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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Okay, I guess summer really is over. Time to cover the boat. Alas...When it's Veterans Day, there's just no denying it.

See page 3 for info on the events this weekend, the parades. Fairhaven's parade is nice and early. So if you're an early bird and have a million things to do, that's the one to go to. If you prefer to catch a few extra Z's, then New Bedford's parade is more your style. Of course, the way they are planned out, you can make it to both. And if you really are an early morning person, you'll catch the flag raising at 8 a.m. (Please send pics, I don't DO 8 a.m.).

This Saturday in honor of Veterans Day, the state is offering free parking at all state parks. Big bragging rights to let us use the parks for free after we paid for them to be created already, pay for them to be maintained and pay for them to be staffed. And we have to pay to USE them, too.

It is one of my biggest peeves. I remember when Ronald Reagan started this crap, by charging for Federal parks. It was cheap then, maybe five or ten bucks, I think. I still thought it was a rip-off. That got everyone going, of course. Now even some local parks charge. An annual pass for national parks is now \$80. So they brag about "letting" us go to our own parks for free one day a year. God bless America.

The Selectboard held the highly anticipated meeting with the Marine Resources Committee (see page 4). Everyone played nice-nice....kinda, sorta, mostly. Ah, see for yourself. You can watch online, too. It's a long one, though, so make an extra big batch of popcorn.

Our cover story was a fun one. I got to go on the roof!

The Fairhaven Housing Authority is almost off the grid. See page 12 for that.

The holiday season will be picking up speed right about now. Already there are Christmas bazaars, including the one for my church, OLOP (see page 8), featuring Lebanese food. It's a once-a-year opportunity to get authentic Lebanese food from the "Church Ladies...and Men." Keep an eye those pages, too, for the next few weeks. There are all kinds of different ones featuring all kinds of different items and foods.

And then there's the Old Time Holiday coming up the weekend of 12/9. But, I'm getting ahead of myself.

Let's look forward to Thanksgiving first. See page 22 for a letter from the Shepherd's Food Pantry. It's a big push this time of year. They spend thousands every month to give food to those who need it.

So, while we anticipate all that food excess for ourselves and our families, let's be sure to give that same opportunity to those who may not be able to afford it. This time of year is very special, but it's especially difficult for those who are struggling just to put food on the table.

Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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### Support the Food Pantry

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

Tax deductible donations may be sent to Shepherd's Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit [www.shepherdspantry.org](http://www.shepherdspantry.org)

### CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Veterans Day to be marked by parades, ringing of bells

By Beth David  
Editor

Both Fairhaven and New Bedford will hold parades this Saturday, 11/11, in honor of Veterans Day. Acushnet will hold a ceremony on Saturday, and Fairhaven will hold flag raising and lowering ceremonies at Fort Phoenix.

## In Acushnet

On Saturday, 11/11, at 9:30 a.m., meet at Town Hall for a Veterans Day ceremony.

## Fairhaven Parade

In Fairhaven, the annual parade to honor all veterans is followed by a brief ceremony, including raising the "Big Flag" and cannon-firing in front of Fairhaven High School. Veterans and other marching groups are welcome to **line up at Livesey Park at 8:30 a.m.** Parade steps off at 9:00 a.m.

Veterans are asked to gather at Livesey Park behind Oxford School, 347 Main Street, Fairhaven, by 8:30 a.m. Parade steps off at 9 and marches along Main Street to Fairhaven High School for a short dedication and the raising of the big flag. Veterans who cannot march

should go to the Senior/Recreation Center by 7:45 a.m., where transportation will be provided. Coffee and donuts for all veterans at the Senior Center until the vans leave for the parade. The Lions Club will provide free coffee and donuts at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association building in Benoit Square at 8 a.m.

Homeowners along the route are asked to display the US Flag. Spectators are asked to line the route and go to the High School to show their support.

## New this year

At precisely 11:11, for one minute the bells of town buildings will ring as part of the Bells of Remembrance effort launched locally. Fairhaven and surrounding communities are participating in this effort.

## Flag Raising

Join us for flag raising and lowering ceremonies on Veterans Day.

We will raise the flag on Sat., 11/11, at Fort Phoenix, at 8 a.m. in memory of 19 Fairhaven residents still listed as Missing in Action in WWI, WWII, and the Korean War: Adrian Ganter, killed

in Battle of Somme in 1916, Canadian Army (attended FHS); Robert T. Atsatt, born in 1914, killed in action in 1944, US Army; Edward M. Benoit, born in 1923, killed in action in 1944, US Navy; George W. Breault, born in 1923, killed in 1942, US Navy Blackburn, North Fairhaven; Walter Coyne, Born in 1918, died when USS Sturtevant sank in 1942, US Navy; Theodore Ehrhardt, born in 1915, killed in action in June, 1943, US Army Air Corps; Walton K. Ellis, born in 1919, killed in action in June 1944, US Navy; Carleton Fielding, born in 1922, killed in action in June 1944, US Navy; Alfred W. Gault, unknown age, killed in action in 1943, US Navy; Rasmus E. Hemnes, born 1909, killed in May, 1944, US Army; Manuel P. Moniz, born in 1919, killed in August 1943, US Navy; Stanley Pope, born in 1923, died in December, 1944, US Navy Reserve; Walter Rogers, born in 1925, killed in November, 1942, US Navy; Edward H. Robbins, born in 1912, killed in June 1944, US Army Air Corps; Everett Thoits, born in 1924, died in April 1944, on USS Trout, US

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Meet at the Shipyard Farm sign on the east side (left) of Sconticut Neck Road, five miles south of Huttleston Ave. There is ample parking along the side of the road.

The Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust is a non-profit organization. As such, it depends on membership fees to function.



For more information about the Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust, contact Cora Peirce at 774-634-7959, or visit our website at [www.falpt.org](http://www.falpt.org) or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/falpt](http://www.facebook.com/falpt).



# Selectboard & Marine Resources Comm. come to agreement

By Beth David  
Editor

Saying that the important thing was to look forward Fairhaven Selectboard chairperson Bob Espindola set the tone at the start of the discussion items that pertained to the Marine Resources Committee (MRC), issues at Union Wharf, and the rules and regulations for waterways, moorings and boat usage, at the Selectboard meeting on Tuesday, 11/7.

The items were placed on the agenda after tension from the MRC found their way to the Selectboard meeting. After the Northeast Maritime Institute (NMI) was allowed to dock its teaching vessel, M/V Navigator, at Union Wharf, fishermen cried foul.

At the last MRC meeting (see 11/2/17 issue), members were outspoken against Town Administrator Mark Rees, the Selectboard's representative on the MRC Daniel Freitas, and Harbormaster Timothy Cox for not showing up to face the complaints.

Mr. Freitas also addressed the tension at the last Selectboard meeting (see 11/2/17 issue), saying he was not going to "take a beating" anymore.

At the 11/7 Selectboard meeting, about 30 people with ties to the waterfront attended to make their voices heard.

At the crux of the issue is the limited number of spaces for commercial fishing boats at Union Wharf, with people who have been waiting for a spot for years. The Navigator, which is owned by NMI, which, in turn, is owned by Eric Dawicki, was allowed to dock at a spot that was hastily created for it.

Mr. Dawicki is a Fairhaven resident, and NMI is based in Fairhaven. The boats were located in New Bedford, but a dispute over dockage fees necessitated the hasty removal of both Navigator and Fritha.

Mr. Rees and Mr. Cox made the decision to give temporary dockage to Navigator, and to place a mooring off Fort Street for NMI's tall ship "Fritha."

The fishermen and owners of other working vessels on the waterfront complained, saying that Mr. Dawicki was getting special treatment.

The town's bylaws allow the Harbormaster, who is supervised by the Town

Administrator, to make that call.

Mr. Espindola opened up the discussion on 11/7 with the aforementioned intent to look forward.

He then read some suggestions\* he had written, and some that Mr. Freitas had written, both basically saying that the rules and regulations governing everything on the waterfront needed to be revamped.

The main problem seemed to be that everyone was working from a different set of rules.

Mr. Espindola's main suggestion was for Mr. Rees and Mr. Cox to review all rules and regulations, and for the MRC to do the same, then for the two groups to get together to make a final recommendation to the Selectboard for adoption.

He also recommended that maps and diagrams be included with the rules so that there is no confusion as to which rules apply to which part of the waterfront.

He also suggested that there be a single fee table, and that fees be brought up closer to market rates.

Mr. Freitas's suggestions focused

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## AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

### Vets Day Parade & Flag Raising

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### FALPT hike

Join the Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust for their annual Shipyard Farm guided hike. Explore the flora and fauna of this beautiful property. **Meet at 10 a.m. on Sun., 11/12, at the Shipyard Farm sign on Sciticut Neck Road. FREE.**

### Spaghetti Supper

On Sun., 11/12, the Fairhaven High School Gridiron Club will hold its annual Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction Fundraiser at the Fairhaven Varsity Club, 9 Adams St., Fairhaven, from 4–8 p.m. Tickets, \$7 and include dessert and beverage.

The FHS Gridiron Club raises money throughout the year to fund football related expenses. In the past they have provided new uniforms, equipment, a water filtration system and annual scholarships for every graduating senior that plays football.

**We are also looking for donations for our Silent Auction table.** If you are a local business owner, or know someone that is able to donate an item for our auction, please email fairhavenbluedevel@gmail.com or call 978-290-3501. For advance ticket purchase please call 978-290-3501. A limited amount of tickets will be available at the door. Thank you for your support!!!

### Hidden in Plain Sight

Fairhaven High School PTO presents "Hidden in Plain Sight," an interactive anti-drug program that features a mock teenage bedroom display designed to open parental eyes, raise awareness, and provide you with knowledge and support to notice and intervene potential substance abuse.

The display will assist parents and adults in spotting the common signs of at-risk behaviors and will be staffed by volunteers from the Nurses to Prevent Opioid Abuse. **PowerPoint presentations will be at 4:30pm, 5:15pm, 6:00pm, 6:45pm, and 7:30pm in the library at FHS o Mon., 11/13.** The bedroom will function as

an exhibit and parents will observe the space following each presentation. **Free and open to the public, 21 years and older.**

### Spaghetti Supper

The Fairhaven Lions Club will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on **Wed., 11/15, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at St Mary's Church 440 Main St. Fairhaven, MA**

Spaghetti (meat or meatless), bread, salad, beverage and dessert. **Tickets: \$8.00.** For Tickets call 508-996-3420 or 508-542-2484

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### Christmas Bazaar

Annual Christmas Bazaar on **Sat., 11/18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven.**

A variety of hand-made gift giving items from handmade Christmas decorations to uniquely knitted hats, scarfs, mittens, socks, baby sweaters, Norwegian Christmas decorations, and more! All handcrafted items.

Come for lunch! Our kitchen will feature Norwegian open-faced sandwiches and pastries, fresh lobster rolls, local scallops and chicken delicacies.

### Savers Drive

Clean out your closets, basements, attics & garages. We get 20 cents a pound on soft wear such as clothing and bedding, and 10 cents a pound for Knick knacks, house hold items no bigger than a small toaster oven or bread box, working lamps, etc.

At St. Mary's Church, Main St., Fairhaven, Savers Donation Drive, **Sat., 11/18, noon to 3:45 p.m.** in the parking lot. **ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED THAT DAY ONLY!!**

### Book Drive

Please Donate Books for **St. Mary's Book Café in the Parish Hall, Sunday, Nov. 19th 11:00AM - 2:00PM** (Patriots aren't on until 4:45 p.m.) Hard cover books \$1.00 Soft cover 50 cents. Books for everyone.

We will have available for \$1.00 a cup/bottle: coffee, hot chocolate, apple cider & water. Also available: cookies, bars & brownies

Books may be dropped off at the rectory during regular office hours **M-F 8:30AM to 12:30PM** or on the day

of Savers Donation Drive (see above listing). All donations are greatly appreciated.

### Grief Workshop

Southcoast Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) is offering a workshop for those who will be grieving the loss of a loved one during the upcoming holiday season.

The one-hour workshop is available to the public and free of charge. It will include tips and ideas of ways to not only "make it through this holiday time" but also to honor the memory of one loved, as well as meeting our own needs.

To register, call 508-973-3227 or email [arnoldn@southcoast.org](mailto:arnoldn@southcoast.org). The workshops will be offered on **Mon., 11/13, at 6 p.m., at Fairhaven Council on Aging, 229 Huttleston Ave. Fairhaven.**

### Climate Change Film

SCNU REFS Presents November's Movie of the Month: *AN INCONVENIENT SEQUEL: Truth to Power*, on **Sat., 11/18, 10:00 – 11:45 AM at the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road**

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### Leaf Pickup

Curbside leaf collection in Fairhaven will run **from November 7, 2017 through December 1, 2017.**

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# Carousel celebrates 25 years

By Beth David  
Editor

Carousel Family Fun Center of Fairhaven celebrated 25 years with an anniversary skate on Saturday, 11/4, that featured free admission and anniversary cake.

Fairhaven Selectboard member Charles Murphy presented a proclamation from the Selectboard, and New Bedford City Councillor Linda Morad presented a proclamation from the city.

"It's been a roller coaster ride for sure," said owner Charlene Conway, adding that the business has had to keep up with the changes of society and the town. "Trying to stay on top of the entertainment curve, so to speak."

She said the demographics and population of the town have changed, and in surrounding communities,.

"So you have to constantly be on top of that, not only to stay with the current trends, but you also have to deal with the business end of it, and the slumps that are caused by that," she said.

One of the things they did was build a miniature golf course outside,

"Capt. Barnacle's."

"That helps with the summer because our skating rink is busiest when the kids are in school," she said. "Then business slows down, but the population of the community increases."

Mr. Murphy said it was important to recognize a town business that has been around for 25 years.

"Twenty-five years, that's a lot of family fun," said Mr. Murphy, adding that he remembered having birthday parties there for both his children. "So it's been a part of my life and my children's life. So it was good to celebrate with them."

He said he looks forward to taking his granddaughter there soon.

When Charlene told Mr. Murphy she hoped to be there in another 25 years, he said he would be there too.

"So it's a date,"



he said.

Carousel Family Fun Center, 508-996-4828, is located at 4 David Drown Boulevard in Fairhaven. You can also visit their website at [www.carouselskate.com](http://www.carouselskate.com) and find them on Facebook.



Fairhaven Selectboard member Charles K. Murphy, Sr., and New Bedford City Councillor Linda Morad (RIGHT) present proclamations to Carousel Family Fun Center Manager Courtney Surette at their 25th anniversary celebration on Saturday, 11/4. Photo courtesy of Charles K Murphy, Sr.

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## HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

### NB Vets Parade

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### Lebanese Christmas Bazaar

Our Lady of Purgatory Church annual Lebanese Christmas Bazaar, will be held on **Sat., 11/11, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sun., 11/12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Mary's Pastoral Center, 115 Illinois St., New Bedford** (park in St. Mary's Church lot).

Featuring traditional Lebanese foods and pastries. Free admission. Big money raffle, Sittoo's Attic, caravan auction (closes at noon on 11/12), games, crafts, raffles, and much, much more.

### Short Plays Marath.

Culture\*Park of New Bedford Presents the 15th Annual Short Plays Marathon on **Sat., 11/11 in the New Bedford Whaling Museum Theater from 2:00pm to 10:30pm**

The Marathon will feature staged readings of 26 new plays, presented by an ensemble of more than 50 local and regional actors and directors. The day is punctuated with audience/playwright talk-backs. Veteran's Day themed plays will be presented periodically throughout the day.

Culture\*Park welcomes all to the Marathon, and encourages new attendees and seasoned audience member to try it out! The Marathon is a fun and interesting event full of new and provocative theatre.

### Indoor Yard Sale

Pilgrim United Church of Christ will hold an **Indoor Yard/Rummage/Bake sale on Fri., 11/10, from 5-8 p.m. and Sat., 11/11, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Pilgrim Church Home, 634 Purchase St. N.B.** Featuring bargains for all! Free admission Proceeds to benefit church programs. For more info, call Lora: 508-998-1718

### Food Drop

To collect non-perishable and canned goods for the holidays. **Operation: Food Drop will be held at Buttonwood Park on Fri., 11/10, from 10am-2pm** looking to help benefit the Hunger Heroes Project.

Formerly called "Cans Across the Park," this event has been taking

place for over 20 years, helping local families in need have a good meal on Thanksgiving. The food that is collected at Operation: Food Drop goes directly to the "Hunger Heroes" event taking place next Saturday at Dennison Memorial Career Center.

"Hunger Heroes" is planning to package 1,000 Thanksgiving meals which will be given to local food pantries. Be sure to join us in tackling our 1,000 meal goal by dropping off non-perishables and canned goods at Buttonwood Park on Friday, November 10, anytime between 10am and 2pm right outside the warming house. Volunteers will be on hand to collect donations, and you won't even need to leave your car.

### SEEAL Meeting

The Southeastern Environmental Education Alliance (SEEAL), a fund of the Community Foundation of SE Mass., invites you to attend their annual meeting and listening session at the **Buttonwood Park Zoo on Tues., 11/14 at 4:30 pm.** The program will include a Science on a Sphere demonstration and a tour of the Rainforest, Rivers and Reefs exhibit. Refreshments will be provided by How on Earth, Westport Rivers Winery and Buzzards Bay Brewery.

This event is free and open to the public. All are welcome. For more information contact Linton Harrington at (508) 636-4693 ext. 5004 or [lharrington@thetrustees.org](mailto:lharrington@thetrustees.org).

### Transgender Violence Film

A new documentary film from Academy-Award nominated documentary filmmaker David France, *The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson*, will be screened at **New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's visitor center on Fri., 11/17, at 6:00 PM., 33 William St., New Bedford.** The national park will be offering the film in partnership with New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! (NBAM) and The South Coast LGBTQ Network. FREE, open to the public, and will start promptly at 6:00 PM.

*The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson* is a deeply compelling look at the 1992 murder of Marsha P. Johnson, who was a transgender rights pioneer known as "the Rosa

Parks of the LGBT movement," It premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in April 2017.

After the screening, there will be time for viewers to ask questions of the film's producer, L.A. Teodosio.

In addition to this event, in honor of Transgender Day of Remembrance, admission to the New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! will be free from Fri., 11/17 through Sun., 11/19.

For more information visit online at [nps.gov/nebe](http://nps.gov/nebe) or call 508-996-4095.

New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks Gallery: [newbedfordart.org](http://newbedfordart.org) or call 508-961-3072.

The South Coast LGBTQ Network: [sclgbtqnetwork.org](http://sclgbtqnetwork.org), 774-371-0711.

### Moby Dick Reg.

Online registration for the *Moby Dick* marathon has begun. The 200 or so reading spots typically fill up very quickly. The Museum will hold a drawing for one of the highly coveted Seamen's Bethel seats where Father Mapple's fiery sermon from Chapter 9 is enacted. To request a reading slot in the English, Portuguese or children's readings, or to enter the Seamen's Bethel drawing, **visit [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org)**

The world's best known readings of Melville's iconic American novel returns to the New Bedford Whaling Museum January 5-7, 2018. The 22nd Annual Moby-Dick Marathon attracts thousands of people each year to the Museum's campus and to the livestream reading online. The 25-hour marathon takes place in several Whaling Museum galleries and across the street in the Seamen's Bethel, made famous in Melville's classic as the Whaleman's Chapel. Melville attended Bethel services between December 1840 and January 1841, when he sailed out on a whaleship, and his pew is marked.

In addition to the main event, the Whaling Museum incorporates two mini-marathons on January 6: a Portuguese-language reading of Tiago Patricio's abridged Moby-Dick; and a children's version by Classic Starts.

The sermon will also be live-streamed in the Museum's 200-seat Theater and online. For full details about the 22nd Moby-Dick Marathon visit [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org). To contact event organizers email [mdmarathon@whalingmuseum.org](mailto:mdmarathon@whalingmuseum.org).



## Bells of Remembrance

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is proud to announce the First Annual ringing of the Bells of Remembrance in the Tri-Town area and beyond. **In honor of Veterans Day, this event will take place on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.** Area churches and organizations have, at this time, verbally consented to be part of this audible celebration of our veterans. The bells are set to ring for 1 full minute in the following places:

Upon the ringing of the bells, it is a time to acknowledge and reflect on the role that veteran servicemen and women have, and have had, in protecting our country. It is a time to remember and reflect on our great fortune as Americans. If you are within earshot of one of these magnificent buildings on November 11th, take the minute to stop and reflect.

## Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots now has drop-off bins at the Acushnet Fire Station located at 24 Russell St. and at the Acushnet Library located on 232 Middle Road

The bins will be at both locations until December 23rd. Please Donate an Unwrapped Toy!!

## State parks free parking on Vets Day

Parking fees at Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) properties will be waived for all visitors on **Veterans Day this Sat., 11/11.** Additionally, during the upcoming holiday, visitors are encouraged to participate in self-guided hikes at state parks, where there are many veterans memorials, military forts, and other notable sites located throughout the Commonwealth. The fee waiver directly corresponds with a National Park Service initiative that also provides free admission at federal parks nationwide on Veterans Day.

Additionally, on Saturday, November 11, 2017, Quabbin Reservoir staff will hold programming at 2:00PM in the Visitor Center to share stories of the Massachusetts men and women who were enlisted from 1776 through the

Korean War.

DCR also offers free parking at its facilities year round to cars with Disabled Veterans license plates from all states. To find a full list of all DCR managed state parks, please visit the agency's website.

## Auction for Animals

Animal Advocates is having its 21st Annual Four Paws Charity Auction for Homeless Animals **Fri., 11/17, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm., at Rachel's Lakeside, 950 State Rd., Dartmouth, MA.** Free admission. The Silent Auction for Animals is our largest annual fund raiser; it's a chance to meet with friends, have a fun evening out and support a worthy cause.

The money raised from the Auction for Animals will keep animals out of shelters and off the streets through spaying and neutering. Our Spay/Neuter Assistance Program prevents animals from reproducing, and protects them from hunger, suffering and unnecessary euthanasia. Animal Advocates is committed to ensuring the health and welfare of homeless dogs and cats by promoting proactive, compassionate no-kill programs.

If you are able to donate an auction item and support animals in need, please call us at (774) 888-9008.

For more information, call or e-mail [animaladvocates@comcast.net](mailto:animaladvocates@comcast.net) Animal Advocates is a nonprofit charitable no-kill animal organization for cats and dogs

## Woman's Club

Come and join the Mattapoisett Woman's Club members on **Thurs., 11/16, at Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street.** We gather at 11:00 a.m. to socialize with members, followed by a luncheon and our guest speaker. Mr. Bruce Strickrott from Wood's Hole Oceanographic Institute. Mr. Strickrott's presentation is *Dive Deeper: Humans and Roots Exploring Together.* He will talk about the all new Alvin, a deep diving submersible and its mission to explore the depths of the ocean. For information, please contact Christine Voss at 508-758-3348.

## Bird Club

The Paskamansett Bird Club is sponsoring an illustrated talk about

how Puffins were brought back to the East Coast! Derrick Jackson, who wrote a book about this adventure, will speak at the **Westport Library on Thurs., 11/16, at 6 pm.** Free.

Even people with little interest in birds love Puffins – cute, improbable-looking seabirds who live on steep cliffs in the inhospitable northern reaches of the Atlantic Ocean. These charming birds mostly live so far north that Americans rarely catch a glimpse of them. In the 1970s, Steve Kress, a biologist from the National Audubon Society, spearheaded an effort to bring these iconic birds back to the United States. In 1981, he succeeded in establishing a breeding colony with about 20 nesting pairs. Against all odds, the colony prospered, and there are now more than 150 breeding pairs of Puffins.

Steve Kress and Boston-based journalist Derrick Jackson tell the story of this successful reintroduction in their book *Project Puffin: The Improbable Quest to Bring a Beloved Seabird Back to Egg Rock.*

This program is supported by grants from the Westport Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

## Seabird Walk

Take a morning walk with experienced local birder Nate Marchessault and the Buzzards Bay Coalition at **Nasketucket Bay State Reservation (94 Brandt Island Rd., Mattapoisett) on Sat., 11/11 at 8:00 a.m.** The walk will follow a mile-long trail through the woods to the beach overlooking Nasketucket Bay, where the group will look and listen for wintering sea ducks.

Pre-registration is required for this free program. To RSVP or to get more information, visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/nasketucket-bay-bird-walk-nov-11-2017/](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/nasketucket-bay-bird-walk-nov-11-2017/) or contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at (508) 999-6363 ext. 219 or [bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org](mailto:bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org)

## Flea Market

Antiques and a variety of other items will now be available at **Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Rd. (Rte. 6), Mattapoisett. Every Tues. from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** All kinds of interesting stuff! Call 508-758-6787 for info.

# Recipe of the Week

## Cumin-Crusted Sablefish

1 tbsp cumin seeds  
1/2 tsp salt  
1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper  
6 (6-oz) sablefish or white sea bass fillets  
1/2 tsp olive oil  
2 tbsps chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley  
4 lemon wedges

Preheat oven to 375°. Cook cumin seeds in a large skillet over med. heat 2 mins or until toasted. Place cumin, salt and pepper in a spice or coffee grinder; process until finely ground.

Rub cumin mixture over top and bottom sides of fillets.

Heat oil over med-high heat. Add fillets; cook 2 minutes on each side or until browned.

Wrap handle of pan with foil. Bake at 375° for 4 mins or until fish flakes easily when tested with fork. Sprinkle with parsley; serve with lemon wedges.

*Also goes well with black cod, bluefish and mackerel. It is worth the effort to toast and grind your own cumin seeds. You will know the difference.*

*From Cooking Light*

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Navy Reserve; Francis J. Tucker, born in 1924, killed in November 1942 on USS San Francisco, US Navy; Raymond Gallant, born 1928, killed in action in Korea 1950, US Marine Corps; Augustine Perry, born in 1925, POW died in Korea, 1951, US Army; Luther S. Pierce, born 1915, killed in Korea, October, 1950, US Air Force.

At 8 a.m., flag raising and reveille by the Boy Scouts; at 4 p.m., flag lowering, taps, and cannon salute. St. Mary's Church Troop 52, First Congregational Church Troop 55

## NB Parade: New Route

New Bedford will hold its parade on Saturday, 11/11, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The 2017 New Bedford parade is presented by the City of New Bedford Veterans Advisory Board Veterans Day Parade Committee.

Parade participants will gather at the intersection of Rockdale Avenue and Union Street (Buttonwood Park) at approximately 10:30 a.m. and the parade will step off at 11 a.m. sharp.

**The parade route has changed this year due to ongoing roadwork** in the City. The parade will march east on Union Street, then turn left onto County Street, and then turn

right onto William Street to the reviewing stand located in front of the New Bedford Main Library on the corner of Pleasant Street and William Street.

A Veterans Day service will be held at the reviewing stand at the conclusion of the parade and all participants and

parade attendees are encouraged to attend. Seating will be reserved for elderly and disabled veterans near the reviewing stand.

Desert Storm and Bosnia veteran Paul Souza will serve as the Grand Marshal of the 2017 parade.

## About Paul Souza

Born the son of New Bedford native Dr. Joseph "Zac" Souza, Paul Souza enlisted in the United States Army in September 1983 as a 19 Echo, Armor Crewman. He attended Basic Training at Fort Knox Kentucky. After training he would be go to Germany to the 3rd Armored Division, both the 2nd BN 33rd Armor and 2nd Bn 32nd Armor of the where he would serve as a Tank Driver, Tank Loader, and then transition to become a 19Kilo M1 Abrams Tank Gunner.

He was then reassigned to Fort Hood Texas to the 1st Bn 32nd Armor of the 1st Cavalry Division and in 1990 would deploy to Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Upon his return he would again be reassigned to Germany to become part of the 1st Armored Division where he would become a Tank Commander.

He was again reassigned to Fort Riley Kansas and the 1st Infantry Division, 1st Bn 34th Armor and continued served as Tank Commander. After a brief time as an Army Recruiter in Fullerton California he would return to Fort Riley and would deploy to Bosnia peacekeeping mission. He would remain at Fort Riley as a Platoon sergeant until his retirement in 2003.

He is currently an employee of the Bristol County Sheriff's Office and the Executive Officer for the Abrams Company of the United States Brotherhood of Tankers, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of America's armor and cavalry heritage.



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# New solar array helps FHA reduce reliance on the grid

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Housing Authority is determined to get off the grid, and a new solar array of 630 panels on Oxford Terrace will go a long way to making that a reality.

Partnering with Solect Energy, the a commercial-scale installer of solar energy systems, and PowerOptions, the region's largest energy buying consortium, the FHA was able to install the system with no out-of-pocket costs.

Town officials, FHA members, and representatives of Solect and PowerOptions gathered together in front of the building on Monday, 11/6, for a ceremonial ribbon cutting.

FHA Chairperson Jay Simmons wielded the oversized scissors with Liam Sullivan of PowerOptions.

The 236 kilowatt system consists of 630 photovoltaic panels which are projected to produce 235,000 kilowatt hours of energy annually. That should provide about 40% of the need at Oxford Terrace. Projected first-year savings are estimated at \$15,700, with \$467,000 in estimated savings over the life of the 20-year agreement.

Oxford Terrace, which has 108 units for seniors and disabled people, heats with electricity, so the savings are significant.

The FHA also has an arrangement with a solar farm in Mattapoisett, buying renewable energy credits from



Fairhaven Housing Authority Chairperson Jay Simmons (holding scissors LEFT) and Liam Sullivan of PowerOptions, cut the ribbon to celebrate the installation of 630 solar panels at the Oxford Terrace FHA property on Monday, 11/6/17. L-R: FHA Executive Director Krisanne Sheedy; FHA board member Anne Silveira; Mr. Simmons; Jean Rousseau (back), FHA board member; Mr Sullivan; Bob Espindola, Fairhaven Selectboard chairperson; Walter Gray, PowerOptions; Alex Keally, Solect. The solar panels are on the roof of building to the left. *Photo by Beth David.*

them and using the net metering system to credit the FHA. It means that the FHA is, in effect, getting almost all of its electricity from solar.

The FHA has 284 units of affordable housing in Fairhaven, including Oxford Terrace with 107 units, Dana Court with 55 units, Green Meadow (aka McGann Terrace), with 92 units, Anthony Haven with 24 units, and six

units of family housing.

Under the program, Solect installs, owns, and operates the solar array on the FHA's roof. Solect then sells the power generated at a fixed rate to the FHA for a period of 20 years under a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) negotiated by PowerOptions.

The array on Oxford is a "behind the meter" system, meaning that the electricity from the panels directly powers the building.

In some installations, the power goes to the grid first, but not here. At Oxford, the electricity is created by the panels and goes to nearby inverters, which change it from a DC (direct current) to AC (alternating current). The AC conduits take the electricity to the electrical room in the facility, where it is tapped into and used by the units.

DC is the current gadgets use that are run by battery. AC is the current households use from the outlet on the wall.

The power also runs through the meter for measuring. When the system produces more energy than is needed at any given time, the meter runs backwards and creates electricity credits that the FHA can draw on when needed. When the



Members of the Fairhaven Housing Authority and representatives from Solect Energy and PowerOptions check out the solar array on the roof of the Oxford Terrace on Monday, 11/6, after a ribbon cutting to commemorate the array. The 236 kilowatt system will generate up to 40% of the power for the 107-unit facility which heats by electric. *Photo by Beth David.*

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array is not producing enough power for the facility, the meter will switch directions, and actually go backwards. The accumulated credits will be used up first, then the FHA will buy its electricity from the Mattapoisett solar farm through the net metering system.

"It's saving us major money already," said Ms. Sheedy, adding that the FHA was reducing its carbon footprint and is being conscientious, and contributing to the community for future generations.

The array will offset yearly carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions equal to 19,679 gallons of gasoline or 191,347 pounds of coal burned.

"It's mind boggling," said Alex Keally, Sr. Vice President, Business Operations, at Solest. "Every single day it's putting out 60,000 watts."

The FHA is doing all it can to get off the grid, Ms. Sheedy said, "And it's all driven by the board."

"Jean (Rousseau) has been trying to get us off the grid for years now," said Ms. Sheedy.

The FHA installation posed an added challenge. The complex's cement roof and the area's 140-mph wind zone required an alternative solution from a standard roof-mounted PVC system. Solest elected to install the Mouli Engineering SolarPod Crown racking, because of its no-roof-holes design, high wind capability and simplicity. Not having to penetrate the cement roof saved substantially on the amount of labor, time and ultimately cost required for the project.

Mr. Keally also said it helped keep things quieter for residents.

"It was very challenging," he said.

The system uses weights, and connects the whole array together, and lays out the system on both sides of the roof. It is designed to withstand wind speeds of 140 miles per hour.

It was tested, albeit not to that degree, in the last storm that had winds gusts over 70 mph.

Ms. Sheedy said they were not 100% off the grid, but, "We're working on it."



TOP RIGHT: Direct current power from the solar panels is sent to these inverters that convert the energy to alternating current (AC), which is the kind of power used in homes. LEFT: These conduits take the converted energy (AC) and send it over the side of the building to the electrical room (RIGHT), where it is then tapped into by the individual apartments at Oxford Terrace. The 107-unit Fairhaven Housing Authority complex will get up to 40% of its electricity from the newly installed solar panels. *Photos by Beth David.*

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**Date: November 25. Registration  
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### Youth Basketball

Fairhaven Recreation Youth Basketball League Registration: Nov. 4th & 11th from 8AM-2PM Cost:\$10/ with play card \$50 without Age is determined as of December 1, 2017 Divisions will be as follows with sufficient numbers; Pee Wee (Co-Ed) Ages 6-8 Junior (Co-Ed) Ages 9-12 Open to all Members! Please bring 2 proofs of residency and a copy of child's birth certificate to registration. Information on new evaluation schedule available at registration.

#### **Attention!!! Calling all basketball enthusiasts!**

We need motivated, committed individuals to volunteer as basketball coaches for this league. We also need officials, pay is roughly \$15 per game. For more information and to fill out a volunteer application please call or stop by the Recreation Center.

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**11/22:** Providence Place, Whole Foods **11/29:** Emerald Square Mall

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### Special Activities

#### **Grieving During the Holidays**

Monday November 13, from 6:00-7:00 pm at Fairhaven Senior Center

The end-of-the year holidays can be some of the hardest days to go through during the first year after the death of a loved one. Balancing this already demanding time with the sadness we feel because of not being able to share this holiday time with our loved one, can feel overwhelming. This 1 hr workshop includes tips and ideas of ways to not only "make it through this holiday time" but also ways to honor the memory of our loved one and our own needs as well. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up at 508-979-4029.

#### **Flu Shot Clinic for Seniors**

At the Fairhaven Council on Aging, November 14th from 2:30-4:00 p.m. Flu Shots administered by Walgreens Pharmacists. Please call the Fairhaven COA @ 508-979-4029. Please bring all medical cards with you.

#### **Veterans Day Parade**

If you would like to participate in the Veterans Day Parade, but are unable to march the distance, the Fairhaven Senior Center will be participating in the parade by using

our vans to accommodate those who can not march. We will be leaving the Fairhaven Senior Center at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, November 11th; we will return to the Senior Center about noon. Please call the center, 508-979-4029, by noon of Friday, November 10th or be in the parking lot at 8:00 a.m. November 11th if you would like to Participate.

#### **Self Improvement Classes For Adults**

Monday, November 13th, and 20th 12:30 to 2:30 at the Fairhaven Senior Center. If you're experiencing challenges in: Memory, Self Expression, Speech Clarity, Independent Living, Social Connectedness. Presented by Lisa Yauch-Cadden and Kari Starr of Buzzards Bay Speech. Please call Lisa at 508-326-0353 to sign up or for more information.

#### **Medicare Beneficiaries and Retirees**

What's New for 2018, Tuesday, November 14th at 1:00p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave. This presentation is free, but reservations are requested. Call the COA (508-979-4029) for more information and to reserve a seat. Refreshments will be served.

### Ongoing Programs

#### **Call 508-979-4029 for days and times**

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## Acushnet police officers join “No-shave November”

Don't panic, Acushnet residents, if you're seeing your local police officers with a little peach fuzz or a full blown beard.

The department has joined first responders across Massachusetts for Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Mass. General Hospital program. Each officer who is growing a beard will donate \$100 to the cause.

The mission of Home Base is to heal the invisible wounds for

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Residents can help by making a donation to the Acushnet Police Department's team page at <https://because.massgeneral.org/team/143537>

As of press time, the page had received \$75 in donations.

To learn more about Home Base, visit <http://homebase.org/>



## Acushnet fire department upgrades will save energy, money

The Acushnet Fire Department recently posted an update on Facebook about updates and changes to the fire stations designed to save the town money.

“Much of the work done by town officials goes unnoticed but often makes a big difference,” reads the post on Facebook from October 27.

“This month alone the lights at Fire Station #2 were upgraded to LED (\$3,871) and the original oil burner at Fire Station #1 was replaced with a

modern gas furnace (\$25,198). All funds were provided by the Commonwealth's Green Communities Grant Program.

According to the FB post, LED lights already installed at Station 1, and insulation, boiler controls and programmable thermostats at Station 3, added to the newest changes, add up to \$70,000 in state-funded energy upgrades.

“This work never would have been accomplished without the effort of

the Acushnet Board of Selectmen and Building Commissioner James Marot,” reads the post. “Mr. Marot stated, ‘To date we have received almost \$750,000 from the State for energy upgrades to many of the Towns buildings which has enabled us to upgrade our aging energy infrastructure to the most efficient equipment available which continues to save the taxpayer in Acushnet money.’”



Monday, October 23, 2017: a welder at PL Custom fabricates the walls of Acushnet's next ambulance. We are on target to take delivery of Rescue #2 in February. This ambulance will be a carbon copy of our most recent vehicle (Rescue #1) but on a 2017 Ford chassis. Photo from Acushnet Fire & EMS Facebook page.

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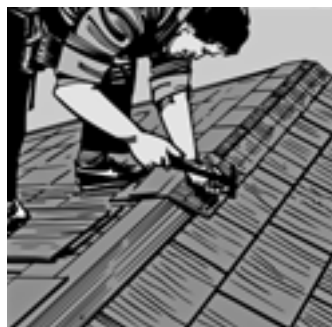
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## Think warm!



Fairhaven resident Jim Dalton planted these palm trees and a banana tree on his property. "Growing up I used to say that I wanted to live where palm trees grow. Now I do!" he wrote in an email. *Photo courtesy of Jim Dalton.*

So, who says you have to travel south to see a real palm tree? Jim Dalton, on Hathaway Street in Fairhaven has a couple of thriving palm trees and a healthy banana tree.

"Growing up I used to say that I wanted to live where palm trees grow. Now I do!" wrote Mr. Dalton in an email. "Most people don't know you can grow them around here (the banana plants won't produce fruit, though)."

He said he has to cut the banana stalks after the first frost, but they come back even bigger the next year.

"The palm is a cold-hardy variety and can live through our winters," he wrote.

So, as you contemplate the first blast of winter hitting us this weekend, think if Jim, looking out over his palm trees.

## Mass. Environmental Police confiscate Nile Monitor Lizard

The Massachusetts Environmental Police confiscated a Nile Monitor Lizard, which can only be possessed in Massachusetts with a permit.

According to the FB page, on the afternoon of Sunday, October 22, 2017, the Massachusetts Environmental Police received information regarding an individual attempting to sell a Nile Monitor Lizard on a Facebook group page. An undercover officer was able to contact the individual and arrange a meeting on Tuesday, October 24, at the Holyoke Mall to purchase the animal.

Upon meeting, the Officers successfully recovered the Nile Monitor Lizard, which was approximately three feet in length, and charged the individual with possession of wildlife without a permit. The lizard was subsequently transported to a permitted facility licensed in the care of reptiles.

The Nile Monitor is indigenous to Africa, but can be found feral in certain parts of the U.S. The Nile Monitor is one of the largest members of the Monitor Lizard species and can exceed seven feet in length.

The Nile Monitor Lizard is an invasive species that lives in Florida. They eat frogs, other lizards, turtles, birds and rodents, and sometimes hunt in packs.

They have had an adverse affectd on the American Crocodile population because they raid nests, eat eggs and prey on small crocodiles. They also go after small domestic pets.

As pets, they are aggressive and resistant to being tamed. They often inflict wounds on people.

According to an article in "The Atlantic" in 2016 titled "Florida's Dragon Problem," there are more than 1,000 of the lizards in the state.

Some species of Nile Monitor Lizards could learn to adapt to the cold weather, according to the article.

With the exception of Spiny/Ridge-



This Nile Monitor Lizard was confiscated by Mass. State Police. The reptile is aggressive and can grow close to 8 feet in length. *Mass. State Police photo.*

tailed Monitors, it is illegal to possess Monitor Lizards in Massachusetts without a permit.

For more information on Wildlife as Pets, please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/wildlife-as-pets>



# Fairhaven Fire to raise funds for fallen firefighters

By Beth David  
Editor

Members of the Fairhaven Fire Department are headed to Boston in January to compete in the second annual BFit First Responder Challenge on January 28, 2018. Sponsored by the Boston Bruins Foundation, all proceeds will go to The 100 Club, which supports the families of police officers and firefighters who were killed in the line of duty.

Participants in January will include firefighters, police officers, EMTs, and a new civilian category. There will also be a kids' obstacle course.

In order to compete, the Fairhaven Firefighters must raise about \$3,000.

"A ton of us are going up," said Fairhaven Firefighter David Wilson, who helped organize his colleagues to participate.

He said he saw a flyer for the competition and thought, "Ah, why not?"

He sent a text message to the department and got a pretty good response.

The Fairhaven Fire team consists of: Deputy Chief Todd Correia, Lieutenant G.B. Knowles, Lieutenant

Paul Correia, FF Nick Oliveira, FF Adam Katz, FF Maggie Rocha, FF Nick Gautreau, FF David Wilson, FF Dave Dompierre.

The competition will be stair climbing at the TD Garden, along with lots of other fire departments, including Boston and its suburbs.

The fund-raising goal is \$3,000. As of press time, \$125 had been donated. Departments will win prizes based on the amount of money they raise.

To learn more about the challenge visit [www.BostonBruins.com/FirstResponderChallenge](http://www.BostonBruins.com/FirstResponderChallenge)

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In this *Neighb News* file photo members of the Fairhaven Fire Department pose for a photo after taking on teachers and staff from the East Fairhaven and Leroy Wood schools in a kickball game under the lights at the Fairhaven High School football field in December of 2015, for the Toys for Tots program. Some of this gang will be competing in the BFit First Responder Challenge in January to benefit the children of firefighters and police who have died in the line of duty. *Neighb News* file photo.



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more on the lobster basin, or the south side of Union Wharf, where the smaller lobster boats tie up.

He recommended three new rules, all squarely aimed at spelling out ways to expel boat owners from the Union Wharf Lobster Basin.

The first one says that any slip that is not being used by the boat owner for an extended period shall result in a warning by the harbormaster. After two warnings, the boat owner would be terminated.

The second one lays out a course of action the harbormaster can take to get a boat owner expelled for harassing the HM or deputies. The Selectboard would be the authority to suspend or expel a boat owner.

The third reads: "Anyone charged with a criminal act that has to [do] with violation of Marine laws, to include violations of catch size and quantity, shall upon conviction lose the right to use the Union Wharf Lobster Basin."

Mr. Freitas also included a section on fees, saying that the town does not charge enough, but he does not recommend charging as much as some of the private marinas. He said considering that some boat owners do not use the slips, it appears the price is not high enough.

Mr. Freitas told the board and the public that he wanted to continue being on the MRC, which was in stark contrast to his comments at the last Selectboard meeting, when he clearly stated he would not be going back.

"I would like to continue my work with them," said Mr. Freitas on Tuesday.

He also said he wanted to be part of the group that revamped the rules and seemed to take issue with Mr. Espindola for not naming him specifically.

"You're part of that committee, as an official member," said Mr. Espindola, which means Mr. Freitas would automatically be part of the group revamping the rules.

Mr. Freitas said he thought he would be "better off" working with Mr. Rees as part of his group with the Harbormaster.

Robert "Hoppy" Hobson, pointed out the contradiction, saying he thought Mr. Freitas said he did not want to be on the MRC.

Frank Coelho, chairperson of the MRC, said he welcomed the suggestion that the rules be revamped.

"Because basically, that's what we've been trying to do anyways," said Mr. Coelho. "I think we should work together."

For about an hour and a half, everybody who wanted to speak had a chance to be heard.

With lots of back and forth, and many a raised voice, the MRC and the Selectboard agreed that the rules and regulations should be rewritten.

But the issue of the boat slips and who gets them just went round and round with neither side giving much ground.

Mr. Coelho said it was pretty simple: It just was not fair to give the slip to someone who was not on the list. He said even if they wanted to make it a spot for a non-fishing vessel, that the public still should have been notified.

"A lot of people might want that slip," said Mr. Coelho.

Mr. Rees reiterated that he and the harbormaster had the authority to put the NMI boat in the slip. He said if

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We're just trying to preserve  
what little bit we've got  
[Robert "Hoppy" Hobson]

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the board wanted to change who has the authority, they could do that.

Mr. Espindola pointed out that the board may not want to have all fishing boats at Union Wharf. Just because it was like that before, does not mean it has to be that way going forward.

Mr. Coelho pointed out that a lot of details were left out in the conversation, including that Mr. Cox had previously told the boat owners that two new slips would be made available for fishing boats. Then, suddenly, one of those was given to NMI for a non-fishing vessel.

"Is that right? Is that right to people who have been waiting for two years," said Mr. Coelho.

Mr. Espindola said they were two different things. One side was the lobster basin, the other was the new section where the safety marina will eventually go, removing those new spots anyway.

He also said they should be looking at diversifying the marina. He said the MRC clearly believes it should be

only fishing boats at Union Wharf, but he thinks the town can get higher fees from other types of vessels.

"This board makes decisions based on what's in the best interests of the town," said Mr. Espindola.

Charlie Mitchell, who owns a tugboat told the board they were changing 70 years of tradition by giving the slip to a non-fishing boat.

He said it is not just docking fees that benefit the town; boat owners have to be Fairhaven residents, so they pay property taxes and otherwise spend money in town.

He said he felt the working boats were getting squeezed out.

A fishing charter boat owner said operations like his would love a spot to call home. Being a cross between commercial, because he is a business, and recreational, because he takes recreational fishers out, he does not fit neatly into any category.

All three board members assured the public that they did not want to push out the fishing industry.

"We're just trying to protect what little land we have," said Mr. Hobson. "We're just trying to preserve what little bit we've got."

He said it was not fair to kick out boat owners because they are not using the slip. One person has had a boat with long term mechanical problems, another has medical issues.

Mr. Freitas also took a moment to confront the charge that Mr. Dawicki was getting something due to special treatment

"Anyone who knows me knows, I don't go giving anybody anything," said Mr. Freitas.

He told the MRC members they should "get to a different level" than their last meeting. "No offense to you," he said, adding that the problem was that some people just do not like Mr. Dawicki.

Eric Moniz, who has a boat in the lobster basin, hollered out a demand to know where Mr. Dawicki and the town officials were at the last meeting.

"The town acknowledges that town staff didn't show up at MRC meetings. And maybe there's a time when they were needed there," said Mr. Espindola. "We're going to try to correct that going forward, but we're going to try to do that in a positive manner."

*\*The memos from both Mr. Espindola and Mr. Freitas are on our website: [www.neighbnews.com](http://www.neighbnews.com)*



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

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Wed., 11/15, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

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## From our readers

### Holidays are good time to give to the less fortunate

"Caring for the hungry without bias or prejudice and without judgment of need."

The sentence above heads the Shepherd's Pantry Board Meeting Agenda Page, that is sent to the pantry's board members ahead of their quarterly meetings. It stands for exactly what it says, "caring for the hungry...."

For the past 14 years, between the Holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, where the need is always greater, we at the Shepherd's Pantry are asking caring folks such as yourselves, to continue in keeping the doors open so the less fortunate can receive a helping hand.

"With the return of cold weather

and the start of the holiday season, the region's food pantries are gearing up for their annual surge of needy patrons," so said Boston Globe correspondent, Olivia Quintana.

And according to a spokesperson at the Greater Boston Food Bank, "One in ten members of our community is at risk of hunger. Hunger is not a problem facing just those in poverty — it is also a challenge faced by working and middle class neighbors. A recent study shows that 47% of those at risk for hunger in Eastern Massachusetts earn too much to qualify for government provided emergency food assistance. Many never dreamed they would need a food pantry or community meal program to feed themselves and their families."

And that's where the Shepherd's Pantry, located at the Long Plain United Methodist Church at 1215 Main St. in Acushnet, comes in. So far, in 2017, 3,535 families

have been served, 5,636 bags of non-perishables have been handed out and \$44,000 has been spent.

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There are also drop-off places to bring non-perishable food items year round at the Milicent Library and the Stop & Shop Supermarket, both located in Fairhaven, for your convenience. If you have any questions please call the Shepherd's Pantry for more information at 508-763-9289.

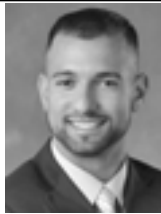
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Please join the Fairhaven Veterans Day Parade  
on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Show your support for our troops fighting in foreign lands,  
and those here at home.


## **Flag Raising**

On Sat., 11/11, at Fort Phoenix, at 8 a.m. in memory  
of 19 Fairhaven residents still listed as Missing in

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At 8 a.m., flag raising and  
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All gave  
some, and  
some gave all.

Veterans are asked to gather at Livesey Park behind Oxford School, 347 Main Street, Fairhaven, by 8:30 a.m. Parade steps off at 9 and marches along Main Street to Fairhaven High School for a short dedication and the raising of the big flag. **Veterans who cannot march should go to the Senior/Recreation Center by 7:45 a.m., where transportation will be provided. Coffee and donuts for all veterans at the Senior Center until the vans leave for the parade. The Lions Club will provide free coffee and donuts at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association building in Benoit Square at 8 a.m.** Homeowners along the route are asked to display the US Flag. Spectators are asked to line the route and go to the High School to show their support.

**From  
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Brownell  
of  
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