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Tea by the sea



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The Fairhaven Colonial Club held its annual Historical Tea at the Coggeshall Memorial house on Sunday, 2/26. The club was founded in 1912. The Cherry Street property was willed in a trust to the club by Martha Coggeshall in 1916. The private club preserves Fairhaven artifacts, meets regularly, and holds the historical tea once a year in February to celebrate the anniversary of its founding. ABOVE: people enter the house for the tea on Sunday afternoon. *Photo by Beth David.*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

We change the clocks in 10 days!!! How cool is THAT?

Even though it's been a very mild winter, that switch to more daylight can never come to soon enough, can it?

Speaking of the mild winter, I suppose I should be worried about the earth when we have 68 degrees in February, but, alas, I admit that I loved every minute of it. It's hard to be chopping up kindling though, when it feels like I'll never need it again.

Then, of course, New England weather asserts itself. I predict that we'll be up and down with the temperature for a few weeks.

The election just got even more ho-hum. I didn't think it was possible (see page 18). Ruy DaSilva dropped out of the Planning Board race so there's no race there.

Then Jarod Lussier dropped out of the BPW race, so there's actually a blank on the ballot there.

Guess it'll be just friends and relatives voting in Fairhaven this year.

One spark might light up things, though. Geoffrey Haworth is going to run a write-in campaign for BPW. Maybe two people will???? Yeah, wishful thinking, I know. I do love a race, though.

The candidate nights are going to be real sleepers.

Acushnet has one contested race, the Selectboard. Maybe that'll spice things up.

Speaking of Acushnet, the two towns are exploring regionalization possibilities (see page 4). Stay tuned for more on that. The idea is just for the school departments now, but who knows what the future might hold? The little guys are getting squeezed from all angles and it doesn't look like it's going to get any better. (Yeah, yeah, I know, there's a savior in the White House....don't hold your breath.)

The Selectboard also talked about the budget. Oh, my aching head. There are a few interesting changes in there this year. The whole thing is on the town website, so check it out. The Selectboard will be holding a special meeting to discuss it and we'll be there to get more details. Meanwhile, I'm just hoping I didn't mix up the operating budget from the general fund operating expenses from the projected something-or-other revenues. Yeah...I've got this!

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Until next week then... See ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our 2/16/17 issue, we made a mistake in our article about the election. There were three candidates for the Planning Board vying for two seats (not three). We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

Carter trial continued to June

By Beth David
Editor

The trial of Michelle Carter, 20, the Plainville woman charged with involuntary manslaughter in the suicide death of Conrad Roy III in 2014, has been continued to June 5. Judge Lawrence Moniz allowed the request on February 3.

Defense attorney Joseph Cataldo had requested a continuance to give the defense time to sift through evidence from a computer and other documents.

The case is due in Taunton Juvenile court on Monday, 3/6, for a status hearing, and again on March 21 for a Daubert Hearing, which will explore which expert testimony will be allowed at the trial.

The defense had previously asked for funds to use experts who can testify about the effects of medications that both Mr. Roy and Ms. Carter were on at the time of Mr. Roy's death.

Mr. Roy was 18 when his body was found in the cab of his pickup truck on July 13, 2014, at the KMart Plaza in Fairhaven with a gasoline powered

water pump in the vehicle with him. He died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Detectives uncovered text messages and emails between Ms. Carter and Mr. Roy and between Ms. Carter and her friends leading a grand jury to indict her on the charge.

The case is being tried in juvenile court because Ms. Carter was 17 at the time, but she is being charged as an adult.

In court documents, Mr. Cataldo said he needed more time for a forensic expert to inspect Lynn Roy's computer. Mr. Roy had used his mother's computer to make a video in which he complained about his life.

Three other electronic devices have yielded "hundreds of thousands" of items, including chat messages, images, videos and text messages that the defense needs to sort through, wrote Mr. Cataldo in his motion.

Mr. Cataldo also said the continuance was necessary because mental health records led to the need for other records.

Other evidence that needs to be

sorted through includes phone records and cell site location information.

The pharmacology and toxicology expert has "voluminous documents" to review, wrote Mr. Cataldo, including "thousands and thousands of pages of digital records."

Prosecutors argued against continuance, saying the defense has had access to the devices and the documents for an adequate amount of time to examine them.

The defense's motion also said that Mr. Roy's mental health records indicate additional individuals providing treatment to him, and the defense has not had time to review them to "incorporate them into the defense strategy, including, but not limited to, whether a mental health defense is to be relied upon in part."

Prosecutors responded: "The Commonwealth fails to understand how medical records of the victim have any bearing whatsoever to whether or not the defendant has a mental health defense."

Judge Moniz allowed the continuance.

Town of Fairhaven

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Selectboard & School Committee support regionalization study

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard and Fairhaven School Committee have agreed to explore the possibility of regionalizing some services in the school department. At the Selectboard meeting on Monday, 2/27, Superintendent of Schools Robert Baldwin, School Committee chairperson Pamela Kuechler, and SC Vice Chair Brian Monroe, told the Selectboard that they were open to looking at ways the two school systems could cooperate.

A Town Meeting article will ask for a maximum of \$20,000 for a study to explore the areas of possibility for regionalization. Dr. Baldwin said there are four possibilities that the district wants to study: Coordination and collaboration of the educational program between the two school districts; a Superintendency union between the two districts (shared superintendent); regionalization from grades 9–12 between the two districts; regionalization preK to 12 between the two districts.

Dr. Baldwin said that Fairhaven High School has become “Acushnet’s High School,” with 236 Acushnet residents attending this year.

“This is something that has been talked about for a long time,” said Selectboard member Bob Espindola.

He said the two towns and the districts already share a lot in the area of sports.

Other areas of possible regionalization could be Special Education (SpEd), collective bargaining, and transportation.

Dr. Baldwin said that, on the surface, it seemed to make sense. If Acushnet students are going to attend FHS, it would be better for both towns if the curriculum matched so all students entering ninth grade have similar academic backgrounds.

The “buzz” has been that this was coming, said Selectboard chairperson Charles Murphy, asking “why haven’t we done this already?”

“I’m all for it,” said Selectboard member Daniel Freitas, noting he was for the study to be done to see where it “leads us.”

Mr. Murphy noted that he still has a child in the system and a grandchild coming up soon.

“I have a strong interest in making

our educational system the best it can be in our area,” said Mr. Murphy.

He said it will enhance the Acushnet students’ experience as well.

The first step is to hire a consultant, said Ms. Kuechler, and “go from there.”

Mr. Monroe said he wanted to be sure no one “misinterpreted” the support. He emphasized they were supporting a study, not regionalization itself.

“We’re not for or against it,” said Mr. Monroe. “We want to know our options.”

Acushnet will have a similar article on its town meeting warrant.

Dr. Baldwin and Town Adminis-

Dr. Baldwin said that Fairhaven High School has become “Acushnet’s High School,” with 236 Acushnet residents attending this year.

trator Mark Rees will work on the makeup of a committee that will include Acushnet officials.

In a related matter, the Selectboard and the School Department entered into an agreement to consolidate the Information Technology function of the municipal departments and the school department.

In another matter, the board voted to hold off on voting on whether or not to exercise the town’s Right of First Refusal on a parcel of land on New Boston Road. The Buzzards Bay Coalition has expressed an interest in the property. The town could assign its right to the coalition. Mr. Rees will work with the BBC to formalize how the arrangement would work. A large portion of the property is in Acushnet, complicating the deal.

The board also discussed the FY18 budget. They will hold a budget meeting on Monday, 3/6, to discuss it in detail.

Mr. Rees said he estimates total projected operating revenues to be about \$47.2 million. General fund operating expenses come in just under that at about \$45.9 million, and include a 3.25% increase in school spending, bringing that to just over

\$20 million. Add in town meeting articles and other extras and the total expenditure is about \$47.9 million.

Changes include an additional \$15,000 to the Highway Department budget for snow and ice removal specifically for clearing the bike path, so it can be used year round; and borrowing for a ladder truck.

Mr. Rees’s budget also recommends funding to the public works department to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks around the Oxford and Rogers Schools, and to restore leaf collection services.

Another change is to bring the Recreation Department into the General Fund instead of operating as an enterprise fund (a dedicated account with money generated from the department being used only in that department).

Mr. Rees also recommended town meeting articles to: Establish a Special Education Reserve Fund; grant matching funds for an update to the Harbor Master Plan; provide seed money for a revolving account to address abandoned structures; fund the public facilities improvement study.

“Budgets are dynamic by nature,” Mr. Rees told the board. “Very dynamic. Things change.”

He noted that he was alerted to a change in workers compensation costs that same day, but did not have the numbers yet.

In his budget presentation Mr. Rees tied his budget into the goals set by the Selectboard. To that end, he told the board that no one-time sources of revenue are being used to fund the operating budget. The budget also maintains recommended levels for the general stabilization fund and the capital stabilization fund.

Free cash expenditures will leave a 3.8% balance. The town’s certified free cash/surplus revenue as of July 2016, was \$5,068,586. The budget uses \$2,718,737 for capital expenditures (large items that are used for more than one year, such as vehicles and office equipment), \$587,753 is used for other one-time expenses, leaving a balance of \$1,762,096.

The CIP financing plan and Mr. Rees’s budget presentation are on the town’s website at <http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/> Find “Documents and Contracts” on the left and then FY18 Budget Documents.

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Softball Signups

A Reminder from the South Coast Girls Softball League that all returning players must be registered by March 2nd to keep their team spot. Any player new to the junior or senior division must attend the draft on Friday March 3rd at 6:30 pm (for Juniors) and 7:15 pm (for Seniors) at the Fairhaven Rec Center. For further information, please check the website www.southcoastsoftball.com or find us on Facebook. For questions, email southcoastsoftball@gmail.com

Free Seminar

SouthCoast Progressive Voices (SCPV), sponsored and organized by The Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven, is hosting a free seminar on **Rising Seas and Coastal Massachusetts: Implications of Global Warming on Wed., 3/8, at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven.**

This educational seminar will be presented by Chad McGuire, Associate Professor, Department Chair and Graduate Program Coordinator, Environmental Policy Certificate Program, at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Chad specializes in environmental law and policy. Register online at <http://bit.ly/RisingSeasCoastalWaters>. In lieu of charging for this series, donations will be gladly accepted.

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven (UUSF) forms a vibrant, compassionate and safe spiritual community that encourages free religious expression and lifelong learning. Sunday Worship Service is held at 10:30 a.m. For more information, visit us at www.uufairhaven.org.

Matty O Fund

12th annual March Madness to benefit the Matty Oliveira Memorial Fund, funding new and existing youth sports programs. **Sun., 3/4, at Town Crier, Maitland St., Fairhaven. Registration 10:30 a.m. to noon. Only 144 seats. Donation: \$110 per person**, includes snacks, lunch (cold buffet), dinner (hot buffet), wide screen TV (downstairs), fun and games, prizes, door prizes, raffles and giveaways (cash bar only).

Please make checks payable to the Matty Oliveira Memorial Fund (tax ID

14-189392). For more info, call Matt Oliveira, 508-207-8463.

Cable TV Questions?

The Fairhaven Cable Advisory Committee will be meeting with a representative from Comcast at its meeting on **Tues., 3/7, at Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.** If you have questions or any topics you'd like to discuss or have addressed at the meeting, email Selectboard member Bob Espindola at selectmanbobespindola@gmail.com, or attend the meeting.

This is your chance to discuss problems with your service, or programming changes you'd like to see.

T-Shirts for FHS Art Honor Society

Fairhaven High School National Art Honor Society is having a T-shirt fundraising sale! **Shirts are available until March 24th!** Order online at <https://www.booster.com/fhs-national-art-honor-society>

School Dept. Budget Meeting

Fairhaven Public Schools will hold its Annual Budget Hearing on the FY'18 Budget at **Fairhaven High School, Bernard F. Roderick Library, 12 Huttleston Ave., on Wed., 3/8, at 6:30 p.m.**

Pancake Breakfast

The **Fairhaven Rotary Club** is holding a Pancake Breakfast on **Sun., 3/12, at the Fairhaven Senior Center/Council on Aging, 229 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop), from 8:30-Noon**

Tickets are \$10/adults, \$6/child, and are available from Anne Silvia at the COA; or call David, 860-455-8415

Pancake Breakfast

Fairhaven Lions Club will be hosting our annual Pancake Breakfast **Sat., 3/18, from 8-11 a.m. at the Oxford Terrace Community Center 275 Main St., Fairhaven.** Pancakes, Sausages, Fruit and Coffee/Beverage. **Cost \$7/\$5 for Seniors & Children under 5.** All proceeds will go to our Scholarship Fund. Sponsored by Rockland Trust Fairhaven. For tickets call: Bill Moniz 508-996-3420 or any

Fairhaven Lions Club member.

Douglass Lecture

The Fairhaven Historical Society presents: Frederick Douglass Lecture, **Fri., 3/17, at 7:00 p.m., Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven**

Lee Blake, president of the New Bedford Historical Society, will speak on Frederick Douglass. An escaped slave and renowned abolitionist speaker, Douglass and his family lived in New Bedford for six years, from 1838 to 1844. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Historical Society, Inc. Accessible. Donation requested. For more information, call Ricky Goutizolo at 508-991-5675.

Boating Class

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a Boating Skills and Seamanship Course for all boaters, sailors, fishermen, personal watercraft operators. **Class starts Mon., 3/13 and runs for 11 weeks on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. (through 5/22), at the USCG Auxiliary, 80 Middle St., Fairhaven. Final exam & graduation on May 22.**

Register online at <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info>; \$40 for course materials (book and chart)

Many insurance companies will offer discounts to individuals who successfully complete this course.

Both the novice and the experienced boater will benefit from lessons in boating terminology, boat equipment, boat handling, boat trailering, lake boating, rules of the road, navigation, medical/safety awareness, weather, engines, radios, and how to read a chart, buy a boat, tie a knot and call in a mayday.

Foxwoods Trip

The Fairhaven Village Militia is once again running a bus trip to Foxwoods Resort Casino as a fundraiser **on Sat., 3/18.** Bus leaves the Fairhaven Kmart parking lot promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will travel straight through to the casino. Leaves Foxwoods at 6 p.m. **Tickets are \$30 each** and include the bus ride, a voucher for a free meal or buffet, and \$20 for slots play. (Only adults are eligible for the vouchers.) The militia will hold some raffles on the bus during the trip. For tickets call Ellie Sylvaria at 508-441-7566 or visit Mike and Wayne's, 163 Huttleston Ave.

YWCA Red Dress Event

Press Release

On February 16, 2017, the YWCA held its 14th Annual Red Dress event at the Century House in Acushnet to raise money for heart health. Guests began to arrive at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy cocktail hour followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker Terry Monteiro captivated the audience with her heart disease story of survival. The night ended with an elegant fashion show. All models were women in the community wearing beautiful red gowns from Fatima's Bridal, Dress Barn, Party Dress Express, Gilda's Bridal, New York Lace, and Celia's Boutique.

Thank you to New Bedford Vocational Technical High School Fashion Design students for designing dresses for the fashion show.

Our models were escorted by members of the New Bedford Police Department. Thank you also to our sponsors SouthCoast Health, Sylvia Group, BMC Health Net Plan, BayCoast Bank, BankFive, Senior Whole Health, First Citizens Federal Credit Union and AFC Urgent Care New Bedford. Thank you to Youth Build for building the runway stage.

Thank you to all of the donors for our silent auction.

teers, board and staff that worked hard to make this event possible.

Thank you Century House for allowing us to host the event at your beautiful venue. Century House staff did an excellent job serving all of our guests.

All of our tickets, flyers and program books were donated by Monaghan's Printing Company. DJ Jordan Paiva did an outstanding job! Thank you for helping the YWCA raise money for a good cause and continue to improve the lives of people in the community. See you at the next Red Dress Event!

To learn more about the YWCA visit <http://ywcasema.org/>



ABOVE: Fairhaven resident and New Bedford Voc-Tech student, Eliana DaCunha, models some of the dresses at the YWCA's 14th annual Red Dress event at the Century House in Acushnet on February 16. The annual event raises money for heart health. ABOVE RIGHT: Elliana with her father Antonio. *Photos courtesy of Valentina DaCunha.* BELOW: Scenes from the Red Dress event. *Photos submitted.*



Krystle James takes on water

Press Release

The Coast Guard escorted an 83-foot fishing vessel Friday, 2/24, after it started taking on water 50 miles east of Chatham.

At about 11:30 a.m., Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England watchstanders received a radio call from the crew of the Krystle James stating they had six people aboard

and were taking on water, reportedly from a hole in the hull.

Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod launched an MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew and Station Chatham launched their 42-foot Near Shore Lifeboat boat crew. The helicopter crew arrived on scene first and deployed a dewatering pump to the fishing crew.



The US Coast Guard lowers a dewatering pump to the Krystle James fishing vessel on Friday, 2/24, from a Jayhawk helicopter, when the boat started taking on water from a hole in the hull. *Photo from USCG video.*

With the pump able to control the flooding, the aircrew stayed on scene until the 42-foot Near Shore Lifeboat boat crew arrived to escort Krystle James toward land. Coast Guard Cutter Tybee was diverted from an offshore patrol, relieved Station Chatham and escorted the fishing crew safely to New Bedford.

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Baseball Clinic

On Sat., 3/4, Bristol County District Attorney Tom Quinn's office will conduct a free youth baseball clinic for New Bedford youth.

The clinics will run from 10 a.m. to noon inside the gymnasium at the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, 1121 Ashley Blvd. The clinic is open to both boys and girls of all ages, and information on local youth baseball leagues will be also available.

Saturday's free baseball clinic is a collaboration between the Bristol County District Attorney's Office, the New Bedford School Department and the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational technical High School.

The clinic will be led by former professional athlete, Brian Rose. Rose was a pitcher for the Boston Red Sox and presently works in the Community Affairs Unit of the District Attorney's Office where he serves as Volunteer Coordinator and Free Youth Sports Clinic Director. Rose will be assisted by coaches and players from the GNB Voc-Tech Varsity Baseball Team.

For more information please contact Brian Rose, Program Manager for the Bristol County District Attorney's Office at 508-961-1972 or by email at Brian.Rose@state.ma.us. Registration form can also be obtained by visiting www.bristoltda.com or by stopping by the DA's office at 888 Purchase St., the Boys and Girls Club at 166 Jenny St. or the New Bedford YMCA at 25 South Water St.

Hockey Tryouts

After another successful hockey season, the South Coast Panthers Youth Hockey Association will be holding spring tryouts for the upcoming 2017-18 season for both boys and girls. All tryouts will be held at the **Hetland Ice Rink at 310 Hathaway Blvd in New Bedford.**

All skaters MUST

1. Have a current USA Hockey registration number;
2. Register online at www.southcoastpanthers.com prior to the first eval date;
3. For a full season team - Pay online a \$150 non-refundable & non-transferable evaluation fee prior to the first eval date;
4. For a ½ season team - Pay online a \$100 non-refundable & non-transferable evaluation fee prior to

the first eval date.

Dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday March 7 5:30-6:20pm
Girls U10/U12/U14 (born in the years 2003 and younger)
Tuesday March 7 6:30-7:20pm
Girls U19 (1998-2002)
Thursday March 2 5:30-6:20pm &
Thursday March 9 5:30-6:20pm
Mites (2009, 2010...)
Thursday March 2 6:30-7:20pm &
Thursday March 9 6:30-7:20pm
Squirts (2007 & 2008)
Thursday March 2 7:30-8:20pm &
Thursday March 9 7:30-8:20pm
PeeWees (2005 & 2006)
Thursday March 2 8:30-9:20pm &
Thursday March 9 8:30-9:20pm
Bantams (2003-2004)
Monday March 20 8:30-9:20pm &
Thursday March 23 8:30-9:20pm
Midgets (2002- 1999)

If you have any questions, email southcoastpanthers@gmail.com

Free Art Lecture/ Alzheimer's

Lecture by Michael James And Panel: Caregivers of Individuals with Alzheimer's and Other Types of Dementia. Panelists: Dee Brenner, Dr. Anna Dempsey, Allison Cywin and Michael James Free to the public including caregivers, families, and professionals working with individuals with Dementia.

Fri., 3/3, from 9-11 a.m. at New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St, New Bedford. 11 a.m.-noon, reception at New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks!, 608 Pleasant St., New Bedford.

Please register for this free event at <http://newbedfordart.org/alzheimers-lecture-panel/>

Dog Documentary

Join the Buzzards Bay Coalition on Thursday, March 9 for a showing of a fun and informative documentary that's all about dogs! The 45-minute film, "Dog Dazed," will be screened at Coalition headquarters at 114 Front St. in New Bedford at 6pm. You'll have the chance to win pooch-centered prizes and learn about upcoming dog walking events.

In "Dog Dazed," filmmaker Helen Slinger dives into the relationship between dogs and humans, revealing the environmental and social impact

of our furry friends. From the mounting poo-problem, to off-leash rights, to the clash between pooches and wildlife, Slinger highlights the major concerns of non-dog owners while celebrating the tight bond between pups and their people and encouraging a new relationship that values the environment and our neighbors as much as the dog.

This event is part of an initiative that aims to promote responsible dog walking. By picking up after our pets and respecting leash rules, dog owners are protecting clean land and water and keeping our beloved public lands safe and enjoyable for everyone.

This event is free and all are welcome to join us. Even "cat people" will be able share a few laughs and learn something new. Buzzards Bay Coalition service members will be available to offer information, answer questions, and share details about upcoming dog walking events.

In addition to the showing, you can also visit the Richard C. Wheeler learning center on the ground floor from 5-8 p.m. to participate in fun coloring activities and a water quality demonstration.

Supersitions at Sea

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford, will host Good Luck, Bad Luck: Superstitions at Sea on Thurs., 3/9, from 6-7 p.m. during AHA night. Free. Accessible. Fishermen and sailors will share superstitions and stories with the public in what is sure to be an entertaining discussion.

The men and women who work and play on the sea hold many superstitions. From bananas to suitcases, there are many things not allowed on certain vessels for fear these items will bring bad luck. In an environment which can be unpredictable, beliefs, behaviors and practices can help a crew feel in control, perhaps guaranteeing the success of a trip or protecting the crew.

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

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Bird Club

The Paskamansett Bird Club's March meeting will be at **7:30 pm on Wed., 3/8, at the Community Hall of Friends Meeting, 739 Horseneck Road, in South Dartmouth.** Krill Carson will speak about the seabirds to be found off the New England coast. Free, open to the public, accessible.

Rabies Clinic

The Town of Acushnet will hold a Rabies Clinic on **Sun., 3/12, at the Town Barn/Recycling Center from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon.**

PLEASE NOTE: This is the weekend that Daylight Savings Time starts... remember to set your clocks AHEAD.

The rabies vaccines will be administered by Dr. Gaumont & her staff for the Acushnet Animal Hospital for a fee of **\$10 per animal.** The Town Clerk and Staff will also be available to issue 2017 licenses.

2017 DOG LICENSING DEADLINE
THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

Dog owners, who fail to license any dog (indoor and outdoor) by March 31st will be assessed a \$25.00 citation and a late fee of \$15.00 beginning April 1st. If you no longer own your dog, or if your dog has since been deceased, please contact the Town Clerk's Office prior to April 1st to avoid any unnecessary fees.

The Clerk's Office is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m and every Tuesday evening until 8:00 p.m.

Any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at (508) 998-0215 or the Animal Control Officer, Rebekah Tomlinson at (508) 998-9040.

Firefighters' Ball

The 2nd annual for all public safety An event to benefit public safety scholarship and community. An event for Firefighters/Police/EMS and public safety of Fairhaven and for surrounding communities, current and retirees, friends and family.

Sat., 3/4, at the Century House, Acushnet. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7. Tickets, \$40. Uniform Class A or black tie. Dancing, raffles, having fun with fund-raising.

Breakfast at VFW

All you can eat breakfast, served meal, every Sunday in **March: 3/5, 12,**

19, 26, from 8-11 a.m., hosted by the Men of VFW Post 6643, 89 Middleboro Rd., E. Freetown, \$7 per person

Sewing 101

Have you inherited a sewing machine and want to use it but don't know where to start? Have you always wanted to learn how to sew? Do you want to brush up on your sewing skills to mend or make a garment or household item? Come to the **Mattapoissett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., on Sat., 3/18, from 12:30-2:30 p.m.** to learn the basics of using a sewing machine with Barbara Gaspar and Mary Chaplain. The Library will supply the fabric and machines and you will leave with a finished pillow! The number of participants is limited, so be sure to sign up by calling the library at 508-758-4171, signing up at the circulation desk, or emailing rsmith@sailsinc.org. Accessible.

Maple Days

Old Sturbridge Village will highlight the history of New England's maple industry during its Maple Days celebrations, held on four consecutive weekends starting March 4-5. The Village's costumed historians will demonstrate the maple sugaring process of the early 19th-century at a working sugar camp, show how maple sugaring has changed over the years, demonstrate Native American techniques for harvesting sap, and more. Special Maple Days packages are also available for families and couples, including a stay at the Old Sturbridge Inn and Reeder Family Lodges at the Village. **The dates for Maple Days are March 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, and 25-26; the operating hours are 9:30 am - 4:00 pm.** Full details are available at www.osv.org.

Old Sturbridge Village, first opened to the public in 1946, is one of the country's oldest and largest living history museums, celebrating life in early New England from 1790-1840. It is the largest living history museum in the Northeast.

Located just off the Massachusetts Turnpike and Routes I-84 and 20 in Sturbridge, Mass., Old Sturbridge Village is open year-round, but days and hours vary seasonally. Daily admission is: \$28 for adults, \$26 for

seniors, \$14 for College Students with ID, \$14 for children ages 4-17, and children 3 and under are admitted free. Each admission includes free parking and a free second-day visit within 10 days. Village Members receive free daytime admission. For details, visit www.osv.org.

Calling All Artists

Calling All Artists to Benefit the Mattapoissett Library. The Friends of the Mattapoissett Library invites artists of all ages to create their vision of "Build a Better World" on an 8 x 8 inch canvas to raise funds for the Friends in support of library programs. **The fundraiser kicks off the week of March 1** when members of the Friends will be distributing the canvases from 4 to 7 pm in the Reading Room. Everyone is welcome to participate, no matter what skill level or artistic experience they may have.

Canvases can be decorated with an original design in any medium — paint, pastel, collage, or markers — and will be on display throughout the library from Tuesday, May 2 to Saturday, July 29th. **Each canvas will be available for purchase for \$25.**

A reception to celebrate the artistic efforts of all participants will be held at the library on Tues., 5/16, from 6 to 8 pm. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends.

"Build a Better World" is the theme of this summer's library statewide Summer Reading Program. Each artist is welcome to interpret that theme. Share your talent to benefit the Friends, a non-profit group that supports the Mattapoissett Free Public Library.

Showstoppers Camp

Registrations are now being accepted for Showstoppers' 13th Annual Performing Arts Camp for boys and girls in grades 2 to 8, April 17-21, 9-3 daily, at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church Hall on Church St., in Mattapoissett. A musical theater showcase will be presented to the public at 7 p.m. on the Friday night. \$175 per child includes performance CD, tee shirt, daily snacks and certificate of completion. Don't delay! Reserve your spot today! For more information or to register, call 508-758-4525 or email kzucco@comcast.net.

Recipe of the Week

Sour Cream Banana Bread

1/2 cup butter
1 cup sugar
2 large eggs
1 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup mashed bananas
1/2 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Cream butter, sugar and eggs. Add dry ingredients. Beat well.

Add bananas, sour cream, vanilla and nuts.

Pour into a well buttered loaf pan and bake in 350° oven for 50–60 minutes or until done.

Cool in pan 5 minutes, then remove from pan.

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From our readers

Letter showed liberal hypocrisy

The letter "U.S. in a State of turmoil" is an example of how liberals ignore the rafter in their eye while they attack the Right for similar actions.

We are told that deportation raids are happening to "alleged" illegal immigrants thus questioning the legality of such law enforcement. If the writer of the letter has evidence that legal residents or citizens are being deported let's see it. Otherwise let us dispense with this "alleged" nonsense.

I'm assuming that when President Obama was labeled as the "deporter in chief" by NPR the author was just as outraged. If not then we are just seeing another example of the Left's rank hypocrisy.

Next we are told that Trump has made slanderous remarks about our fellow citizens. Once again this makes it seem as if the Right is the only perpetrator of such acts. That perspective just ignores the past. When Obama claimed that white voters from the rust belt were "bitter clingers" who blamed those who didn't look like them for their economic problems I'm sure you like me only heard the metaphoric sound of crickets. The same thing was the case when Hillary Clinton called half the country irredeemable deplorables.

The author would have us believe that because Trump fights back against what he views as biased reporting that the First Amendment is under attack. Now why this amendment gets special protection from the Left and not the Second or Tenth is beyond me.

However let us not forget that we have Obama to blame for attacks on the media by the president being acceptable. Throughout his presidency he attacked Fox News as not legitimate, tried to revoke their credentials, blamed them for his failures and even threatened to prosecute one of their journalists.

To end his letter the author tries to tug on our heartstrings by quoting the words that are etched on the Statue of Liberty. He says that the sentiment expressed there is under threat by Trump's immigration policies. What is not mentioned is that those "tired" and "poor" went through a screening process at a place called Ellis Island. This is not happening now from the places Trump attempted to pause immigration, hence the reason for the pause.*

Selective outrage and white-washing of your political allies actions might make you feel good but does little to win you converts as Democrats learned in November.

Robert Pickup Jr., Fairhaven**

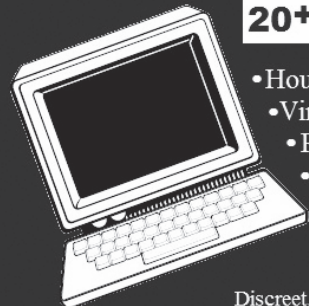
**EDITOR'S NOTE: Immigrants from the seven countries named in the executive order typically undergo a screening process that takes 12 to 18 months, conducted by US officials. Most immigrants who entered through Ellis Island were processed in three to five hours. Inspectors had two to six seconds with each immigrant. Those with first and second class tickets were processed immediately. Ellis Island has not been used as an immigration station since 1954. See: <http://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/ellis-island-history#Arrival> and <http://www.encyclopedia.com/places/united-states-and-canada/miscellaneous-us-geography/ellis-island>.*

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Colonial Club holds historical tea

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Colonial Club held its annual Open House and Historical Tea on Sunday, 2/26, at the Coggeshall Memorial House in Fairhaven.

The private organization was founded in 1912 from a group of women who took part in Fairhaven's centennial celebration, with the mission of preserving the town's historical artifacts. In 1916, Martha Coggeshall left the Coggeshall

Memorial on Cherry Street in a trust to the club.

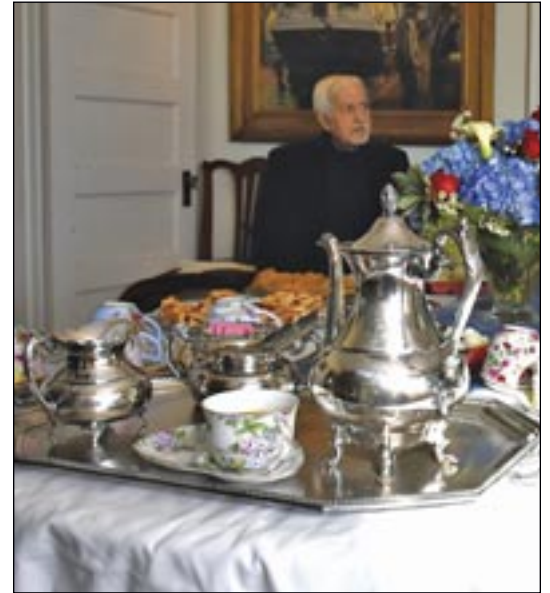
The club meets regularly and holds the annual tea each February to celebrate its anniversary.

"It's a lovely tea," said Christine Craig. "It's nice to see the old place full."

More than 30 people attended the tea, enjoying tea and coffee served on both elegant china and paper plates. From shrimp cocktail and finger-sandwiches to a variety of homemade

desserts, the tables were carefully appointed with flower centerpieces and white tablecloths.

The property overlooks the Acushnet River at Poverty Point in Fairhaven, and is across the street from Cooke Memorial Park which celebrates both John Cooke, the only Mayflower passenger who lived in Fairhaven, and Capt. Joshua Slocum, the first person to sail around the world alone.



The Fairhaven Colonial Club held its annual Historical tea on Sunday, 2/26. ABOVE LEFT: The women of the Colonial Club, FRONT ROW, L-R, Barbara Souza, Doreen Nelsen, Cindy LeBlanc, Nancy Perry; BACK ROW, L-R, Dot Gammans, Debbie Davis, Cheri Johnson, Alice Cooney, Ellie Mayo ABOVE RIGHT: The elegant tea service the club uses for its event includes a teacup with combination saucer and snack plate, with room for a small treat to enjoy with tea (or coffee). BELOW LEFT: A sample of the items on display at the Coggeshall Memorial House. BELOW MIDDLE: An painting of the building on display. BELOW RIGHT: The dessert table had a wide variety of homemade treats. *Photos by Beth David.*



Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars applications available

Press Release

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars, Inc., announces the following scholarships are available for 2017. Application period open until April 15, 2017.

Create profile and apply online at <https://fairhaven.dollarsforscholars.org>. New scholarships are being added constantly. Check your profile weekly to see what new scholarships you qualify for both at the local and national levels. The following scholarships are available to area students:

Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge Scholarship Given in memory of all domestic violence victims in the town of Fairhaven. Scholarship will be awarded to a student who is in good standing and pursuing a degree in criminal justice or law enforcement.

Carl Lee Pacheco Memorial Scholarship There are two scholarships: one to a male and one to a female. Both have to have played on the Fairhaven High School soccer team for 3 or more years. 1 male award / 1 female award

Barton B. Leach Memorial Scholarship Awarded to a Fairhaven High School student who best exemplifies the integrity, honesty, sportsmanship and citizenship of the late Barton B. Leach.

Rotary Club of Fairhaven Awarded to students who reside in either Fairhaven or Acushnet and attend one of the following high schools, Fairhaven High, Bishop Stang, Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational, Old Colony Regional Vocational or Old Rochester Regional High School. Must exemplify motto and detail community service involvement, school activity involvement and any awards or recognition received.

Paul Powers Murphy/M.O.L.I.F.E. Scholarship This scholarship is awarded to students from Fairhaven High School and Greater New Bedford Regional Technical High School. Awarded by M.O.L.I.F.E., Inc in memory of Paul Powers Murphy, to a senior who has shown the ability to overcome a challenge in life.

Steven D. Haworth Memorial Scholarship The late Steven D. Howarth was a member of Fairhaven High School class of 1976. This memorial scholarship was established in his name to be awarded annually to a Fairhaven High School

senior who is entering an accredited college, university or technical school. Senior must be pursuing a degree in architecture, mathematics or telecommunications.

Donald Martin Memorial Scholarship This scholarship will be awarded to a male or female FHS senior basketball player or baseball player who "leaves it on the court" with their hustle and determination, making their team better with a winning attitude and leadership.

Fort Phoenix 5k Road Race Scholarship in Memory of Curtis L. Lopes II Awarded to a senior at Fairhaven High School who has shown and demonstrated the importance of community service through participation during their high school years.

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars Scholarship in Memory of Myra A.

activities.

Fairhaven Improvement Association Scholarship Awarded to honor a High School senior who exemplifies character, leadership and community service. The recipient must be a well-rounded individual who has shown pride in our town, performed community service throughout his or her four years of high school and is a well respected student.

Fairhaven Improvement Association Scholarship in Memory of Malcolm M. Cummings, Jr. Awarded to a Fairhaven resident and member of the 2017 FHS graduating class who desires to further his/her education at an institution of higher learning.

Fairhaven Road Race Scholarship The Fairhaven Road Race Scholarship is for Fairhaven and Acushnet seniors at Fairhaven High School. Applicants must be college bound students who participated in cross country track and field sports. 1 Male award, 1 Female award.

Fairhaven Road Race Scholarship The Fairhaven Road Race Scholarship is for Fairhaven and Acushnet seniors at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. Applicants must be college bound students who participated in cross country track and field sports.

Kathleen M. Rocha Scholarship The Kathleen M. Rocha Scholarship is named in memory of a woman who was a true friend of the Rogers School. She gave of herself to help others, had a good sense of humor, and also was unselfish and hardworking. She loved the Rogers School community and was involved in activities and clubs both within the school and the town of Fairhaven. The recipient of the scholarship should embody the qualities for which the scholarship is named and must also be a graduate of the Rogers School.

Rogers School Alumni Scholarship Rogers School was a neighborhood elementary school that served the area of the center of Fairhaven. To be eligible student must have attended and been a graduate of Rogers School. Criteria is based on overall academic achievement, character, financial need, community involvement, and special activities and interests.

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Lopes Awarded to a Fairhaven High School senior who has demonstrated character, leadership and has been an active participant in community service.

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Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge Scholarship Honoring Firefighters and Emergency Medical Responders Awarded to a senior student who is in good standing, pursuing a degree/certificate in Fire Science and/or as a Emergency Medical Responder. Student must be a Fairhaven resident who either attends Fairhaven High School or Greater New Bedford Regional Technical High School. Student must be in good standing and participated in extra-curricular

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3/15: Providence Place Mall
3/22: Warwick Mall

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Special Activities

Irish Music w/ Roger Tincknell

Ireland to America Monday, March 13th at 1:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center, for more information and to reserve your seat, please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council a state agency.

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The Savvy Caregiver

Six Wednesday Evenings March 15th-April 19th, 5:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the Fairhaven Council On Aging. Carolyn Lazaris from Coastline will be presenting an informational sup-

portive program for those who are providing care to their loved ones. If you are caring for a loved one and are feeling overwhelmed and alone, this program will provide support and options for assistance. Please call Carolyn Lazaris or Stephanie Gibson for more information or to sign up at 508-999-6400.

Fall Risk Prevention Presentation

Presented by the Nursing Students of Bristol Community College, Monday, March 13th 8:30-9:00 a.m. at The Fairhaven Council on Aging Learn how to keep yourself safe from falls at home.

Mahjong Openings

Mahjong is a solitaire style game that uses a set of mahjong tiles in place of playing cards. If you would like to join in the fun, come by on Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Got Talent?

The Fairhaven Rotary Club's 2nd Annual Senior Talent Show, Sunday, April 30th, 2017, 2:00-4:00 p.m. At Fairhaven Town Hall. For more information call MK at 508-330-4837 or Anne Silvia at the Fairhaven COA at 508-979-4029.

Ongoing Programs

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Acushnet Scholarship applications available

Press Release

The Acushnet Teachers Association Scholarship application forms are now available for students and their families to download online.

In order to assist Acushnet residents in continuing to build their academic futures, the Acushnet Teachers Association annually awards scholarships to qualified students. Residents of Acushnet enrolling in a full-time college program in 2017-18 are eligible for these awards.

In addition to A.T.A. scholarships, the A.T.A. Scholarship Committee is also responsible for judging applicants for the following scholarships: Acushnet P.T.O., Acushnet Lion's Club, the Carole Day Memorial Nursing Scholarship, and the Acushnet Historical Society Scholarship.

By filling out the single application form, students are considered for any and all of the above-named Acushnet scholarships for which they are eligible.

Visit www.acushnetteachers.com for printable application forms and more information about the Acushnet Teachers Association Scholarship Program.

Applications and required paperwork are due on April 4th, 2017.

For more information, please contact Ryan Powers, A.T.A. Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, ryanpowers@acushnetschools.us; or Brett Casey, A.T.A. Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, brettcasey@acushnetschools.us

Take a guided family weather walk at the Sawmill

Press Release

Explore the fascinating ways that your family can measure the weather on a free guided walk during "Saturday at The Sawmill" (32 Mill Rd., Acushnet) with the Buzzards Bay Coalition on March 18 at 11:00 a.m.

During the walk, kids and families will learn about the weather all around us and the factors that create different weather conditions. Families with children of all ages are welcome on this free activity.

During Saturdays at The Sawmill, held once a month, the Hawes Family Learning Center will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. During this time, all visitors to The Sawmill can explore the learning center and speak with Coalition educators about the park and its restoration.

To learn more and register for the family program, visit <http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/saturday-at-the-sawmill-weather->

[walkers-mar-18-2017/](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/saturday-at-the-sawmill-weather-walkers-mar-18-2017/) or contact the BBC at 508-999-6363 ext. 219.

This program is part of Discover Buzzards Bay, a resource to find unique and exciting ways to explore the outdoors, get some exercise and connect with nature. This program is also supported in part by a grant from the New Bedford Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



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Acushnet author, Jackie Leduc publishes new book

Press Release

Acushnet teenager, Jackie Leduc, releases a third book!

Primarily known for writing dark fantasy, Leduc has branched out into writing a children's book. Her latest work called *Freckle Stars* is a moving self-image story that tells the tale of a girl named Clementine who is bullied for having freckles.

Beginning to dislike them herself, Clementine tries to get rid of her freckles until her mother



teaches her a very important lesson about individuality.

Leduc decided to write this book based on her own experience as a child. She thought it would be a helpful story for children to read for them to develop confidence and to learn to accept others for their individuality.

Freckle Stars is available at Barnes and Noble and Amazon. For more information visit: www.authorjleduc.weebly.com.

Whaling Museum to revitalize & greatly expand Cuffe Park Design underway to reactivate the open space park in the heart of the historic district

Press Release

The New Bedford Whaling Museum is revitalizing and expanding Captain Paul Cuffe Park in the New Bedford historic district. The Museum has raised \$500,000 of the estimated \$600,000 needed for the project. A recent major grant of \$300,000 from the Island Foundation has allowed the Museum to move forward with the design and planning process, with an anticipated ribbon cutting in fall 2017.

This project will quadruple the size of the current Cuffe Park, which stands at the corner of Union Street and Johnny Cake Hill and was dedicated in 2011. By enlarging the Park, the Museum will create a dynamic and active space that is ideal for community and educational events. The new Park will also create an active connection among the Whaling Museum, the Mariners' Home, and the Seamen's Bethel.

"The park is dedicated to honoring the African American heritage in the region. This city has an extraordinary

history, which includes many pioneers and leaders from Paul Cuffe to Fredrick Douglass," said Museum President James Russell. "We are thankful to our donors who are making it possible to expand this park so that more residents and visitors can learn about and observe the great historic figures that have roots in Old Dartmouth."

A companion exhibition exploring New Bedford's role in the Abolitionist Movement will premiere concurrently in the Museum.

Captain Paul Cuffe, a remarkable figure of the Old Dartmouth region, was of both African- and Native-American descent, born on Cuttyhunk, and worked in New Bedford and Westport.

He stands apart as an inspiring example of an ambitious, spirited man who succeeded in business, politics, community endeavors, and in furthering civil and human rights. Cuffe made his fortune in the marine trades including whaling, shipping

and trading, while he wrote law with the Governor of Massachusetts, and was one of the first African-American men to have a formal meeting with a sitting U.S. President.

The New Bedford Whaling Museum is the world's most comprehensive museum devoted to the global story of human interaction with whales through time, and the history and culture of the South Coast region. The cornerstone of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the Museum is located at 18 Johnny Cake Hill in the heart of the city's historic downtown. Museum hours: January through March, Tuesday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.; April through December, daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission is free for Museum members and children aged three and under; adults \$16, seniors (65+) \$14, students (19+) \$9, child and youth \$6. For more information visit www.whalingmuseum.org.

Dasilva drops out of PB race, no contested races in Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

Ruy DaSilva told the Fairhaven Selectboard on Monday night, 2/27, that he would withdraw his name from the ballot for Planning Board because the Selectboard appointed him to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The ZBA had an opening after

Keith Silvia resigned to be appointed to the Board of Public Works, replacing Kathy Sturtevant.

Mr. DaSilva's withdrawal from the race means there are no contested races on the April 3 ballot.

On Tuesday afternoon, 2/28, Jarod Lussier withdrew his name as a candidate for the BPW, citing

personal reasons, resulting in an empty spot on the ballot.

Geoffrey Haworth, a former BPW member and former Selectboard member, has decided to run a write-in campaign for Mr. Lussier's seat.

The deadline for submitting nomination papers to be on the ballot was 2/13. The last day to withdraw was 3/1.

BPW discusses sewer extension and tabling procedure

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 2/27, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed parking near fire hydrants, a sewer extension to Sunset Beach Road, and created a procedure for tabled matters.

The BPW first met with Donald Spooner, who told the board that he has noticed a lot of cars in town are parked too close to fire hydrants.

Mr. Spooner explained that the fire hydrants are not marked and do not show how far away a car should park from them. He suggested that the town mark the distance from the fire hydrant with a yellow line, indicating how far away to park. He also said that it would be a good project for the Boy Scouts or another youth group.

Mr. Spooner told the board he had done some research and found that in New Bedford the fire hydrants are labeled by district; Fairhaven's are not. He said that by labeling the hydrants it would be easier to identify them when one is broken or a car is parked illegally next to one.

BPW Chair Mike Ristuccia said that it was something to think about and to discuss with the fire department.

Board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson explained that it would be tough to paint near all the fire hydrants in town because there are so many.

Board member Brian Wotton suggested that the town paint a certain amount of fire hydrants every year, that way they all get done eventually.

"I appreciate you bringing this to us," Mr. Ristuccia said.

"We will check into it and tell you what our findings are," added Mr. Wotton.

In another matter the board met with James Wing about a sewer extension on 10 Sunset Beach Road. Mr. Wing explained that when he bought his house over a decade ago he purchased two lots, one at the house he currently lives in and one next to his house that he plans to build on.

Mr. Wing explained that the empty lot he plans to build on is where his septic tank for his house is located. He told the board that he is currently trying to sell his house, because in

recent years his wife has become ill and is unable to climb the stairs.

Mr. Wing would like to sell that house and build a one floor house on his empty lot where the septic tank is. He told the board that he has been having a lot of trouble selling his house because the septic tank is on a separate lot, which is why Mr. Wing has decided to address the board to request a sewer extension for the house.

Mr. Wing said that in order to sell his house, he has to get rid of the septic tank on his other property. Then he has to have the house tied into the town's sewer line.

Mr. Wing's house is #10, the sewer line ends a few houses up, close to

Mr. Hobson made a motion to table the issue...to see if other residents on the street want to be tied into the sewer line. No one seconded the motion.

Scotcut Neck Road.

Mr. Wing explained that he could put a line from the house through his empty lot and into the street to meet the main sewer line.

Mr. Ristuccia explained that if the line goes through the town layout, it would be an issue.

"Whoever buys your house will be using your sewer line," Mr. Ristuccia said.

"You're okay with that," Mr. Wotton asked.

"Yes, absolutely," Mr. Wing said.

Mr. Wotton said he had no problem with the extension because it will be going through Mr. Wing's own property and Mr. Wing understands what needs to be done.

Mr. Hobson suggested that the sewer line be extended for the whole street, so they could attach everyone to the main line. Mr. Hobson said he was concerned with the possibility of other residents on that street wanting to attach to the main sewer line.

Generally, when a sewer line is extended, it is placed down the middle of the road with nubs for all

houses to attach to it. Mr. Wing wanted to put the line on his property for only his two lots to take advantage of the sewer line.

Mr. Hobson made a motion to table the issue to get Mr. Wing's exact building plan and to see if other residents on the street want to be tied into the sewer line.

No one seconded the motion.

Mr. Ristuccia said that there really is no issue with the extension. He said Mr. Wing will take the sewer line through his own property, pay the sewer betterment fee, cut into the street and get an easement to go from his house lot through his empty lot.

Mr. Wotton made a motion to allow the line with the restrictions of getting the easement, paying two betterment fees, making sure the street pavement is repaired properly, and making sure the line is on Mr. Wing's property (eight feet away from town layout.)

The motion was seconded and agreed upon by everyone except Mr. Hobson, who explained that he felt like he needed more information.

In another matter the board discussed the procedure of tabling certain discussions at BPW meetings.

Mr. Wotton suggested that the BPW add a line at the bottom of the agenda for tabled matters.

"I don't mind a tabled matters section, but it has to say what the tabled matter is," Mr. Hobson said.

Mr. Hobson explained that if town residents are looking on the agenda for a specific topic, they may want to come and speak on an issue. If the issue is not listed then no one will come. Mr. Hobson said he wanted the tabled matters to be listed so that if any town residents want to come and speak on an issue they know which meeting to come to.

Mr. Wotton made a motion to add a line item on the agenda for tabled matters, where it will list each issue that has been tabled for the week. If no one speaks on the issue at the next meeting the tabled matter will no longer be on the agenda and another appointment for the matter must be made and placed onto the agenda.

The motion was seconded and agreed upon by the entire board.

In another matter, board member

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Oily rags start fire at State Police Museum

Mass. State Police Press Release

State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey, State Police Colonel Richard D. McKeon and Grafton Fire Chief Michael E. Gauthier said Saturday's fire at the Massachusetts State Police Museum & Learning Center, 44 Worcester Street in Grafton was caused by the spontaneous combustion of oily rags.

Workers were at the museum on Saturday refinishing wooden molding in the second floor conference room where the fire started. The sawdust and stain soiled rags were placed in a plastic trash bag and left in the room at the end of the work day.

"As flammable oil from rags [dries] out, [it] produce[s] heat that can start a fire like this one which is why it is important to dispose of oily rags properly," said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey. "When balled up with combustibles like sawdust, a fire can quickly start," he added.

The building was not sprinklered.

The fire was jointly investigated by the Grafton Fire and Police Departments and State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Assistance was received from the Grafton building and electrical inspectors.

"Firefighters did a superb job containing the flames to an area on the second floor. The MSP is grateful beyond words for their efforts in preserving the numerous artifacts

and photographs from the department's 151-year history that are on display," said State Police Colonel Richard D. McKeon

Upon arrival the fire department observed heavy fire coming out the second floor window. They used forcible entry to be able to stretch a hose line up the stairs and were able to knock the fire down within minutes and keep it from spreading beyond the room of origin.

"The second floor sustained smoke and heat damage, and we covered the first floor with salvage covers to protect the artifacts," said Grafton Fire Chief Gauthier.

The fire department checked for fire extension into the walls and opened all the windows to ventilate the building and assisted the trooper from State Fire Marshal's office with the investigation.

How to Dispose of Oily Rags

Oil or gas-soaked rags should be safely disposed of after use using two steps:

- Hang them outside to dry in a safe area or spread them out flat, making sure they are weighted down outdoors. They should not be in a pile.
- Once they are dry, they should be disposed of properly.

For someone who uses oily rags on a daily or weekly basis, the oily rags should be placed in a listed oily waste

container and emptied by a private contractor.

For a less frequent user, the now dry oily rags should be stored in a small, airtight, non-combustible (such as metal) container with a tight-fitting lid. An old paint can is a good example. The rags should be completely covered with a solution of water and an oil breakdown detergent. Do not add any other combustible material that can catch fire. The user should then dispose of the rags during a city-sponsored hazardous waste collection day.

For more information on the safe disposal of oily rags go to: <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/dfs/osfm/pubed/fs-topics/disposal-of-oily-rags.html>

About the Massachusetts State Police Museum & Learning Center

The Museum and Learning Center is housed in the former Grafton State Police Barracks. The building, located at 44 Worcester St., was built in 1931. The barracks operation was closed in October 2006. The Museum and Learning Center, the initiative of a group of retired Massachusetts State Police Troopers, opened in 2008, leading the building. Thanks to state legislation that was signed into law by Gov. Baker last year, the Museum and Learning took ownership of the building in 2016.



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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petition(s):

1. Petitioner: Michael Botelho, RE: 6 Jameson Street, Plot 28D, Lot 32; Book 6678 and Page 135. 198-22: Accessory Uses 452 sq. ft. over max of 700 sq. ft.

RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Petitioner: Oxford School Residences LP, RE: 347 Main Street, Plot 22A, Lot 192, 193. Comprehensive Permit required under Town Code 493 (aka 40B).

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Keith Silvia asked about the progress with the digester in the Sewer Department. The digester has not been working for a few months now and has been getting worked on over the winter.

Mr. Ristuccia explained that the digester is fixed and ready to run, but at the moment it needs food, aka, sewage, to start running again and right now there is not enough to give it.

BPW Superintendent Vincent Furtado explained that the digester would have to run every day at 100 degrees. The weather has not been warm enough consistently, and it is the low season for waste, so there is not enough sewage to feed the digester to keep it running. He said that as spring approaches and the weather gets warmer, the digester will start to run again.

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Board of Appeals

Tues., 3/7, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 3/13, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

Historical Commission

Wed., 3/1, Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Planning Board

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

School Committee

Wed., 3/1, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

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BUDGET HEARING

Wed., 3/8, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

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

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

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

Planning Commission

Thurs., 2/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 3/6, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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	March 2017	HIGH		LOW		
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Sunday	5	0107	1334	0643	1858*	0203 1:
Monday	6	0206	1436	0805	2013	0305 1:
Tuesday	7	0310	1545	1023	2150	0418 1:
Wednesday	8	0419	1651	1131*	2335	0529 1:
Thursday	9	0518	1744	----	1222*	0626 1:
Friday	10	0606	1830	0030*	1310*	0715 1:
Saturday	11	0650	1913	0122*	1355*	0802 2:
Sunday	12	0833	2056	0309*	1525*	0949 2:
Monday	13	0916	2138	0334*	1525*	1034 2:
Tuesday	14	0958	2219	0339*	1538*	1117 2:
Wednesday	15	1020	2200	0350*	1504*	1150 2:

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Notes from the Visitors Center

Bby Chris Richard
Director of Tourism

March 2017

Greetings.

I guess the first news to report is that since last month's column, when I wrote asking for donations to help support the Monday Morning Fun programs, I got a whole bunch of generous contributions. This means there will be a bounce house on each of the eight Mondays and a giant water slide on a couple of them. The donations will also help pay for some of the special presentations.

Here's a list of who has donated: Evie & Rich Griffiths, Our Lady's Haven, Seconds Count, Pink Bonnet Bakery, What A Find! Consignment Furniture, Fairhaven Improvement Association, Fairhaven Business Association, BRW Property Services, DeTerra's Jump, Friends of Fairhaven COA, and Barb and Dave Mitchell. Thank you so much for the support!

Some of the special programs for Monday Morning Fun are already lined up, too. On the first week, which will be Monday July 3, the ArtMobile from the New Bedford Art Museum/ ArtWorks will be here with two art instructors and lots of art supplies to get creative with. On other weeks we will have the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center with a program called "All About Scallops," K-J Tunes with musical fun, the Buttonwood Park Zoomobile with some live animals, and a return visit from "Professor Sprout" from Hogwarts. There are a few programs still in the works, but nothing else I can announce for certain yet.

Donations to the Tourism Gift Account for Monday Morning Fun will be acknowledged in the publicity and on my website. If any more come in, they will help pay for additional guest programs and supplies.

Moving on. Last month our little town got a big honor when the online travel company Expedia.com published an article naming Fairhaven in a list of 21 most scenic places to visit on the East Coast. Yup. We're right up there with Roanoke, VA, Annapolis, MD, Killington, VT, and East Haddam, CT. The article notes, "The downtown scene is steeped in history, where you'll find colonial and Victorian

architecture, along with sea captain homes and castle-like structures."

I added that claim to fame into some of our promotional copy on the website and in upcoming advertising. The phrase "Recently named one of the most scenic places on the East Coast. . ." has a nice ring to it.

One ad using that copy is going to be in Yankee Magazine later this spring. Usually Yankee is quite out of my reach budget-wise for advertising. But I was lucky to be able to take advantage of a cooperative advertising opportunity with the South-eastern Massachusetts Visitors Bureau. That group is purchasing a full page ad in an upcoming issue of Yankee that focuses on vacation travel. There were six spots on the page available to "partners" who wished to advertise. I got one of those.

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It will only include one photo and 40 words (including "Recently named one of the most scenic places. . .") but it will put Fairhaven in an issue of Yankee where an estimated 1.6 million readers will see it. The price includes online promotion by Yankee as well.

I also purchased an ad last month that will appear in a magazine-style guest directory to be distributed in the rooms of the Residence Inn in Dartmouth. I should be hearing soon from advertising representatives about our seasonal monthly advertising in "Along Route 26," which circulates on the Cape from May through the fall, and the "South Coast Insider," where I run ads every month from May until December. Later in the spring I'll be renewing the small ad that appears each week here in the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News*.

In February I gave a talk about Henry H. Rogers for the Fairhaven Historical Society at the Town Hall. It was very well received, prompting

people to ask if I would be giving more talks in the future. This led to a new plan which kills a couple of birds with one stone. (Kids at home, please do not really thrown stones at birds.)

You might recall I mentioned last month that I have been searching for new ways to boost attendance at the Old Stone Schoolhouse on North Street, which I open to the public on Saturday afternoons in June, July, and August.

The public interest in more talks about local history gave me the idea of presenting "Lectures on the Lawn" at the Old Stone Schoolhouse on some of those summer Saturdays. I have not put together the whole series yet, but at least every other Saturday when the schoolhouse is open there will be a free outdoor lecture at 2:00 p.m. The subjects of the talks will have some connection with the schoolhouse. One will be about the history of the Poverty Point neighborhood. One will be about Manjiro Nakahama. One will include information about the Church of the Good Shepherd, which met at the schoolhouse for about 15 years before its own church building was built.

The histories of other schools — Oxford, Rogers, Anthony, etc. will be presented. People can bring their own lawn chairs or blankets and we'll set up in the shade of the big tree on the lawn next to the schoolhouse. Stay tuned for a schedule of this new "Lectures on the Lawn" series.

Before I close this month's column, I'd like to acknowledge that following the Henry H. Rogers lecture, I received a donation from the Historical Society to the Tourism Gift Account. I thank them for that and for inspiring the new lectures at the Old Stone Schoolhouse.

Your comments, questions, suggestions are always welcome. You can email the Office of Tourism at FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov, call 508-979-4085, or stop by the Visitors Center at 141 Main Street, next to Fairhaven High School. There are a few dedicated parking spaces in the high school lot. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with a half-hour break around noon.

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