beyond" in her compassionate response.

"It was her true empathy and sincerity in realizing how sad and upset we all were and what we were dealing with," wrote Mr. Marcotte. "As well know, getting rid of a family dog isn't easy. I would love to see her recognized in some way for the positive interaction and the great comforting advice she provided... She certainly was able to make an extremely difficult situation/decision much easier to deal with."

In another matter, the Selectboard appointed a part-time clerk position for the Conservation Department. The position has been open for several months with funding in place, according to conservation agent Merilee Kelly.

The permanent position will perform administrative duties in the office and take minutes at Conservation Commission meetings.

The board also approved a pole upgrade on Wing Lane necessary for the solar project being built there. No abutters attended the hearing.

With winter not too far away, residents of Evergreen Drive have complained about the lack of proper plow services in their neighborhood.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar said he wanted to find out how these residents can enjoy town services like the rest of the town.

"I think it has been very unfair for them," said Mr. Gaspar.

The board agreed to look at what can be done to get them improve plowing in the neighborhood.

The board announced that the town will accept old TV's at the Department of Public Works on Saturday, 11/14.

The board also announced that an opening for a recycling/truck driver position in the DPW will go through an in-house process for applicants, but anyone outside the department who is interested in the job is encouraged to apply.

- In other business the board:
- Appointed Dustin Whitlock to the Historical Commission;
  - Approved and placed on file a letter from Park Commissioner Chad LeClair asking if they can utilize town staff services for field maintenance in the future months. The board also suggested putting a procedure in place for such requests in the future, and possibly seek services from Scouts.
  - Tabled the first quarter water/sewer report until November 16 in order to collect more data. •••



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# Selectboard “compromises” on utility box painting plan

By Beth David  
Editor

At its meeting on Monday, 10/26, the Fairhaven Selectboard heard from a dismayed Ann Richard who said she wanted to bring into the open that her proposal to paint utility boxes had been rejected by the Beautification Committee.

Ms. Richard reminded the Selectboard that she had appeared before them at a previous meeting and they had fully supported her idea to paint the gray and gray-green utility boxes in Fairhaven with various artistic scenes.

She said she had hoped to get a Cultural Council grant for the project and have local students submit their ideas to paint the boxes. The board had suggested that she work with the Beautification Committee on the plan.

To her dismay, they rejected the idea, and submitted a letter to the Selectboard stating their reasons\*.

“I was kind of surprised when the Beautification Committee made its decision,” said Ms. Richard, and said she asked for a letter so they would have to say why.

The letter states that “members felt it was not a fitting type of project for our town. The concept of having various types of artwork painted on the traffic control boxes may look fine in the inner city setting, but was too bold in a rural and historic town atmosphere,” reads the letter. “We

suggest that the control boxes remain a neutral grey color.”

The letter, which was signed by BC Chairperson Wayne Oliveira, also states: “We also felt it would be too much of a distraction to drivers at a busy intersection.”

“I didn’t want a big fight,” Ms. Richard told the Selectboard, adding that she did not submit her proposal to the Cultural Council, and that she disagreed with the decision. “They are all over the country.”

She said she wanted to know if the BC had the final say and she wanted the Selectboard to weigh in.

She had shown the board a wide variety of boxes from other places around the country that were painted to stand out or blend in with the background.

“Are they in charge of all the artwork in town?” asked Ms. Richard.

Selectboard chairperson Geoffrey Haworth told Ms. Richard that the BC is an advisory board and does not have any actual authority to act, technically.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola said he was “surprised” to see the reaction of the BC..

He said he thought everyone would see actual designs before any decisions were made.

Ms. Richard said that was the plan, and that she had no intention of painting anything without lots of input from the public and boards.

Gary Lavalette, who spoke on behalf of the Beautification Committee, told the board that the committee is looking at all areas of town and had already worked with the Department of Public Works to remove entering-Fairhaven signs on Route 6 East and in other areas.

“We thought it was too modern an idea to put in a historic town,” said Mr. Lavalette.

He said the boxes should “blend in” with the background, although he admitted that some were “tastefully done.”

Selectboard member Charles Murphy pointed out that West Island has a painted utility box.

“I think it looks nice,” he said.

Mr. Lavalette persisted, saying that the committee was



BELOW: A montage of photos showing utility boxes that have been creatively painted with their surroundings in mind. ABOVE: A utility box in Fairhaven that the Beautification Committee says should not be painted like those below because the concept is “too bold in a rural and historic town atmosphere,” and it would distract drivers. *Photos submitted.*

aiming for a “certain look,” especially on Route 6 entering town from the West/New Bedford.

He added that it might be a good idea in certain parts of town that might not be “as historic.”

Mr. Haworth suggested that a “reasonable compromise” might be to allow the painted boxes in certain areas of town, but not in the center.

“Their vote was ‘no,’” said Ms. Richard, adding that the discussion did not include the possibility of painting some of the boxes.

She asked again if the Beautification Committee was for the “whole town.”

“Yes,” said Mr. Haworth, but reiterated that they only make a recommendation. “We don’t have to take it.”

“I feel we can compromise,” said Mr. Haworth.

Mr. Espindola asked how many there were.

Ms. Richard said there were six areas originally.

“People are asking by we’re not doing it,” she said.

Mr. Murphy suggested that she ask the cultural council for the money.

“The deadline passed,” she said.

Mr. Haworth suggested that she pick some locations and return to the Selectboard.

Mr. Lavalette told the board that the BC had taken down “a lot of signs” to clean up the scenery entering town.

“Those things were all over the place,” said Mr. Lavalette.

*Editor’s Note: The letter is available on our website at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*



# Plaque Ceremony honors area's fallen veterans

By Beth David  
Editor

Friends, family members and local politicians gathered at the LCpl Matthew R. Rodriguez Playground at New Bedford Regional Airport on Sunday, 11/1, to honor eight local fallen military heroes. Family and friends affixed plaques to the four tables and four Adirondack chairs. The picnic tables will remain near the playground and the chairs will be placed on the observation deck.

Two of the tables have a chess/checkers board on them, with a drawer for the game pieces.

One Adirondack chair has a Red Sox logo emblazoned on it, and that



one has LCpl Rodriguez's name on it. Another has the Bruins logo on it, and has a plaque recognizing the sacrifice of Cpl. Nicholas G. Xiarhos, USMC, of Yarmouth Port, Mass.

All plaques state the name of the man killed in action and date and place he was killed.

Steven and Beth Sammis attended the ceremony which honored their son, Capt. Benjamin W.

Sammis, USMC, of Rehoboth, who was killed in Iraq in 2003.

"It's not only a great tribute to our son," said Mr. Sammis. "When you honor our sons, you honor everybody that served."



BOTTOM: Lisa Rodriguez speaks to the crowd at a ceremony to place plaques on chairs and tables at New Bedford Regional Airport, near the playground named after her son, Lance Corporal Matthew Rodriguez, who was killed in Afghanistan in 2013. Seven others who were killed in action since 911 were also honored. ABOVE: US Rep. William Keating shakes hands with Rolando (Rod) Rodriguez, the father of LCpl Matthew Rodriguez, who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2013, while Matthew's mother Lisa, and his sister Lauren Webber, and Matthew's brother Adam stand nearby. Photos courtesy of Donna David.

"I think it's wonderful," said Matthew's mother Lisa Rodriguez. "The more obvious we can make it to people about our local heroes, the better."

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# Town Hall employees dress up the place, and themselves

Fairhaven town hall employees seriously (and not-so seriously) got into the Halloween spirit on Friday, 10/30. The clerk's office was transformed into the "Clerkatory" and all who entered encountered the flames of Hades and its usual

inhabitants.

Some money counters of Roman, a few nurses, a sports figure or two, and a space traveler, all roamed the venerable halls of Henry Huttleston Rogers fame. Downstairs, the finance office handed out tasty pastries for all

who dared to take them.

Again this year, the Clerk's office went all out, recruiting a real, live Master of All Evil, complete with pitchfork, to greet all who dared to enter. Lighting mimicked flames, transforming the office into Hades itself.

Last year, town clerk Eileen Lowney and assistant clerk Carolyn Hurley transformed the office into a penny candy store. We look forward to seeing what they do next year.



The devil's in the details. L-R: Fairhaven Town Clerk Eileen Lowney, Custodian Frank Fostin, and Assistant Town Clerk Carolyn Hurley transformed the clerk's office into the "Clerkatory for Halloween on Friday, 10/30. RIGHT: A warning to all who approach. Beth David photos.

## Fairhaven High School girls volleyball team advances



The Lady Blue Devil Volleyball team ended their season on Wednesday, October 28 with a 3-0 loss to New Bedford High School. Fairhaven ends the regular season with a 16-4 overall record, and finished second in the South Coast Conference with a 13-3 record. That record was good enough for a three seed in the MIAA Division 3 South Tournament, and they will start their playoff run with a home game against 14th seeded Coyle Cassidy on Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. LEFT: Alexis Duarte tracks her spike that picked up one of her seven kills in the game. RIGHT: Hayleigh Aubut taps the ball over the Lady Whalers blockers on Wednesday, October 28 at New Bedford High School. *Photos by Ryan Feeney.*

## Fairhaven High School boys soccer team advances



The Blue Devil boys soccer team closed out the season on Thursday, October 28, with a 4-3 victory against Bishop Stang. This game avenged the 3-0 loss against the Spartans in their first game of the season. With the victory, the Blue Devils finished with a 10-6-4 record and an 11th seed in the MIAA Division 3 South Tournament. They will travel to face the 6th seeded Rockland High School on Friday, November 6 at 2:30 p.m. LEFT: Matt Stabell heads the ball to a teammate. MIDDLE: Josh Nunes is not happy when no call was made after being taken to the ground against Bishop Stang. RIGHT: Dustin Cunha and Matt Stabell celebrate with Josh Nunes after his second goal of the game. *Photos by Ryan Feeney.*

# M.O. L.I.F.E. opens additional office in Fairhaven

By Beth David  
Editor

It was all smiles and smiles on top of smiles on Friday, 10/30, when MO LIFE held a ribbon cutting and open house at its new office on Scoticut Neck Road in Fairhaven.

Founded and run by Charles Murphy, who is also a Selectboard member in town, Murphy and Others Living Interdependently for Future Endeavors is growing. According to Mr. Murphy, the office at 105 Scoticut Neck Road will not replace the headquarters, still on Daniel Street. The new office will handle job placement and job skills.

The organization works with people with disabilities to help them not only get jobs, but to fully participate in all that life has to offer, including social events, travel and recreational activities.

Mr. Murphy estimated that the additional office will have around 20 to 30 consumers and staff physically

using the building during a typical day, although not all will be there at the same time.

The new facility has three training rooms, offices, a kitchen area, and is fully accessible.

Scores of people attended the open house including officials from the Mass. Department of Developmental Services, Coastline Elderly, and local officials and MO LIFE consumers.

Mr. Murphy's mother Kathleen Murphy cut the ribbon, and the event was catered by Mac's across the Street. The water and soft drinks came from Fairhaven Wine & Spirits, in the same building.

"So we're already supporting the neighborhood," said Mr. Murphy.



"It's a very exciting day for MO LIFE," said COO Ivan Britto. He told the crowd that MO LIFE is a family oriented agency that is about more than jobs. It's about enjoying life, he said, noting that a group went on a cruise recently.

"[It's] about social events and family," said Mr. Britto. Mr. Murphy said that after that cruise, one man told him that he had found the courage to ride in an elevator all by himself, for the

first time.

"So those little accomplishments go a long way," said Mr. Murphy, adding that MO LIFE has a "strong compassionate board, a strong compassionate staff, strong compassionate consumers, and also, as you can see, a very supportive community."

"We're very proud to be working with MO LIFE," said Ann McCrillis, area agency manager at Coastline. "MO LIFE always comes through for us."

"It's great to see this space repurposed, and for such a great cause," said Fairhaven Selectboard chairperson Geoffrey Haworth.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola echoed that sentiment, saying it was "really nice" to see the business stay in town.

"Especially a business of this nature," said Mr. Espindola.

He said he has gone to the annual MO LIFE ball and has seen the impact it has on people.

"I wish the best of luck, and many, many years to come."

Lori Mendez, who works with MO LIFE and other agencies providing services, said she was there, "Because I love these people."

"It's very nice. They did a wonderful job with it," she said about the new office, adding that people also seemed "so happy to be here. It's such a sense of community."



TOP: Greg Centeio checks out a frame with some photos, including one of Katie Brienzo, while Katie's mom, Karen Fostin, looks on, during the MO LIFE open house on Friday, 10/30. ABOVE: People mill around MO LIFE's new office space at 105 Scoticut Neck Road during the open house. Photos by Beth David.

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# Planning Board ready for public hearings on bylaw changes

By Beth David  
Editor

After months of word changes and discussions on what the whole point is, the Fairhaven Planning Board is ready to hold public hearings on proposed changes to the auto dealership bylaw. The board will also seek public input on a proposed zoning amendment that would allow the board to require a bond for any project requiring a special permit.

For the auto dealership bylaw, much of the remaining discussion revolved around whether or not the bylaw should limit the time a dealership can have a car on the lot, outside, to 60 days.

The biggest change would require that all service stations be required to get a special permit. That process would allow the board to make very specific conditions. Board members have note during their discussions at the last few meetings, that they are trying to avoid some of the disputes seen in neighborhoods.

"Most repair stations are in residential neighborhoods and are growing by leaps and bounds," said

board member Rene Fleurent. "Some of these places are really pushing to the limits.

He said people move into the neighborhood and see a small repair shop, then end up with a sprawling, busy place that disrupts traffic and causes noise.

Mr. Fleurent also asked the board how the town would enforce the 60-day rule, saying he did not want to be too burdensome for owners. He said owners want to keep the cars moving in and out, to make money.

"You would think that would be the case," said Town Planner Bill Roth, adding that it is not the case.

He said some places look like junkyards, "And we had nothing in our code and it just goes on and on and on."

He said putting in the code will give the building commissioner what he needs to get the cars moved.

"It's a problem in town," said board member John Farrell. He said the town would not go in on the 61st day to have a car removed. The action would probably be sparked by a neighbor who calls.

"Do we really care if a car is there for a long time?" asked Mr. Fleurent.

"It starts to look like a junkyard," said Mr. Roth.

PB Chairperson Wayne Hayward said they should leave it in the code and let the public weigh in.

The hearing will probably be in early December and will be advertised in the newspaper.

The board also discussed a bylaws change that would require a bond to be posted for all project requiring a special permit. The board has had compliance issues with some projects and board member has complained that they have no leverage with developers or owners once the project has an occupancy permit.

The board discussed various ways the bond would be required, such as at the beginning of a project, or at the end, when one or to "punch list" items are all that left. One possibility is that the bond could be required when an occupancy permit is issued and returned when the last items are finished.

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Any bylaw changes would have to be approved by Town Meeting.

The board also discussed ways to get a line on the town's occupancy permit application. Currently, the board does not sign off on occupancy permits, only the building inspector signs it.

Planning board members feel they would not run into some of the problems they have had if they had the authority to hold up an occupancy permit.

That change would not require a bylaws change or a vote by TM.

PB member Kaisa Cripps pushed for a tougher stance on the occupancy permit, saying the work should be required to be finished within a certain number of days. Other board members said it should be on a case by case basis, noting that some things cannot be done at certain times of year. Stalling a project for months because of, for example, the final coat of asphalt cannot be done until spring, would be unfair to the owners.

"I want finality," said Ms. Cripps

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Joyce Meyer

In another matter, the board also heard an update from Mr. Fleurent on the Master Plan Subcommittee's progress. The subcommittee will ask for some information from various consultants to try to figure out how much money to ask for at Town Meeting. All agree that the Master Plan is woefully outdated. The consultant fee will be in the \$100,000 to \$150,000 range. The subcommittee will figure out how much work on the MP has already been done and how much the consultants need to do.

Then they will get information from consultants on costs.

After town meeting approves the funding, the board will then interview consultants to do the work.

In other business, the board approved a Form A on 31 Charity Stevens Lane and a Form A on Babbitt Street. Form A plans create new lots. The board is required to approve Form A plans if the lots have the required frontage, regardless of whether or not the lots have the required square-footage to be legally buildable lots.

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Bell Committee

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

### Capital Planning Comm

Thurs., 11/12, Town Hall, 10 a.m.

### Community Preserv. Comm

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

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 11/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Planning Board

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

### Rogers/Oxford Study Comm

Thurs., 11/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., 11/12, OLOA Hall/Jesse St.  
(At NFIA Community Meeting)

### School Committee

Wed., 11/18, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

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

### Town Admin. Screening

Mon., 11/9, SMCU Board Room  
123 Alden Rd., 4 p.m.

Tues., 11/10, SMCU, 4 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Selectboard

Mon., 11/16, Town Hall, 4 p.m..

### Library Trustees

Fri., 11/13, Rusell Mem. Lib., 3 p.m.

### Planning Commission

Thurs., 11/19, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

### Agricultura Commission

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Sunday	15	1002	2231	0253*	1528*
Monday	16	1051	2325	0337*	1611*

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Denise Cromwell, who works for MO LIFE, said she loved seeing the reactions of MO LIFE consumers as they walked through the space.

"Because, at the end of the day, if they're not comfortable and happy with it, it's not going to work," said Ms. Cromwell.

MO LIFE also runs a food pantry in New Bedford. To learn more, visit [www.molifeinc.com](http://www.molifeinc.com)

RIGHT: Everyone claps after Kathleen Murphy (center) cuts the ribbon at the new MO LIFE office on 10/30. *Beth David photo.*




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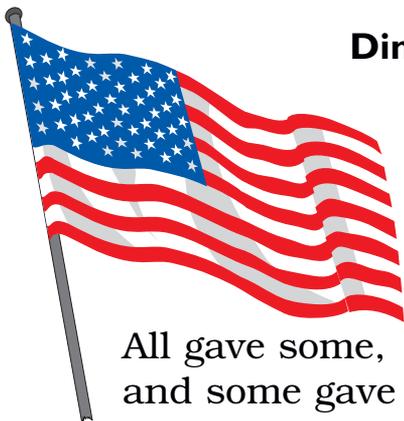
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# Man sentenced for fake veterans charity

*Press Release*

Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced that a 53-year-old man accused of fraudulently receiving thousands of dollars for a bogus armed forces veterans' charity has been convicted in Fall River Superior Court, and that proceeds seized during the investigation will be turned over to the Wounded Warriors Project charitable fund.

Gary Fincher, a homeless drifter from Texas, pleaded guilty Monday, 10/26, to charges of larceny over \$250 and misleading police.

On August 4, 2014, Sgt. Michael Ellsworth of the Mansfield Police Department witnessed Mr. Fincher soliciting donations for a charity called "Help for Homeless Vets."

Mr. Fincher was soliciting the donations outside of the Mansfield Stop and Shop grocery store. The defendant was seated at a table near the exit doors of the store, was wearing a veterans hat and a veterans ID badge. His table was stocked with signage and pamphlets for the "Help for Homeless Vets" charity. The defendant, in a brief exchange with Sgt. Ellsworth, said he had served in

the military in 1979 and 1980.

Sgt. Ellsworth, a veteran himself, made inquiries to the Attorney General's Office and was informed that "Help for Homeless Vets" was not a registered charitable organization. When Sgt. Ellsworth returned to the grocery store to speak with Mr. Fincher, the defendant had already packed up his table and was on the move.

Through further investigation by Mansfield Police, it was determined that Mr. Fincher was keeping the money donated to the non-existent charitable organization. \$783 in cash was located in his vehicle and around \$10,000 was in a bank account. After his arrest, the defendant admitted to police that he travelled the country accepting money from strangers under the pretense that he was collecting money for charity.

During the sentencing hearing in Fall River Superior Court Monday, the District Attorney's office argued for a two to three year state prison sentence and also sought to have the seized money transferred to a reputable veterans charitable organization. Mr. Fincher's defense argued for a 14

month state prison term.

After hearing arguments from both sides, Superior Court Judge Rene Dupuis sentenced Mr. Fincher to 14 months in state prison (deemed served due to his pretrial detention), and ordered that \$8,979 be paid as restitution to the Wounded Warriors project, a nationally recognized veterans charity. Judge Dupuis also placed Mr. Fincher on supervised probation for three years. If he violates his probation, he faces up to 10 years in state prison.

"I am happy that the defendant has been held accountable for his despicable conduct. Holding himself out as collecting for a Veterans Organization, when in fact, he was stealing the money for himself. The defendant took advantage of the good will of the citizens of Bristol County," District Attorney Quinn said. "Although I feel he deserved more prison time I am pleased that the monies seized from the defendant will be turned over to the Wounded Warrior Project. These are the individuals that deserve our gratitude and admiration for fighting to protect us and suffering life altering injuries."

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## Suffolk Law Students Win Trademark Decision for NautiGirl

*Press Release*

For the past three years, students in the Suffolk University Law School Intellectual Property & Entrepreneurship Clinic have represented their client, Christine Palmerton, in a trademark battle against Nautica. And after a decision this month from the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, the students won on Palmerton's behalf.

Palmerton has run her own privately held business since 2008. She sells tote bags for nautical supplies and other items with the distinctive trademark "NautiGirl Dare to be naughty" and a logo depicting a determined-looking woman with a blue, 1920s-era hair style, a sailor's cap and a scarf flying in the wind, holding a martini in one hand and guiding the wheel of a ship with the other.

The Nautica apparel company, which has 47 federally registered trademarks, petitioned to cancel Palmerton's trademark. Losing the clever logo might well have been the end of Palmerton's business, and students in the Suffolk Law clinic took on the case at no charge to the client,

who is based in Washington state.

The TTAB looked at whether the NautiGirl mark as a whole so resembled the Nautica mark that it was likely to cause confusion, mistake, or deception, and rejected Nautica's petition. The board said that Nautica, which has a \$30 million annual marketing budget and easily recognized marks, was attempting to "secure a monopoly over the generic prefix 'Naut' and the entire nautical theme." Recent Suffolk Law graduate Christina Mott, now working as a clerk for the Superior Court of Mass., worked on discovery and interrogatories in the case in 2013 and 2014. Nine other students also worked on the case.

Rajat Bhardwaj, a 2015 graduate, says he and the other students "really put our blood, sweat and tears into the litigation." The students researched case law and drafted deposition questions, requests for production, interrogatories, briefs and even a phonetic and phonological analysis of the sounds of the mark, drawing from a student's degree in linguistics.

"It's a very important case, because

it reinforces the idea that, just because a large company invests resources into registering multiple trademarks, that alone doesn't give it carte blanche to push small businesses out of the arena," said Mott. "There will be other similar cases where a large company wants to own the root of a common word, and here TTAB has ruled against overreach. They've said that Nautica doesn't own the nautical theme."

Eve Brown, who led Suffolk Law's clinic during the proceedings, said the victory is significant because many similar Nautica matters involving small businesses never made it to trial. Many other small businesses challenged by Nautica have been forced to surrender their rights because they lacked the resources to battle the company, said Brown, now director of the IP Clinic at Boston University.

"If Christine Palmerton did not have pro bono representation, it would have cost her thousands to fight to save her brand. We were able to take it all the way, and that was a huge victory."

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"It's a wonderful tribute, not only to our fallen, but to our Gold Star families," said Matthew's sister Lauren Webber. "It gives the kids a great place to come and be happy, a place to reflect and enjoy the freedoms they all gave their lives for."

She said the days are still difficult, but events like the one on Sunday make them "more tolerable."

"It helps us to celebrate and never

forget," she said.

John Worley and Sara Belanger said they stumbled on the event as they ate lunch at the airport. They both knew PO2 Tyler Trahan of E. Freetown, who was killed in Iraq in 2009.

Mr. Worley said that when Tyler was training, he would swim across Long Pond to his house. Then Mr. Worley would give Tyler a pack full of rocks and he would run back home.

"The Trahans were my second family, said Ms. Belanger.

"He'd love having a bench at the airport," said Mr. Worley.

"He'd be watching the planes go by," said Ms. Belanger.

"He'd want to go skydiving every minute," said Mr. Worley.

Organizer Michael Knabbe, a former airport commissioner, said the plan is

to place similar chairs and tables in every municipality in Massachusetts that had a resident killed in action since the 911 terrorist attacks. He said there are 148.

The ceremony included the Patriot Guard Riders, which passed by three VFW posts, and included Steven Xiarhos, father of Cpl Nicholas Xiarhos. The riders created a flag line behind the speakers to honor those remembered and their families.

Those honored at the New Bedford airport are:

Capt. Benjamin W. Sammis, USMC, of Rehoboth, KIA in Iraq, on April 4, 2003; Ssg Joseph A. Camara, USANG, of New Bedford, KIA in Iraq on September 1, 2003; SPC Peter G. Enos, USA, of Dartmouth, KIA in Iraq on April 9, 2004; LCpl Patrick J. Gallagher, USMC, of Fairhaven, KIA in Iraq on April 2, 2006; LCpl Michael L. Ford, USMC, of New Bedford, KIA in Iraq on April 26, 2006; PO2 Tyler Trahan, USN, of East Freetown, KIA in Iraq on April 30, 2009; Cpl Nicholas G. Xiarhos, USMC, of Yarmouth Port, KIA in Afghanistan on July 23, 2009; LCpl Matthew R. Rodriguez, USMC, of Fairhaven, KIA in Afghanistan on December 11, 2013. ●●●



Adirondack chairs with plaques honoring Cpl. Nicholas Xiarhos, USMC, who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2009 (LEFT) and LCpl. Matthew Rodriguez USMC, who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2013, are on the observation deck at the New Bedford airport. Photo by Beth David.

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# Town to hold tag sales at Oxford and Rogers schools

The Town of Fairhaven will hold a tag sale at the **Oxford School, 347 Main St., on Saturday, 11/14**, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the **Rogers School, 100 Pleasant St., on Saturday, 11/21**, from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. Both schools have desks and file

cabinets, tables and chairs, and a variety of office furniture available. Some cafeteria equipment, and other surplus educational items are also available. Tube television sets and pianos are free to anyone willing to remove them.

Contents are subject to change without notice. No early birds. This will be a first come, first pick sale. Prices will be as marked. All sales are as is, cash and carry. For more specifics, call the Select-board Office at 508-979-4023 ext. 2.

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## **Flag Raising**

**On Tues., 11/11, at Fort Phoenix, at 8 a.m. in memory of Private Ernest J. Benoit and Lance Corporal Patrick J. Gallagher,**

who are memorialized at Benoit Square. Flag raising and reveille by the Boy Scouts at **8 a.m.**

Organized by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. **The flag will be lowered at 4 p.m.** and will feature taps, flag presentation, and a cannon salute.

The public is invited to both the flag raising and lowering. Boy

Scouts from Troops 52 and 55 will participate in these ceremonies.



All gave some, and some gave all.

Veterans are asked to gather at Livesey Park behind Oxford School, 347 Main Street, Fairhaven, by 9:15 a.m. Parade steps off at 10 and marches along Main Street to Fairhaven High School for a short dedication and the raising of the big flag. **Veterans who cannot march should go to the Senior/Recreation Center by 8 a.m., where transportation will be provided. Coffee and donuts for all veterans at the Senior Center until the vans leave for the parade. The Lions Club will provide free coffee and donuts at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association building in Benoit Square at 9 a.m.** Homeowners along the route are asked to display the US Flag. Spectators are asked to line the route and go to the High School to show their support.

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Veteran**