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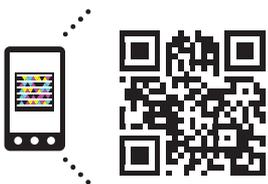
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**Teeming with information you need.**  
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## Fairhaven gets rid of hazardous materials



Workers from Stericycle sort through cans and bottles filled with harsh cleaners, used oil, varnishes, oil-based paints, and other chemicals on Saturday, 8/6, in the parking lot of the public works building in Fairhaven. The Household Hazardous Waste Day is held every two years to allow residents to safely dispose of chemicals that cannot be thrown away in the regular trash. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

The Pokemon Go craze has hit Fairhaven in a big way. See pages 4 and 13 for two separate stories on how Fort Phoenix is THE destination for PG players.

Now, I'm not one to complain because people are using public spaces. Sure, it sounds like the huge influx of people is a bit of a nuisance. But, the reality is that Fort Phoenix is a public space. It galls me that we shut the place down at 10 p.m. anyway. Now it's being enforced with a vengeance.

It also seems wildly unfair to paint all the PG players with one, broad and negative brush. Fort Phoenix always had a vandalism problem according to Mr. Lavalette. Why is it suddenly the PG players?

There are idiots in any crowd. That's just life. But these kids (and they are mostly young'uns to me), seem to be mostly focused on their game, not beating up on the Fort.

I admit, I did not go late at night, I was there during the day.

And I totally understand that the neighbors hate the noise. It would drive me nuts if my little neighborhood suddenly had hundreds of people slamming doors and driving off all at once. But people also need to be realistic.

I'm glad the Selectboard and police chief had the sense to talk about the fort as the great public (stress public) resource that it is. It's there a for all of us, Pokemon Go players included.

There is, however, another angle to this. It was mentioned briefly at the meeting and it looks like the town will be pursuing it.

This extra traffic (foot and vehicle), with all its headaches will cost the town money. We might need an overtime or detail officer down at the fort at some point.

That's not in the budget.

We might have to add portable toilets and other services.

That's not in the budget.

The onus should be on the company that created the game, not the players, not the town. This company is making big bucks, they can kick some of it back.

The profit end of this for the company did not really get discussed this week, but hopefully I'll get around to writing about that soon. Suffice it to say that a little research showed these guys didn't create this game as a charitable endeavor.

If they had a building in town, they would be paying taxes. They are using the fort, and that's fine, it's a free-to-use place; but they are, in effect, taking over a public space for private gain. And for that, there should be some compensation, and it should be enough to make a difference.

It is most definitely one of my pet peeves, and you may know it by now, that private companies are allowed to take over public spaces for profit. Those benefiting like to call it a "public-private partnership."

I call it a crock of bull...It's a private takeover of public space, like aquaculture farms (oh no...don't let me go there...it's late, I can't...I'll stop).

Anyway, I'll stop now. It's press time. This issue will not go away, so I'm sure I'll have a chance to weigh in on it again. Those of us who love these places need to weigh in, often and in a loud way.

On another note... Senator Elizabeth Warren was in these parts last week. See page 20 for that. Okay, maybe it's not such a different note after all.

Until next week then... see ya,

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

## Rogers bell to be removed this weekend

Members of the Fairhaven Bell Committee are planning to remove the Rogers School bell this **Saturday, 8/13, at 10 a.m.**

The event was postponed from July 30 because of bad weather. The bell is being removed for restoration and repair of the deteriorated and collapsed cradle. The Rogers Bell will be presented to the public for viewing and picture taking. Come and ring back your fond memories of being part of the history of the Rogers School, corner of Center and Pleasant Streets, Fairhaven.



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# Selectboard hears from Fairhaven Wind, Pokemon GO players

By Beth David  
Editor

(See related story on page 13)

The Fairhaven Selectboard had a meeting heavy on public comment on Monday, 8/6. The meeting was held in the town hall auditorium to accommodate the crowd, but that meant it was not cablecast live. As of press time it was not yet available online.

Approximately 60 people attended the meeting, most of them to talk about the impact that the game Pokemon Go has had on Fort Phoenix.

But not all were there for that issue. Some were there to comment on the presentation by Sumul Shah of Fairhaven Wind, LLC\*, owners and operators of the two industrial wind turbines off Arsene Street.

Mr. Shah reported that the project has saved the town more than \$1 million in electric costs over the last four years. He also acknowledged that the project has not made as much electricity as first projected.

Wind estimates have been below expectations, he said, but added that it is a "regional phenomenon." He used slides showing data from Providence, which also had less wind than expected.

Still, he said the 23 million kilowatt hours created by the WTs have eliminated 17,817 tons of carbon dioxide and created \$1.066 million in net income for the town. The 36.63 million pounds of CO2 eliminated is equal to 3,414 cars removed from the road annually or 1.57 million gallons of oil being consumed per year.

Mr. Shah also addressed some mechanical issues with the turbines, saying that there were no major issues with either one. He said down time was "about average."

John Methia, a long time opponent of the WTs, said the presentation failed to mention the 700 complaints and the impact to families from noise and shadow flicker of the turbines.

He said he and his family will live with the shades drawn for the next few weeks because of shadow flicker, caused when the sun shines through the moving blades at a certain angle.

"It's a rosy report, I understand that," said Mr. Methia, but cautioned the board and Mr. Shah not to call it a win-win deal because it is not a win for residents who live close by.

It is not a "win-win-win," said Mr. Methia. The project "divided the

town, severed friendships," and negatively affected families.

He said some people moved, others were not able to get enough for their houses to move.

He also questioned Mr. Shah's statements about having no major mechanical issues with the turbines. Mr. Methia said bearing issues are a known "Achilles heel" of large WTs.

Mr. Shah insisted that the bearings only needed lubrication.

Mr. Methia countered that it was still a bearings issue.

Carolyn Young, who lives at Peirce's Point, said that she and her whole family have had significant sleep disruptions since the turbines were installed. She said after she moved her son to a different bedroom on the other side of the house, he started sleeping better.

She also said her 10-year-old told her to make sure she mentioned that

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Everybody thinks the  
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than the people  
[Carolyn Young]

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the swans and geese are gone.

Ms. Young also said she saw with her own eyes a bird getting "sucked" into the blades and getting killed.

She said there is "no way" the turbines are within the noise range they are "supposed to be to be legal."

She said she has made many complaints to the Board of Health and to Fairhaven Wind.

"And nothing has been addressed," said Ms. Young. "Everybody thinks the money is worth more than the people."

"I'm glad the town has made money," said Ms. Young, but added that it was at the expense of her family.

She said the WTs in Fairhaven are industrial and should be in an industrial area.

"They're in marshland," she said.

Town officials had little comment after she spoke.

Ms. Young said she was not sure what to do next, but she had not given up on trying to get relief.

Current and historical data on the wind turbines are available at <http://www.fairhavenwind.info>.

In the second draw of the night, and by far the biggest, the board discussed complaints about Pokemon Go (PG) players at Fort Phoenix.

PG is an electronic game (app) that people play on their phones. The game has "stops" and puts "creatures" at various stops for people to "catch" with their phones.

The app does not necessarily send players to certain geographical areas, players find out through talking to each other on Facebook groups, and other means. Then they go to the spot where the desired creature is and wait for it to pop up on their screen. If they catch a creature, they get points. Some creatures are worth more than others. People can stay in a certain spot and wait for creatures to pop up and keep swiping to get more points.

It results in groups of people all in the same place, watching their phones for the creatures to appear, although not all are waiting for the same creatures. It depends on what level the player has achieved.

Fort Phoenix, apparently, has several stops, so does Livesey Park. The reason the fort has drawn hundreds of people, however, is that two of the creatures that were placed at the fort by the game company are very rare. So people from all around the region, including Maine and Rhode Island, have traveled to Fort Phoenix to virtually "catch" the creatures. The game is GPS enabled, so a player needs to be physically close to the stop and/or the creature.

Selectboard Chairperson Charles Murphy said his main concern was to keep Fairhaven safe.

Most complaints have been from neighbors about noise late at night and players urinating on the grounds, as there are no facilities on the town portion of Fort Phoenix. The state side (eastern end) closes at dusk, along with the bathrooms there.

The town owns the area where the cannons are and the courts. The parking lot closest to the cannons is the town lot.

The Army Corps of Engineers controls the hurricane barrier itself.

The town only has jurisdiction to regulate the town part, although police have jurisdiction to address

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Rogers Bell Remove

See page 3 for details.

## Mon. Morning Fun

The Fairhaven Office of Tourism will fun family programs on Monday mornings at the town's Visitors Center, aimed at children ages 5 to 12 and their parents or guardians.

**The programs, running through Aug. 22, will be held on the lawn of the Fairhaven Academy Building, 141 Main St., from 9 to 11:30 a.m.**

Features old fashioned lawn games, bounce house, and special guest programs at 10 a.m. geared toward children ages 5 through 12 and their parents and guardians. Admission, games, bounce house, and programs are free. There is a charge for face painting and lemonade.

• **Monday, August 15: Fun Japanese cultural activities:** Origami, chop sticks contests with the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society. Bounce House sponsored by: Rich and Evie Griffiths.

Programs canceled in the event of rain. The Academy Building is on the Main Street lawn of Fairhaven High School. Off-street parking in the high school lot. Funded by contributions to the Fairhaven Office of Tourism Gift Account and additional sponsors as indicated. For more information, email [FairhavenTours@aol.com](mailto:FairhavenTours@aol.com) or call 508-979-4085.

## Concerts in the Ctr.

The Fairhaven Improvement Association presents Music in the Center at Town Hall, 7 p.m. on **Thursdays, through 8/11.** "Concerts Under the Stars" is presented rain or shine, thanks to our major sponsor, Southern Mass Credit Union.

• **Aug. 11: Eddie and the Exciters**  
Closing this successful season is a Great local Band once again bringing us that wonderful Doo Wop '50s sound. LAST ONE!!!!

## Farmer's Market

Fairhaven Farmer's Market runs from 1-4 p.m. every **Sunday through mid October.** At Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven

Buy fresh local produce and other products from area farmers. Entertainment will be available occasionally during market hours.

Access the parking lot off Main Street to the rear of the Academy Building. Handicap parking. Free admission. Coordinated by the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee.

## Items needed

The Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Main St., North Fairhaven, is accepting items for its **annual yard sale, held rain or shine, on Sat., 8/20, from 9-3.** The kitchen menu will include stuffed cabbage and corn on the cob. **Donations for the yard sale are now being accepted on Saturday mornings from 9-1 during Book Cafe hours.** Any questions, call 508-992-2281. Not accessible.

## Pedal 'n' Putt

The Fairhaven Bikeway Committee will hold a Pedal n' Putt Fundraiser to benefit the Committee's award winning programs on Sun., 8/21, from 4-6 p.m., at Cap'n Barnacles Mini Golf, 2 David Drown Blvd., Fairhaven

Tickets just \$6 for kids and \$10 for adults at [fairhavenbikeway.org/pedal-n-putt](http://fairhavenbikeway.org/pedal-n-putt), or call 774 487-8166

A special thank you to Charlene Conway at Cap'n Barnacles for her sponsorship of this event.

## Booths Available

The Fairhaven Office of Tourism is holding its fourth **Harvest Fun Day on Saturday, October 8, 2016**, on the lawn of the Visitors Center at the Academy Building, 141 Main Street. A limited number of booth spaces are available for non-profit groups, artists, crafters and Fairhaven businesses that wish to offer items for sale, provide children's games or fall-themed activities, sell food, etc. This could be used as a fundraising opportunity for groups and it can provide a venue for those looking for a fun community event in which to participate. The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**The Office of Tourism will offer spaces on a first come first served basis**, with first priority given to Fairhaven-based non-profit groups, individual artists and crafters, and businesses. Vendors from outside of Fairhaven may be accepted as space allows.

**Vendors will be asked to make a donation of \$10** to the Office of Tourism Gift Account. This money

goes toward the rental of handicap accessible portable toilets.

Please email [FairhavenTours@aol.com](mailto:FairhavenTours@aol.com) anytime with details of what you would like to do. Be sure to include a contact name and phone number. Or you may call the Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085. Participants will be selected by the Office of Tourism based on how suited the booths, products and/or activities are to the overall "Harvest Fun Day" theme. They will also be screened to eliminate having too many booths offering similar products.

**The final deadline to apply for a space will be Friday, September 2**, but acceptances may be confirmed before then and space is limited, so please apply early.

For more details about Harvest Fun Day, visit the web site <http://fairhaventours.com/annual-harvest-fun-day/>.

## WIIA Raffles

The West Island Improvement Association is raffling off two items to benefit the WIIA.

**Kayak: A 10-foot, one-person kayak will be raffled off on Aug. 13 at the Chinese Auction.** You do not need to be present to win. **Tickets are \$10 each.** Winner will also receive a \$50 gift card for a life jacket.

Get tickets from any board member or at Mackatan General Store on Causeway Road.

**Moniz Print:** Enter to win the Arthur Moniz framed and matted print, "Whaler Fitting Out." **Tickets are two for \$5, or five for \$10. Drawing will be held on Sun., 9/4**, at the WIIA breakfast. You do not need to be present to win. Proceeds to be used for building maintenance and improvements.

Get tickets from Bob or Cathi Konicki, 151 Balsam St., or at Mackatan General Store on Causeway Road.

## SAVE THE DATE

### OLOA Feast

Feast of Our Lady of Angels, Sept. 3-5, on the Feast Grounds, 7 Jesse St.. Sat. 5 p.m.-Mid., Sun. Noon-Mid., Mon. Noon-10 p.m. Procession on Main St. Monday at 1:00 p.m.

A traditional Portuguese "festa." Sponsored by Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association. For more info: 508-990-0502

# Japanese students practice English, follow Manjiro steps

By Beth David  
Editor

Four Japanese students from Fairhaven's sister city, Tosashimizu, visited Fairhaven last week, staying with host families and engaging in a variety of activities, including English lessons, cooking lessons, and visits to downtown New Bedford.

The group, organized by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, included three girls, one boy, and one male teacher.

Most of the students said that practicing English was a prime reason for making the trip. And, since they were all staying with families who do not speak Japanese, they all got a lot of practice.

Ms. Shiori Okutani said that she wanted to learn more about Manjiro Nakahama, the 14-year-old castaway who was rescued by Capt. William Whitfield in 1841. Young Manjiro became the first Japanese person to live in America and was instrumental in opening up Japan to the west.

The Old Stone Schoolhouse,

which Manjiro attended, was a stop for the students.

Ms Okutani said she also had fun being in Fairhaven.

Ms. Miu Niiya said that getting better at English was also one of her goals, but she wanted to learn about Manjiro, too.

"I wanted to talk to many people," to improve her English, said Himeka Yokoyama.

She had a lot of opportunity to do just that.

"It's very interesting," said Ms. Yokoyama.

"I wanted to practice my English," said Mr. Masaaki Ikeuchi.

He said he thought about Manjiro and the experiences he had in Japan and the US.

"He opened up Japan to the world," said Ms. Okutani. "He was great."

Ms. Niiya called Manjiro a "pioneer" and the "first translator," between Japan and the US.

Teacher Hidehiro Kumeda said that all students in Japan learn about Manjiro, especially those from his home town. He said they learn a lot of

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Visiting Japanese students pose with their host families at the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House and Museum in Fairhaven. L-R: Sydney Andersen, Shiori Okutani, Danica Andersen, Miu Niiya, Himeka Yokoyama, Grace Davignon, Masaaki Ikeuchi. Photo by Beth David.

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	8/16 - 8/18 Lasagna, Chicken Parmesan, Chicken and Broccoli with Penne Alfredo, and Tiramisu

## West Island breakfast: Only one more chance this year



The West Island Improvement Association held its third breakfast buffet of the season on Sunday, 8/7. If you missed it, you still have one more chance this year. The next, and final, breakfast of the season will be on Sunday, 9/4. After that, you'll have to wait until next year to join in on the community fun. ABOVE: Stefanie Pilat, 90, who has been on the island since 1948, tries not to miss the breakfasts. She said she hopes to be around for at least 10 more years. ABOVE RIGHT, L-R: Brett, Scot, and Brie Pomfret enjoy a little free publicity from the local free sheet. Scott grew up on the island and his children are, too. RIGHT: The Vercellone family, and friends, have been summering on the island since 1954. STANDING, L-R: Jeff (Sylvester), Michael and Bernard Vercellone. SEATED, L-R: Elaine Vercellone, Dan Roe, Donna Abass. Photos by Beth David.

# Summer Campaign Breakfast

## Representative Bill Straus



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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Free Concerts

The City of New Bedford presents a series of free evening concerts on City Pier 3 on the waterfront, as well as during lunchtime in Custom House Square through Aug. 12. **Free parking and shuttle service to the concert venue is available at Whale's Tooth Parking Lot.** Additional parking is also available at Elm Street Garage within walking distance of City Pier 3.

The public is invited to bring their chairs and enjoy front row seating to performances by the following bands:

### Concerts on Pier 3:

- **Fri., 8/12, Hipshot Band (Top 40, 80's, Country, Rock & Jazz)** Bringing you the best dance music of "THEN & NOW."

### Lunchtime Jazz:

- **Fri., 8/12:** Michael Gabriel (WEATHER PERMITTING)

## More Free Concerts

Join us at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William St., Thursday evenings through 8/25, from **6:30-7:30 p.m.** Moves indoors in inclement weather.

- **8/18:** Toe Jam Puppet Band: kids' concert
- **8/25:** Wampanoag Singers and Dancers (Native American music)

## Free Admission

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center is pleased to announce free admission for the remainder of the month of August.

The Center's inaugural exhibit From Boat to Table presents all aspects of the industry from the time a keel is laid on a vessel to the time the catch is landed and brought to market. A variety of interactive components include a net mending activity, dress up area, and Eastern Rig style pilothouse designed and built by Fairhaven Shipyard with electronics provided by Furuno USA. The Center worked with Chris Danemayer and Neal Mayer of Proun Design to take the exhibit from concept to fabrication. A team of volunteer carpenters have assembled many of the exhibit components.

Additional displays include a list of over 300 waterfront nicknames compiled by industry veterans Paul Swain and Jim Dwyer over the past 50 years; a knot tying activity station

created by Paul Vieira; and photographs of vessels taken by the late John "Choo Choo" Ryan.

The Center's gift shop is stocked with books by local authors, maritime music CD's, nautical jewelry, and unique crafts, many created by fishermen and others in the industry.

The Fishing Heritage Center is located at 38 Bethel Street, in the heart of the City's historic district, and is open Thursday through Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 5:00-9:00 p.m. on AHA nights (the second Thursday of each month). Free off street parking is available in the lot adjacent to the Center. The facility is wheelchair accessible.

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center is dedicated to telling the story of the fishing industry past, present and future through exhibits, programs, and archives. For more information, call 508-993-8894 or email [info@fishingheritagecenter.org](mailto:info@fishingheritagecenter.org)

## Blues Festival

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center proudly joins with the New Bedford Whaling Blues Festival to bring back this beloved, outdoor music festival to scenic **Fort Taber Park overlooking Buzzards Bay and the Elizabeth Islands on Saturday, August 13 from 11:45am-7:45pm.**

The 2016 Blues Festival features platinum selling axe-man Kenny Wayne Shephard, the "new Queen of the Blues" Shemekia Copeland, Grammy-winning New Orleans funk master Jon Cleary and The Absolute Monster Gentlemen, New Bedford's blues-guitar wunderkind Quinn Sullivan and Martha's Vineyard's Johnny Hoy and the Bluefish.

**Tickets are \$25 (senior/student), \$55 (general) and \$125 (VIP)** and are available at both [www.zeiterion.org](http://www.zeiterion.org) and [www.nbwhalingbluesfest.com](http://www.nbwhalingbluesfest.com), 508-994-2900 or at the Zeiterion box office, 684 Purchase St., New Bedford.

## Register to Vote

The New Bedford Board of Election Commissioners reminds the public that the last day to register to vote and to change party enrollment for the Massachusetts State Primaries is **Friday, August 19, 2016.** The Massachusetts State Primaries will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2016.

## Divine Comedy?

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## Summer Programs

Through the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service Summer Food Service Program, the City of New Bedford is providing kids with access to supervised, fun activities and nutritious food when school is not in session. The effort, is part of the national Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), a federally funded nutrition program. In New Bedford, the SFSP is administered by the Department of Parks Recreation & Beaches and supplies meals daily **through the end of August** to hundreds of children across New Bedford who are enrolled in a participating local camp. At over 20 outdoor sites throughout the New Bedford, youth can participate in activities with Play in the Park staff and access a free snack or lunch between the hours of 10am-2pm.

A free, nutritious lunch is served to all children between 11AM and 12:30. To learn more about the Summer Food Program and locations, please contact the New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches Department at (508) 961-3015.

## Crafters Wanted

The Upper William Street Neighborhood Festival will be held Sat., Sept 24, from 12-4 p.m. Crafters may call 508-933-0257 or email [jbregoli@gmail.com](mailto:jbregoli@gmail.com) for more info.

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots for qualified residents are now available at the Acushnet Town Clerk's Office for the State Primary Election, which will be held, Thursday, September 8th. Qualified residents eligible for an absentee ballot application include the following:

- Those who will be absent from Acushnet during the voting hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. the day of the election.
- Those who have a physical disability which prevents them from going to the polls.
- Those who have religious beliefs which prevent them from voting the day of the election.

Absentee ballot applications can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and every Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please call the Town Clerk, Pamela Labonte at 508-998-0215 with any questions.

## Free Concerts

The Acushnet Historical Society is sponsoring two free concerts this month at the Long Plain Museum 1203 Main Street Acushnet.

- **Sun., 8/14, from 1-3** Walk The Line Band w/Johnny Cash, and The Relics together as the **Dueling Bands.**
- **Sun., 8/21, from 1-3** Neil Diamond concert **starring Bill Reidy.** Snacks and drinks will be available.

## Yoga & Meditation

Free Health and Wellness Series for Adults and Teens each Tuesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., 508-758-4171. Accessible.

Adults and teens can find out more about wellness practices.

- **Aug. 9:** Try Yoga and Meditation with Donna Wingate

Call 508-758-4171 or visit the main circulation desk to sign up. All levels are welcome.

## Farmers Market

Open every Saturday, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Stone Bridge Farm, 186 Leonard St., Acushnet, 508-951-1551. Ample off-street parking.

Fruit, veggies, baked goods, honey, cheese, coffee, preserves, eggs,

gluten-free baked goods, BBQ sauce, wine, pork, chicken, beef, jewelry, dog treats, classes, demos and more.

Visit [www.AcushnetFarmersMarket.com](http://www.AcushnetFarmersMarket.com), or follow us on Facebook: Acushnet Farmers Market.

## Bangles & Bows

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library is the place to donate your bangles and bows for the Summer Jewelry & Accessory Sale. Donations of jewelry (even broken items), beads, single earrings, scarves and purses can be left at the library's circulation desk during business hours. Then come play dress-up at the sale which opens with a Friends' **Members-Only preview on Friday, August 12, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. (It's a great time to sign up for a Friends membership.) The sale continues Saturday, August 13, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street.** The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Donations are tax-deductible, and all proceeds benefit the library.

## Piano Bar at OST

Ocean State Theatre Company (OSTC), which recently completed its fourth season in its comfortable stadium style theatre in Warwick, is proud to announce the continuation of their post-performance Piano Bar Series, which will be held following select evening performances of the company's current production, the hysterical and touching Tony® Award-winning musical, Avenue Q.

The theatre's lobby will be transformed into an intimate performance space, at which patrons will be entertained by cast members, OSTC alumni, and staff members, while enjoying beverages and late night appetizers, which will be available for purchase from the theatre's lobby bar.

The Post Show Piano Bar Series will be presented following **Friday and Saturday evening performances of Avenue Q on Aug. 12, 13, 19 & 20.**

Attendance at the performance preceding the piano bar is not required. The lobby doors will open for the piano bar at 9:30 pm, 1245 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI. Admission is free, but seating is

limited, so reservations are strongly recommended.

Tickets for Avenue Q, as well as all productions being presented as part of Ocean State Theatre Company's 2016-17 Season are on sale at the box office Monday through Friday from 12 noon - 6:00 pm, Saturdays from 12 noon - 4:00 pm, and up until curtain on performance days. Tickets are also available online 24 hours a day at [www.OceanStateTheatre.org](http://www.OceanStateTheatre.org) and via telephone during normal box office hours by calling (401) 921-6800.

## Golf Tourney

The Fairway Golf Tournament sponsored by The Church of The Good Shepherd will be held on Sat., 9/10, at Little Harbor Country Club, Wareham. Shotgun start at 8 a.m. \$75 per person or \$280.00 foursome, includes Golf and Lunch. Raffles and Prizes

Join us as we raise money for the Church of the Good Shepherd's Outreach Ministries that benefit the community.

Contact Natecia Alfonso for more info: 774-260-1924 or [natecia17@gmail.com](mailto:natecia17@gmail.com)

## SAVE THE DATES

### Acushnet Cruise Night

The 7th annual cruise night car show will be held on Thurs., 8/25, at the Parting Ways Green, in the center of town, from 5-7 p.m. Oldies music and old cars, dancing, food and fun.

This event brought to you by the Town of Acushnet.

### Raising Alpacas Workshop

The Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership (SEMAP) is pleased to announce their next workshop of the season! Join Dave Rose of Moonlight Rose Alpacas for an Alpacas 101 including alpacas introduction into this North America, their lifespan, care & feeding, and breeding & birthing. We will also discuss showing alpacas and using their fiber to make many different clothing products.

Tues., 8/23, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Moonlight Rose Alpacas, 91 Chace St., Swansea, MA. Cost: \$5 Beginning Farmer, \$15 SEMAP Members, \$20 General Public. Register online at [semaponline.org/education](http://semaponline.org/education). Direct event link: <http://conta.cc/2bfq5C>

# Recipe of the Week

## Walnut Cookie Pie

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 cup semi sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup walnuts
- 1 9-inch unbaked pastry pie shell

Preheat oven to 325°.

In a large bowl combine butter, brown sugar, eggs and vanilla. Beat until light and fluffy. Add flour and mix well.

Stir in chocolate chips and walnuts.

Pour into unbaked pie shell.

Bake in 325 oven 50-55 mins or until top is golden brown.

*By Gabby Melendez*

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Plan to attend this class and be prepared for the upcoming boating season!

At the USCG Auxiliary – Flotilla 65, 80 Middle St. Fairhaven, from 7-9:30 p.m., on Tuesday August 16.

Pre-register at <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info/publiced> or contact Linda at 508-542-1735

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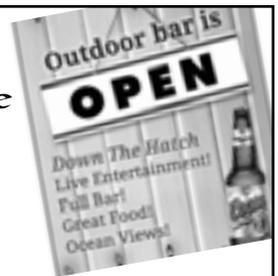
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Sat., 8/13: Chris Richards, 8–M

Sun., 8/14: New Shoes, 3–7 p

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# Hazardous materials waste day helps residents, environment

By Beth David  
Editor

Cars lined up along Route 6 all the way to Stop & Shop early on Saturday morning, 8/6. The big draw was Fairhaven's Household Hazardous Waste Day, held every other year.

"It's been crazy," said Fairhaven Health Agent Patricia Fowle.

The day is a chance for residents to dispose of all manner of nasty old chemicals, oils and mystery substances from basements and sheds.

The items were sorted in the lot behind the public works building on Arsene Street.

Jessie Mattos had a pile of old oil-based paints that he has had around for a "couple of years," he said.

"It's great that the town does this," said Mr. Mattos.

Another resident said he had cleaned out his grandfather's shop. It had old paint and even some lead additive for paint.

"People used to mix their own pain in the 30s and 40s," he said.

Most other people had old, harsh cleaners and oils that they just cannot simply throw in the trash. One

man had cement hardener.

A couple of people said they drove by at 9 a.m., saw the line, then went off and did other things for a couple of hours, returning when the line was shorter.

According to Jack, a Stericycle employee sorting through the materials, the paints will be incinerated. The burnable oils, such as old motor oil and lamp oil, were being poured into large drums. Jack said they will be sent to a waste-to-energy plant.

"The turnout is overwhelming," Jack said, adding that the estimates were "way off."

"This is a great help," called out one man as he drove by.

The collection of stuff included lamp oil, antifreeze, oil.

Car batteries were not really part of the mix, but John, who works for the town was cheerfully collecting any that showed up and taking them to the recycle center.

"It was a great help," said Deb Smoske, adding that she kept the ad from the *Neighb News* on her refrigerator so she would not forget

the date. "We didn't know what we were going to do with it."

She had a lot of floor refinishing products and cleaning products from moving.

Jake Fleurent showed up with a big barrel that had some old gas in it.

Wayne and Joanne Bretton had a whole pickup truck bed filled with boxes of paints and old chemicals. They moved into their house 10 years ago and most of that stuff was already in the basement and garage.

"We didn't know how to get rid of it," said Ms. Bretton. "I kept everything in a corner. It was awful."

She said the previous owners "just left everything," so the HazMat day was "awesome."

"It's better than throwing it in the woods," she said.

Mr. Bretton said there were pesticides, old paints, primers and some mystery liquids.

"Some of it, I'm not even sure of," he said.

Call the Fairhaven Board of Health at 508-979-4022, Ext. 125, if you need information on disposing of paints and chemicals.



Mike (left) and Mark, of Stericycle, sort through the items taken to Household Hazardous Materials Day on Saturday, 8/6 in Fairhaven. Photo By Beth David.



ABOVE AND LEFT: These are some of the various items people took to the Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, 8/6, at the public works building in Fairhaven.

Photos by Beth David.

# Pokemon Go players converge on Fort Phoenix

By Beth David  
Editor

See related story on page 4

While neighbors of Fort Phoenix and other Fairhaven residents who frequent the fort are having a hard time accepting the onslaught of Pokemon Go (PG) players there, the players themselves simply do not get what the big deal is.

During the day on Monday, 8/8, about 75 to 100 people milled around the fort near the cannons, by the bunker, and in the big field near the parking lot. Almost all of them had cellphones and were looking at them.

Zach and Kiana said they have traveled to the Fort from Onset more than once in the past couple of weeks. They said the daytime was different than at night, when they have seen up to 600 people there at once, all chasing the elusive Pokemon.

PG is an electronic game (app) that people play on their phones. The game has "stops" and puts "creatures" at various stops for people to "catch" with their phones.

The app does not necessarily send players to certain geographical areas, players find out through talking to each other on Facebook groups, and other means. Then they go to the spot where the desired creature is and wait for it to pop up on their screen. If they catch a creature, they get points. Some creatures are worth more than others. People can stay in a certain spot and wait for creatures to pop up and keep swiping to get more points.

Zach and Kiana said they learned about Fort Phoenix through Facebook. They said everyone leaves

peacefully when the police show up around 10 p.m. and signal them to go.

Riley, 11, and her cousin Tara, said friends told them about Fort Phoenix. They said they liked getting close to the stops and getting points.

"It's on a timer," said Riley. "You can't keep hitting it. You have to wait, about three minutes [between hits]. That's why people stay in the same spot."

"I think it's really fun," said Madison, 17.

Tara, 26, said it gets them all out of the house and they make friends doing it.

"You meet a lot of people," she said.

Derek, 27, from Fairhaven, said people are making a big deal over nothing. He said the game gets people out of the house away from their TVs and Xboxes, draws a diverse group of people who all get along over a common cause, and gets them all talking to each other. He got an iPad for his son, he said, so they can play together.

"There may be a few bad apples," he said, but the game brings people together, instead of separating them.

He also said they are discovering place, like Fort Phoenix.

"I never knew there was a plaque on that rock," he said. "I read all the plaques [because of PG]."

Michael, Justin, and Jeff sat with their backs up against the small cannon. They said they like the game because, according to Michael, they "get out and experience the world."

Michael also said he learned about the memorials at the fort, too, because of



the game.

McKenzie said she likes the game because "interacts with all kinds of other people."

People she would never meet otherwise, she said.

"We're not stuck in the house all day," she said.

They both said they never saw any vandalism. They said that since the town added more trash cans, the site has also been very clean.

"It looks the same as it always did before," said McKenzie. "Except it has more trash cans."

Brianne and Kiya were sitting on a rock at the Fort, probably the only ones there not playing PG. They were waiting for the lobster boat the Max & Emma, with Brianne's father aboard, to come in. They said they thought there was some sort of re-enactment going on, until they realized everyone was looking at their phones. They both said the players did not bother them.

Maggie Harrison, however, said she was nervous and a little afraid of the players. She said she was fine with it until one night a 12-year-old threw a rock at her, twice, while she sat on a bench and he was on one of the boulders above her. To make matters worse, the young adult men who were with him made light of it, saying, "he's only a kid."

She also said she noticed a lot of younger children looking bored or running around unsupervised while their caretakers played the game, debunking the notion that it fosters more interaction among people.

Ms. Harrison said she has always gone to the fort after work, no matter the time of day, to clear her head after her shift.

Now, she will no longer go at night.



TOP: Fort Phoenix has seen a big increase in people using the grounds since video game Pokemon Go added it as a destination with "creatures" that can be captured. ABOVE, L-R: Michael, Justin and Jeff play the game, watching their phones for a creature to pop up. Photos by Beth David. See related story on page 4.

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## Mall Trips

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**Aug. 31:** Hyannis, Xmas Tree & Trader

**Aug. 24:** Patriot Place

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# Acushnet celebrates National Night Out

By Beth David  
Editor

Acushnet rolled out the red carpet for the public on Tuesday, 8/2, for National Night Out, a community building event that brings police together with the public in a fun atmosphere.

Free hot dogs and pizza, face painting, temporary tattoos, coloring hay rides and the chance to climb on all the big equipment of the public works department and fire department greeted those entered the grounds of the senior center on

South Main Street.

Police chief Michael Alves said it was a good turnout, but deferred to officer Louann Jenkinson as the organizer of the event.

Off. Jenkinson said the event was a chance for police and the community to interact in a positive manner.

"We just mingle with the people," said Ms. Jenkinson.

"Talk to a cop," said the Chief.

In the parking lot, children and their adults got to climb on big trucks and get a hay ride, and a balloon.

Drew, who was not quite two years

old, clearly enjoyed the trucks the most, getting visibly excited at just hearing the word "truck."

Abel, 5, said the hay ride was his favorite thing.

"And the trucks, too," he added.

Matthew, 9, said it was the hayride, hands down,

"That's all I did," he said.

National Night Out is an annual community-building event started in 1984 to promote good relationships in neighborhoods and between police and the community. For more information visit: <https://natw.org/>



LEFT & ABOVE: Police and residents enjoy a hayride at Acushnet's National Night Out on 8/2. BELOW LEFT, L-R: Brayden and Bryce explore the cab of a bucket loader at the Acushnet Senior Center on National Night Out, 8/2. BELOW MIDDLE: A police cruiser was part of the attraction, in addition to public works vehicles and a fire truck. BELOW RIGHT: Acushnet police officer Louann Jenkinson plays with balloons. Other freebies included hot dogs, pizza, soft drinks and face painting. *Photos by Beth David.*



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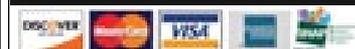
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# Seabreeze Mini Mart decorates the neighborhood

By Beth David  
Editor

The little store at 235 Main Street in Fairhaven stood empty for at least a couple of years. Then Golam and Tasnina Chowdhury, nabbed up the little convenience store and building, creating Seabreeze Mini Mart & Coin Laundry in 2012.

Since then, the Chowdhurys have learned to love the neighborhood, their customers, and the town.

Mr. Chowdhury said that from the moment they bought the building, they noticed that one spot looked like a picture frame.

He said he wanted to pick just the right image to go there.

"Since we bought the building, it was in our minds," said Mr. Chowdhury. "We wanted something that would represent the heritage of the town."

So he did some research and learned about the Henry Huttleston Rogers buildings; he talked to his customers; and came to believe that the high school would be a good choice.

He spoke to his customers again, and got a recommendation for an artist. Mr. Chowdhury chose Devin

McLaughlin for the project.

Mr. Chowdhury said he was very nervous at first, not sure if the end result would be okay.

"My wife likes art," said Mr. Chowdhury. "So, we were a little concerned."

But...

"Halfway through, I knew I had the right person."

The result is a very colorful representation of the magnificent Fairhaven High School, a building designed by Charles Brigham with an Elizabethan-influenced design. Called the "Castle on the Hill," FHS is deeply beloved by alumni of all ages.

"I thought it could be something that we could do for our

neighbors, to beautify our neighborhood," said Mr. Chowdhury.

He said he does other little things to beautify his property.

"This is my life," he said, noting that he and his wife work at the store seven days a week, and live on the block with their family. "We enjoy being here. It's like a family place."



This mural of Fairhaven High School, painted by Devin McLaughlin, adorns the front of the Seabreeze Mini Mart building at 235 Main Street in Fairhaven. The owners said the space looked like a picture frame. Photo by Beth David.



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# Elizabeth Warren tries out new presentation in New Bedford

By Beth David  
Editor

Democrat Elizabeth Warren, the senior US Senator from Massachusetts, made a trip to New Bedford last Thursday, 8/4, to give a speech and presentation that she said was still in the formative stages. She wanted to try it out, she said, and see how people reacted to it.

After the presentation, dubbed “The American Agenda,” she told reporters that she did notice a couple of slides just “didn’t work.” She said she hoped to hone the message and then “take it on the road,” and maybe put it online.

Before the talk, a line stretched all around the block to get into the first-come-first-serve seating at the First Unitarian Church in New Bedford. Waiting to get in, Laurel Berryman, 18, said she was looking for “further reasons” why she should vote for Hillary. Heading to college in the fall, Ms. Berryman, along with her parents, Lee and Anita, said they hoped the senator would talk about college costs that night.

Mr. Berryman said he was there to support “the ideas that Elizabeth Warren supports.”

He said he was “on board” with her ideas.”

“We’ve got to unite the country because we’re in bad shape,” he said.

Anita Berryman said she was there, “Because I love Elizabeth Warren.”

“I don’t want to see Donald Trump in office,” said Ms. Berryman. “And I want to see my daughter go to college without so much debt it prevents her

from embarking on a strong future.”

Inside, the main point of the senator’s message was that government policy makes a difference. Policy is what caused the distress that middle class families are feeling, she said, and policy can fix it.

Not handouts, she said. Not giveaways, but policies that support the middle class and make large corporations pay their fair share.

She said one loophole alone in tax law would give the government \$55 billion dollars annually, although she did not name the loophole.

Sen. Warren entered the packed church to a rock star welcome.

First, she laid out what the middle class looked like 50 or 60 years ago. Then she talked about shrinking wages, jobs lost overseas, and the widening gap between the rich and poor.

“What changed,” she asked.

Then she popped up a slide of President Ronald Reagan, surrounded by men, signing legislation.

The room roared with laughter.

“Policy changed,” she said.

Sen. Warren went through many of the numbers, especially those that signal a healthy economy. She said all the indicators right now are those of a good, strong economy, but the middle class is not feeling it.

Again, she said, it was deliberate policy decisions that helped to take money and jobs away from the middle class and bump profits up to the wealthy.

She said the so-called “trickle down” economics of the Reagan era



simply did not work.

“As a country, we can do better,” said Sen. Warren.

She said the deregulation that started with Ronald Reagan can be put back in place.

She said America did well when it invested in itself, with education expenditures, the space program and support for workers by supporting strong unions.

She said all of that resulted in workers sharing in the wealth that was created.

She said it was not perfect, but “over time, we were bending in the right direction.”

“It worked,” she said, resulting in 90% of America getting 70% of the wealth.

Then it changed, and not by accident or mistake. She said the turnaround for the worse came as a direct result of deliberate policy decisions made by our government; decisions to support the richest people in the country, not the middle class.

**WARREN: cont’d on page 21**



ABOVE LEFT: U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass. gestures while making a point during her talk at the First Unitarian Church in New Bedford on Thursday, 8/4. ABOVE RIGHT: Sen. Warren asked “what changed” to make the middle class lose so much ground in the last 30 years. Then she popped up this slide of Ronald Reagan surrounded by men, signing legislation. “Policy changed,” said the senator. TOP: Clare Wu gets a selfie with the Senator after the talk. *Photos by Beth David.*

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**STUDENTS: cont'd from page 6**  
details about his life in Japan, but they do not get a lot of detail about his time in Fairhaven. That's why students want to come to Fairhaven.

Grace Davignon is the student who won the trip to Japan with her essay. She is also a host sister to Mr. Ikeuchi. Ms. Davignon said she is looking forward to her trip in October and is happy that she will already have a friend in Japan.

The students visited stops on the Manjiro Trail, including the Millicent Library, where the Emperor of Japan signed the log book back in the 1980s when he was still crown prince.

Oh, and they had campfires and made smores, something Ms. Niiya said she had never eaten before, but definitely enjoyed.

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## Fairhaven Meetings

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Tues., 9/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 8/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Cultural Council

Mon., 8/15, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 8/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 8/24, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 8/29, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Planning Commission

Fri., 8/12, Police Station, 9 a.m.

### Old Colony District

Wed., 8/17, Old Colony Lib., 4 p.m.

### Special Town Meeting

Tues., 8/30, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

### TA Search Committee

Thurs., 8/4, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

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**WARREN: cont'd from page 20**

In addition to ignoring the infrastructure that made America great, the policies "took the cop off Wall Street" with deregulation, creating business models based on cheating people, and putting the whole economy in danger.

Sen. Warren said most politicians no longer work for the people, they work for lobbyists.

The American Agenda has four main points: Raise the minimum wage, refinance student loans, expand Social Security, and regulate big banks.

"You can't win if you don't fight. You can't make progress if you don't aim high," said Sen. Warren. "I believe in America...I believe in an America that grows opportunity...And I believe it's worth fighting for."

After her talk, Sen. Warren spent a few minutes with the press, then stayed long enough to take pictures with everyone who wanted to. ●●●

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**SELECT: cont'd from page 4**  
criminal behavior everywhere.

For more than an hour, the board heard from PG players and residents. They also heard from Gary Lavalette, an Historical Commission member who volunteers as caretaker at the fort and is very vocal with park users who do not behave themselves.

Mr. Lavalette has been interviewed widely by the regional press over the issue, stating that the players have caused thousands of dollars in damage to the fort.

Players at Monday's meeting disputed that claim, saying that no one knows who caused the damage.

The Fort has a history of issues with vandalism.

Selectboard member Daniel Freitas said the issues were "just common sense stuff," like picking up trash, not vandalizing property, and not driving down the road looking at their phones.

Several neighbors said they no longer go to the Fort because of all the people there, even if they are just "sitting around staring at their phones."

"It's the weirdest thing," said one woman who lives on Green Street. "We don't go to the fort anymore."

PG players had a different take on the process. They said that people were getting outside, interacting with each other and have created a real community.

The Fort is a public place, they emphasized, and they have just as much right to be there as anyone else.

Dan Silvia, who said he has been familiar with the game for years, said the problem was not that there was a stop at Fort Phoenix, but that there were rare creatures there. He said they had "migrated," however, and eventually people would realize that and go away.

Meanwhile, however, neighbors want relief.

The board, residents and gamers bounced around many ideas, including the possibility of charging for parking at the town lot; fining people who are there after hours; a curfew that would have to include

everyone, not just PG players; and shutting down access to the fort completely.

Board members emphasized that the fort is not just any park, it is an historical site.

Several players, some who control Facebook groups, said they wanted to work out a solution with the town. They also emphasized that players spend money in Fairhaven, especially at restaurants.

"We all [want to] work with you guys," said one player. "We're here for a reason."

Mr. Lavalette, who had been so vocal about removing the players from the fort, struck a different tone on Monday night.

"I'm not for or against it," said Mr. Lavalette. "I'm just a reporter."

He said the wear and tear on the fort and the solutions to that all "have a price tag."

He said the game creators were to blame, not the players.

"They've been forced into an area" where they shouldn't be, said Mr. Lavalette. "It's not their fault."

Fairhaven police chief Michael Myers said there were some steps his department could take, but mitigating the noise at 10 p.m. when everyone leaves at once would be difficult. He said players leave when told to, although some walk back later at night. Still, it's the noise from the cars all leaving at once, with doors slamming, engines started and revving that disturbs the once quiet streets around the Fort.

The chief said he could send officers to try to disperse people earlier, but they also had other calls.

Players, especially those with Facebook groups, said they would encourage other players to stagger their leaving times and not yell or make other unnecessary noise.

Just before press time, the town released its plan of action to address issues with Pokemon Go players at the Fort. The plan includes enhanced enforcement of parking regulations on Fort and Green Streets, closing the gate of the parking lot at 9 instead of 10, installation of portable bathrooms

and cigarette disposal containers, enhanced enforcement of disturbing the peace violations after 10 p.m.

Selectboard member Dan Freitas will act as a liaison between the town and PG players and create a working group for them to self-regulate behavior, parking, littering, etc. The group will also explore money raising options to help offset the extra costs.

Town Administrator Mark Rees will enlist the help of town counsel to contact the game's operators to find out if changes can be made to "minimize the negative aspects of the game at Fort Phoenix," and to see if there is legal basis to bring action against the company or seek compensation for damages.

Ms. Rees will also arrange a meeting with the chairs of the Selectboard, Historical Commission, and Board of Public Works to discuss jurisdictional issues at the fort, as it appears that all three have some level of responsibility for the space.

The document is available on our website at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

In another matter, the board agreed with a recommendation by Ann Richard to have Fairhaven start participating in National Night Out, or a similar event, which seeks to build relationships between the community and the police department.

"We have a really wonderful police department," said Ms. Richard.

Later in the meeting, police chief Michael Myers said that participating in NNO requires some planning, but he would be happy to arrange it for next year.

In other business, the board:  
• Chose Kirk & Co. and MacRostic Historic Advisors to perform a study on possible reuse of the Rogers School building. A public meeting will be held in the fall, and any recommendations will have to be approved by Town Meeting.

*\*A press release from Fairhaven Wind is available on our website at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com). The slide presentation is available on the town's website at [www.fairhaven-ma.gov](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov). Click on "Documents and Contracts," then "Fairhaven Wind."*



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