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

Finally, signs of spring



Tom Opezio of Bayline Boatyard and Transport based out of New Bedford backs Alex Kalife's "Cold Sweat" into the water at Pease Park boat ramp in Fairhaven on Tuesday, 4/24. Alex was taking it out for a quick cruise before setting it up on his slip for the season. This boat launching took less than a minute and was the first of four for Mr. Opezio for the day. Marinas around the area are finally getting boats in the water after a winter that just seemed like it would not quit. This week's forecast predicts rain, but temperatures will continue to be in the mid-50s to mid-60s. *Photo by Glenn Silva.*

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Judge Murray Gurfein, Pentagon Papers case, June 17, 1971:

"The security of the Nation is not at the ramparts alone. Security also lies in the value of our free institutions. A cantankerous press, an obstinate press, a ubiquitous press must be suffered by those in authority in order to preserve the even greater values of freedom of expression and the right of the people to know."



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

The saga of the BPW tied vote continues (see page 4). A judge will decide if there's going to be a recount, board vote, or a redo of the townwide vote.

What fun, huh?

See what happens when you stay home on election day?

Meanwhile, the Selectboard (also page 4) discussed ways to improve voter participation. I'm sad to say that running a paid ad in the *Neighb News* did not make the list.

The board also discussed the fate of the Rogers School, and a plan to keep it standing until something can be done with it. Town Meeting will be asked to fork over some cash for that.

Town Meeting is next week, and in next week's issue, we'll run our annual rundown of the articles and our annual salaries issue. So, stay tuned.

And, if you're a TM member, be sure to get there. The people in your precinct are counting on you.

This weekend the spring events are popping up all over the place. It seems that the spring weather might make it here just in time, too. There's the Little League opener (see page 18), the West Island 5K and bike path cleanup (see page 3), and all kinds of other stuff planned for outside...OUTSIDE!!!! Wow.

I know it seemed like it would never get here, but, well, here it is.

So, whether you want to help with something, or just watch other people do something, it's time to lace up the old sneakers and get moving. Before you know it the boats will all be in the water, the beaches will be filled, and we'll be complaining about how hot it is. Ah, how I love New England.

Vroom, vroom...did I mention motorcycles? Listen for them...they be coming soon.

There's other stuff in here of course. But you'll have to thumb through to find it all. Be sure to notice who our advertisers are and tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Clarification. In our story on the 50-state tour of the POW/MIA flag, we neglected to note that many groups are involved in transporting the flag and that the idea began with one person's vision. See page 16 for more info.

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West Island 5K, PTO giant yard sale on tap for weekend

Spring events abound this weekend, including the West Island 5K, the first Fairhaven High School PTO giant yard sale, and the Little League opener (see page 18).

West Island 5K

Seventh West Island 5K Run/Walk & Kids Mile, Sunday, April 29. Kids Mile: 10:00am; 5K Run/Walk: 11:00am

Register at westisland5k.org OR on person Sat., 4/28, 1-4 p.m. and Sun., 4/29, beginning at 8 a.m.; West Island Improvement Association Community House, 41 Causeway Rd., Fairhaven. All proceeds go to the Fairhaven High School Cross Country program and to the non-profit, Strive and Achieve www.striveandachieve.org

WI 5K Pre Race Dinner

Spaghetti Dinner, Sat., 4/28, 4:00-6:00pm, West Island Improvement Association, 41 Causeway Rd., Fairhaven. All tickets are \$5 at the door. All proceeds go to the FHS Cross Country program and scholarships for skilled trade education and training.

FHS PTO Yard Sale

The Fairhaven High School PTO is

holding a huge yard sale on Sat., 4/28, from 9-11 a.m. in the school's parking lot. 100% of the proceeds goes to the PTO. Available items will include housewares, furniture, clothing, toys, and more.

Bike Path Cleanup

Join us for the 5th Annual Fairhaven Bike Path Volunteer Clean Up, on **Sun. 4/29, anytime from 9am-12. Registration behind the Rec Center**

Please join us in a volunteer cleanup effort for the Fairhaven Bike Path. Together we can help keep our town looking great for residents and our visitors.

We will have some gloves and bags available to use courtesy of Rockys Ace Hardware. Pickers will be available from Operation Clean Sweep. Please bring your own gloves if you have them.

All volunteers will be entered into a raffle to win a gift card from Stop and Shop. Free donuts and coffee by BRW Property Services.

Tennis Clinics

The Fairhaven Tennis Association is now offering tennis clinics for juniors 16 and Under. Our first

session will start on Sunday April 29th and go for five weeks. For our first session clinics will be held on Sundays and Thursdays at Cushman Park. Our second, third, and fourth sessions will be on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday To register go to our web site at www.fairhaventennis.org and click on the link on the left side of the page for 16 and Under. Our pro Aaron Petruski will be heading up our instructional Program. Aaron is the pro at the Lakeville Indoor Tennis Club and is considered one of the leading tennis instructors in the area. For more information call Ken at 508-280-3150.

Senior Talent Show

Come join us on April 29th from 2-4 pm at Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., for our 3rd Annual Senior Talent Showcase. Come watch the seniors in our community showcase their talent. If you know anyone who would like to participate please get in touch with our chairperson MK @ 508-330-4837. This is a free event to watch and free to participate. Accessible.

See pages 5, 8, 9 for more happenings

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Court order bars Selectboard from BPW vote

By Beth David

Editor

A Superior Court judge issued a stay preventing the Fairhaven Selectboard from voting to break the tie on the Board of Public Works vote. The election of 4/2 ended in a tie between incumbent Robert "Hoppy" Hobson and challenger Al Martin, with 338 votes each.

Mr. Hobson at first said he would ask for a recount and started collecting signatures. Then he learned from Town Clerk Eileen Lowney that the state statute called for the tie to be broken at a joint meeting of the BPW and the Selectboard and that he would be able to vote in that meeting. So, he opted not to ask for the recount because he figured he would win that vote.

Then, after the filing deadline had passed, he was informed by the Town Clerk and Town Administrator Mark Rees that the Special Act that created the BPW called for a vote of the Selectboard only in the case of a vacancy. (See 4/19/18 issue.)

Mr. Hobson said it was not fair that he missed the deadline because of bad information. Then he looked at the Special Act and challenged the notion that there was a vacancy at all, since the act also says that members will serve until their successors are certified.

So, he filed a complaint in Superior Court to get a judge to decide.

At the Selectboard meeting on Monday, 4/23, Town Counsel Thomas Crotty explained the situation to the board. The state statute says that vacancies should be decided by a vote at a joint meeting of the board that has the vacancy and the Selectboard, in this case the five-member BPW and the three-member Select-

board. However, the BPW in Fairhaven was created by a Special Act of the legislature and in the act, it says that a vacancy should be decided by the Selectboard alone. The act does not, however, specifically mention a tie.

Mr. Crotty issued an opinion that the tie should be treated the same way as a vacancy. Mr. Hobson is arguing that because the Special Act does not mention a tie, that the state statute should be followed, meaning a vote by the eight members of the BPW and the Selectboard.

In his filing with the court, Mr. Hobson contends that there is no vacancy because the special act also states that members of the board shall serve "until their successors are qualified."

He is asking the court to order the town to either: 1) hold the joint meeting to break the tie; 2) order a recount; 3) order a new election.

On Monday, 4/23, the court issued an order restraining the town from appointing a successor until the court makes its decision.

Mr. Martin, in his remarks to the board, noted that the vote of the boards could also end in a tie. He said he would be asking the court to decide if Mr. Hobson could vote for himself as a member of the BPW. Mr. Martin said that he believed it was an ethics violation for Mr. Hobson to vote for himself. Mr. Martin also noted that if Mr. Hobson was not able to vote, then the number of voting members would be seven, making a tie even less likely.

Mr. Crotty explained that the judge only put things on hold to give the court time to decide. Meanwhile, Mr. Hobson will serve on the BPW as always.

Mr. Crotty and Selectboard members did not voice any strong opinions in either direction. They seemed willing to abide by whatever the court decided. Mr. Crotty, in representing the town, has not been instructed to argue against anything in particular in the complaint.

The board will ask him, however, to note to the court that the two boards together have eight members, so the court can make a ruling on what to do in the case of another tie.

That piece came up after Mr. Crotty had left, because he addressed the board at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Martin had planned on being at the meeting, but left before it started when he learned about the stay order. Then he watched the meeting on TV at home and realized he had something to add. However, with the extra traffic due to the closing of the bridge, he got bogged down and did not get to the meeting until Mr. Crotty had left. The board heard his case late in the evening.

The judge could order a recount, and if it is still a tie, the judge will then have to decide how that tie will be decided, due to the issues raised in the complaint, i.e., that the Special Act does not specifically mention a tie vote.

Mr. Crotty said that the act also does not define what a "vacancy" is. It is clear, he said that if someone moves, dies, or resigns, there is a vacancy. The state statute does specify a "failure to elect," but the special act rules here.

"You could almost flip a coin," said Mr. Crotty.

He said he did not think the court would take more than a couple of weeks to decide. Meanwhile, Mr.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

West Island 5K

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Day of Prayer

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Pancake Breakfast

Fairhaven Lions Club presents Pancake breakfast, Sun., 4/29, 8-11 a.m., at St. Mary's Church, 440 Main St., Fairhaven. Includes pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, coffee and juice. Tickets: \$7, call Bill, 508-996-3420, or contact any Fairhaven Lion. Sponsored by Rockland Trust.

Spring Concert

Seaglass Theater Company, Patrice Tiedemann, Artistic Director, Presents Bernstein! A 100th Birthday Bash Music from America's Maestro Sun., 4/29, 3:00 PM, First Congregational Church, 34 Center St., Fairhaven

Fairhaven's 1845 gothic-inspired First Congregational Church is the setting for Seaglass Theater Company's spring concert. Celebrate the 100th birthday of "America's Maestro" with selections from his popular musicals West Side Story, On the Town and Candide and gems from Peter Pan, Mass, and Wonderful Town. You will be enthralled by this company of professional artists as well as a chorus of outstanding South Coast performers. An afternoon not to be missed!

Tickets: \$25 at door, \$20 online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3359405> advanced purchase. Tickets may be purchased with cash, credit card, or check the day of the concerts at the concert venue a half hour before the performance. For more information, please visit www.seaglasstheater.com

Soccer Scholarships

Mariner Youth Soccer is now accepting applications for its annual scholarships. Applicants must be seniors in high school and have played a minimum of 4 years in the Mariner Youth Soccer Association program. Applications are available at www.marineryouthsoccer.com. The **deadline has been extended to May 1, 2018.**

Mariner Youth Soccer provides recreational and competitive soccer training and opportunities at its

Fairhaven facility to players ages 4-8, with more than 25 teams competing this spring in the NSL and Southcoast Soccer Leagues.

Fall Recreation registration will be opening up soon on our website, so don't delay in getting your child registered. Upcoming training includes a Spring Skills Clinic for players ages 4-8 and multiple summer soccer camp options in 2018. Registration for the Girls High School Summer League is also open. Visit our website to find out more: www.marineryouthsoccer.com

Cherry Blossom Fest

FREE ADMISSION: Japanese Cherry Blossom Friendship Festival, Sun., 5/6, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Whitfield-Manjiro Museum, 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven

Featuring: Japanese taiko drumming and martial arts; your names written in Japanese; origami (paper-folding) instructions; ikebana, flower arrangement demo; bonsai, quilt & kimono displays; raffle & sale of Japanese items; tour of: Whitfield-Manjiro Museum

Also Bento Picnic Box Lunch (no raw items), with Japanese green tea & cherry cheesecake. Tickets (limited number): \$20/adult, \$10 under 12

To reserve tickets: call Gerry at 508-995-1219, or e-mail: Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org

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Contact Lisa Regan, Director of Volunteer Services lisa.regan@fidelishospice.com

Nemasket Walk/Run

The Nemasket Group 5K Walk/Run will be held on Sat., 5/5. The race begins and ends at Fort Phoenix, Fairhaven, MA. Dust off your sneakers and join us for a morning of fun as we wind through Fairhaven for a great cause. Coming together as a community and making new friends while raising awareness for individuals with disabilities is a sure win for all. The first 125 registrants will receive a t-

shirt. Registration begins at 8:00 AM and the race starts at 9:00 AM. For more information and to register visit www.NemasketGroup.org or call 508-999-4436. We look forward to seeing you at the event.

Community Garden

Have you ever wanted to try a garden but didn't know where to start? Interested in saving money by growing your own organic vegetables? Want to be part of a "growing green" community? If yes, you are in luck because there are Fairhaven Community Garden beds available at three school locations: East Fairhaven, Hastings Middle School and Wood School. **The fee is \$10 per 4x8 foot bed.** Organic practices only please.

Contact Laurie at 614-439-3564 or lauriehellstrom@yahoo.com if you are interested or have questions. More information can be found at fairhavencommunitygarden.org.

SAVE THE DATES

FHS PTO Talent Show

Join us for Fairhaven High School's 2nd annual talent show! Being held on **Sat., 5/12, in the auditorium at 6:30 pm. \$5 per ticket.** Come and see both the talented students and teachers of FHS in amazing performances! Tickets will be sold at the door.

Blessing of the Bikes

Annual Blessing of the Bikes on **Sun., 5/6. Sign up at 10:30 am until 12:00 noon. Kickstands up at NOON SHARP, from Fort Phoenix rear parking lot \$15 per bike.**

Ride is about 2 hours ending at the Ice House Bar & Grill in Fairhaven. Live music on the outdoor stage by The Relics. Outside Cash Bar, Texas Barbeque, Vendors. Event Sponsored by St. Joseph School and Ice House Bar & Grill. Benefits St. Joseph. Call Liz at St. Joseph's 508-996-1983 or Ice House at 508-992-2337

NFIA Yard Sale

North Fairhaven Improvement Association, Indoor Yard Sale, Oxford School Auditorium, May 19th 9-3pm. \$20.00 10x10 Space

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Service for Cynthia “Cynnie” McNaughten this Saturday



Death Notice

Cynthia LeBaron (Schoen), 89, of Fairhaven, MA and Rockville, MD, Friday, March 9, 2018. Widow of Neal K. McNaughten. Burial will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 28, in Riverside Cemetery, 274 Main St., Fairhaven, Mass. Friends and family are invited to this service and to a subsequent reception at her home, 48 Green St., Fairhaven.

Fairhaven’s Gil Santos, voice of the Patriots, dead at 80

By Beth David
Editor

One of Fairhaven’s famous sons died this week. Gil Santos, best known as the “voice of the Patriots,” died at the age of 80 on Thursday, 4/19, which was his 80th birthday and his 57th wedding anniversary.

Born in Acushnet, Mr. Santos grew up in North Fairhaven and graduated from Fairhaven High School, class of 1956. He started his career calling Patriots games with WBZ. He was a sports anchor for 39 years, and retired in 2009. He called more than 700 New England Patriot Football games.

Mr. Santos did not forget his home town, marching in the Veterans Day parade, serving as emcee at the dedication of the high school gym in 2007, and serving as grand marshal of the town’s bicentennial parade in 2012, according to the *Neighb News* archives.

He was inducted into the New England Patriots Hall of Fame and the WBZ Hall of Fame, according to news

reports.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta, a son Mark J. Santos, both of Raynham; and a daughter, Kathleen Santos, of Bridgewater.

Visitation for the public was on Tuesday, 4/24. All other services will be private. Arrangements were handled by the Prophet-Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home in Bridgewater, Mass.



The Bicentennial Parade’s Grand Marshal, Gil Santos, Voice of the New England Patriots and Fairhaven home-grown celebrity, waves to the crowd as his car passes by the high school on 7/8/12. *Neighb News* file photo by Beth David.

Lions hold dinner for Visually impaired



Fairhaven Lions hosted a dinner for the visually impaired on Sunday, April 22, at the Fairhaven Senior Center. It was a great event and gave those visually impaired a chance to interact. District Governor Deb Grassi spoke about the mission of Lions Club and its involvement with eye research. This dinner was funded by a grant from the United Way of Greater New Bedford. LEFT: Lions president Bill Moniz addresses guests at the Lions Dinner. RIGHT: Lion Diane Brodeur assists a guest at the Lions Dinner. *Photos courtesy of Jackie Kenworthy.*

Rogers School Study Committee ask for Town Meeting support

To the Fairhaven Residents and Town Meeting Members:

May 5th the Town Meeting Members will be asked to vote upon Article 14 section G: to Preserve and Restore Rogers School Building.

We urge town meeting members to support this. This funding is fiscally wise and is a financially solid economic decision.

In funding this project, you are preventing deterioration and preserving the building for future use. The article asks for \$252,000 for repairs to the building that should keep it preserved for 10 years.

One of the avenues currently being explored is public/private partnerships, which will bring economic benefits to the town.

Included in this funding of the 1885 Rogers building is: listing on the National Historic Register, now

enabling the ability to apply for federal and state grants and other various resources. Without this designated historic listing, you simply cannot apply for any grants or benefits.

This request submitted by our Town Administrator is also supported by the Board of Selectmen and the Rogers Study Committee.

The designated Rogers property comprises almost an acre of land in the center of our historic town. We must preserve the historical integrity of the first gift to our town by our benefactor, Henry Huttleston Rogers,

The Rogers School was the first forward thinking school in Fairhaven. The main requirement to the town was that children of any religious background can attend and get an education and succeed at life such as he himself did.

The school building design by famed architect Warren Briggs has become a permanent fixture of our towns' historic skyline. We need to continue to foster and grow that forward thinking philosophy in preserving this building and begin the process to get it ready for future use.

We must be willing to preserve and maintain all our historic buildings which make our seaside, scenic and historic Fairhaven a very special place to live and raise our families for future generations to come.

Don't let us become so accustomed to seeing these town jewels that when they are gone we look someday and say...What happened?

Please Vote YES on Article 14 section G.

Thank you for your support.

The Rogers Study Committee



The front of the Rogers School (LEFT) last September, 2017, and the back (RIGHT) of the school with a mural that covers up vandalism that the building has been subjected to since it became empty. The Fairhaven School Department stopped using the building as a school in 2013. Since then, the town has struggled to find a use for the building. On May 5, Town Meeting members will be asked to approve \$252,000 to preserve the structure while the town looks for private or non-profit partners to repurpose the building. The money will be used for critical repairs, including water leak problems, that should preserve the building for 10 years, and will pay costs associated with getting the building placed on the National Registry of Historic Places. *Neighb News file photos by Beth David.*



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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

LGBTQ Film Fest

The New Bedford LGBTQ Winter Film Series comes to a close with its final film, *How To Survive a Plague* on **Sun., 4/29, from 2-5 pm at 33 William St., New Bedford.** As David France's premiere film, it is a 2012 documentary focusing on the AIDS epidemic and activism to help provide better care for those with HIV and AIDS. Paul Cassidy, HIV Program Coordinator for the Greater New Bedford Community Health Center, will be facilitating a discussion following the film. Seven Hills Behavioral Health will be providing free HIV testing nearby in the Carter's parking lot. FREE.

D-Day ceremony

The City of New Bedford Veterans' Advisory Board and the Fort Rodman-Fort Taber Historical Association will honor the 749 United States sailors and soldiers who lost their lives during the devastating April 28, 1944 attack on the United States military training operation, Exercise Tiger.

Exercise Tiger was a D-Day dry run which was ambushed by a German E-boat flotilla and resulted in America's costliest incident of World War II, second only to Pearl Harbor.

A memorial ceremony will honor the service members who perished in this incident, on Sat., 4/28, at 1 p.m. at the Fort Rodman-Fort Taber Military Museum, 1000 Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford. All veterans are invited to attend and are asked to proudly display their service insignia. For more info, contact Peter Clark, at peter.clark@newbedford-ma.gov.

Author Event

Historian Beth Luey will give a slide talk at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum, Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:00 pm. The author of *House Stories: The Meanings of Home in a New England Town*, will give a virtual tour of several historic homes in Fairhaven. Luey introduces a diverse cast of characters who lived in these houses at various times. **RJD members: \$12; \$15 nonmembers.**

Classic Movie Night

After successful movie showings during presentations in the summer

and winter, the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center will continue the Mayor's Classic Movie Series, with a FREE showing of *Casablanca*: **Sat., 4/28, at 2:00 p.m.**

Free of charge, at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase Street in New Bedford.

Concert

Tis A Gift To Be Simple: Tickets are on sale now for a Sun., 5/20, choral concert of works, including "Simple Gifts," by American composer Aaron Copland. Presented by the Greater New Bedford Choral Society at 7pm, First Unitarian Church, 71 8th Street, New Bedford, MA. Tickets \$25; children under 12 free with accompanying adult. For more info, email info@gnbcs.org or follow us on Facebook at Greater New Bedford Choral Society.

St. Joseph FR

St. Joseph School is hosting a fundraising event on **Fri., 5/4. This spring gala will be held at Cotali Mar Restaurant, 1178 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00p.m. This year's event, "May the 4th Be With You" is a celebration of our 110th year of excellence in education.**

St. Joseph School supports the efforts of families by providing a quality education based on "Faith, Values and Excellence" for students in Preschool through Grade 8.

To donate an auction item or advertise in the program book, Contact Tracy Travers, 508-996-1983.

Karaoke F-R

Join us for a fun night of Music, Karaoke, Buffet Dinner, Raffles and Cash Bar. All proceeds will benefit Sacred Heart Home's Chapel, Thus., 5/31, 6-9 p.m., at Inner Bay Café & Grille, 1339 Cove Road, New Bedford.

Tickets: \$25 each. Please Contact Bridget Sherrod, 508-996-6751 ext. 121, or bridgets@dhfo.org

Artweek Free Events

The New Bedford Seaport Cultural District is proud to be an ArtWeek partner and collaborator, promoting the Creative Commonwealth and our Creative City. The festival aims to provide participants with new ways

to get creative and make art and culture more accessible to everyone. This season, more than 70 percent of all ArtWeek events are free, including all of New Bedford's events.

Presented by Highland Street Foundation and produced by the Boch Center, ArtWeek announced its largest season lineup ever. The award-winning creative festival will offer more than 500 events in 155 neighborhoods across all six regions of the state from April 27 - May 6, more than double the size of the 2017 festival.

Visit artweekMA.org to view the full calendar of statewide and New Bedford events.

"Grease"

"Grease," performed by NB Voc-Tech High School, Thurs.-Sat., 5/3-5, at 7 p.m.; Sun., 5/6, at 2 p.m., at NBVoc-Tech, 1121 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford. Tickets: \$12; \$10/seniors; \$6/students. For more info, call 508-999-3321, Ext. 424.

Rummage Sale

At Pilgrim United Church of Christ, indoor yard, rummage, bake sale, on Fri., 5/4, from 5-8 p.m., and Sat., 5/5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Pilgrim Church Home, 634 Purchase St., N.B.

Free admission, Bargains for all. Proceeds to benefit church programs

Bikeway Summit

The South Coast Bikeway Allianc's 8th Annual Bike Summit will be held Thurs., 5/3 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Fort Taber Community Center, 1000A S Rodney French BLVD, New Bedford. This year's summit focuses on "Closing the Gaps" and hopes to bring awareness to the numerous pathway projects, large and small, within the South Coast communities.

A welcoming reception with exhibitors begins at 5:30 p.m.

The speakers program begins at 6:00 p.m. and concludes at 7:30 p.m. All who have an interest in pathways for recreation, alternative transportation, promotion of tourism and economic development on the South Coast are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event. Light refreshments will be offered. Pre registration is appreciated. Go to <http://www.southcoastbikeway.com> and click on "events calendar":

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Little League opener

Sat., 4/28, see page 18.

Lobster Roll Dinner

Includes chowder, a lobster roll, cole slaw, chips, drink, coffee and strawberry shortcake. Tickets \$25 (\$5.00 for child's plate of grilled cheese, chips, chowder, dessert, drink). **Friday, April 27 at 6 p.m., St. Julie Billiard Church Hall, 494 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, MA.**

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call Phyllis at 508-991-1590.

Spaghetti Dinner FR

Join us on Fri., 4/27, for a spaghetti dinner fund-raiser at the Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Rd., Mattapoisett, dinner from 5-8 p.m.; dancing and raffles 8-11 p.m. To benefit the Carreiro Family to help with Rob's fight against cancer. Tickets are \$15/adults, \$10/children. There will be music, raffles, and a Chinese auction.

Father-Son Art Show

The Vault Gallery of Fine Arts is proud to present our May Friday Night Lights, with *Talents Spring Forward, Father and Son*, celebrating the artistic talents of Kevin Cormier and his son Taylor Cormier.

Kevin is an accomplished local oil painter who has won several awards for his work and served as president of the Bierstadt society for three years as a service to the New Bedford community. Kevin's latest collection of oils will be exhibited at The Vault Gallery through the month of May. His paintings are astounding but undoubtedly, one of his finest creations is his Son, Taylor Cormier.

Taylor Cormier was a longtime talkshow host on WBSM where he is now News Director. He has delighted audiences throughout the south coast with his stylings of songs made famous by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and more. The Vault Gallery will bring these two talents together on **May 4 from 6-9 p.m., 169 Rockdale Ave., So, Dartmouth.** Free admission, for info visit www.vaultgalleryfinearts.com or call 508-991-1761.

Middle Sch art fest

On Thurs., 5/3, Albert F. Ford Middle School will hold its annual

"Festival of the Arts" from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This event will feature art and music created and performed by students in grades 5 through 8. The Ford Middle School Chorus will perform the event finale spring concert at 7:15 p.m. in the cafeteria under the direction of music teacher Brian Shanbrun.

Art exhibits include hundreds of projects on display throughout the building created by the students of art teacher Kristine Daniels. In addition to art created in classes, both Grade 5 & 6 Art Club and Grade 7 & 8 Art Club will have special projects on display. Art Club projects have been supported with funds from the Acushnet Cultural Council. Art award ribbons will be presented on works chosen to be included in a special "Future Artists" exhibit at the 2018 Annual Town of Acushnet Art Week Show in June.

Ford Middle School students and their families are invited to this event as well as the general public. It is recommended that students or groups of students be accompanied by an adult. Admission is free. Visitors should use the north (gym) entrance of Ford Middle School on 708 Middle Road in Acushnet. For more information call Kristine Daniels at 508-998-0265 ext. 1205.

SC Women's Forum

Weds., 5/2, 11AM-2PM, Rosebrook Event Center, 50 Rosebrook Pl #1, Wareham, MA 02571, \$50 per person, www.southcoastchamber.com to register

The SouthCoast Women's Forum is the ideal setting for leading business professionals, and aspiring women in business to connect, learn, and be inspired by other women. The event will focus on how women have progressed, developed and learned from one another Across all generations to remain relevant and successful in today's continuously evolving business culture!

This business event includes a popular luncheon, presentations, and networking programs for women in business.

Rummage Sale

The Church of the Good Shepherd, 74 High Street, Wareham, MA is having their annual Spring Rummage

Sale on Sat., 5/5 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Items include clothing, coats, shoes, white elephant items, books, domestic items, puzzles, games, toys and small furnishings. The sale is to benefit many of our outreach programs and ministries of the church.

Women's Leadership

The Business Value Forum invites business owners, executives and advisors to join them in their upcoming program, "Women in Leadership: The real impact on business value creation" Thurs., 5/8, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., at Bryant University (The Bello Center).

Join the Business Value Forum for breakfast, and a conversation with seasoned experts who will share their personal experiences and insights into the impact of women on business value creation.

A full breakfast buffet will be served. Act now to take advantage of the **Early Bird price of \$45 by registering before May 1** at the registration site: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-in-leadership-the-real-impact-on-business-value-creation-tickets-42917084154>

Sand Sculpting Trip

Get tickets NOW: Hampton Beach Sand Sculpting Trip, Sat., 6/16. Enjoy a summer day as we travel to Hampton Beach, NH, to watch the masters of sand sculpting compete! This is a family friendly, rain or shine event. Depart Acushnet at 8:45 a.m., return by 6:00 p.m. **\$44/per person.** Please call the Acushnet Council on Aging for more information or to register, 508-998-0280.

Miss Inspirational

Young women and girls with special needs and disabilities will once again grace the stage and amaze the audience at the 3rd Annual Miss Inspirational Program to be held at the **Old Rochester Regional High School auditorium on Sat., 5/5, at 6 p.m.**

With overwhelming feedback and requests to make this an annual event, this year's "Miss Inspirational" program is sponsored in part by the

HAPPS: cont'd on page 16

Recipe of the Week

Root Beer Pork Chops

- 4 (1-inch thick) pork chops
- 3 12-oz cans root beer
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup beef stock
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp chipotle-flavored hot sauce
- 2 tsps Worcestershire sauce
- 1 pinch salt, to taste

Place pork chops in a dish; pour 2 cans the root beer over chops. Place in refrigerator at least 2 hours. Remove the pork chops from the root beer; season with salt and pepper.

Combine the remaining can of root beer, beef stock, brown sugar, hot sauce, and Worcestershire sauce in a saucepan over med. heat; simmer until it reduces to about 3/4 cup. Set aside.

Preheat grill for medium-high heat, and lightly oil the grate.

Grill chops until no longer pink in center, about 8 mins per side. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read 145° F. Brush chops generously with the reduction sauce and continue cooking for about 2 mins more per side. Remove from grill and brush with any remaining sauce. Season with salt to taste before serving.

From allrecipes.com

National Day of Prayer is 5/3

Press Release

May our surrounding communities be reminded that Thursday, May 3, 2018 has been sanctioned by the United States Government as "National Day of Prayer."

Celebrating its 67th year, this year's theme for 2018 is Pray for America...Unity, calling on people, corporately and individually, to return to the God of Fathers in reverence for His Holy Name. To further highlight our theme, Ephesians 4:3 has been chosen as our Scripture for this year: "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Please note also that the United States is the only country in the world with a government-sanctioned "National Day of Prayer." The Judeo-Christian based task force is calling for people to gather for personal and national repentance and heart-felt prayer targeting seven critical areas: our government, military, media, education, church, business, and family.

The following local locations and times are set to celebrate the National Day of Prayer: For further

locations and information, please see www.nationaldayofprayer.org

If for some reason you can not attend one of these National Day of Prayer gatherings, we encourage you to take time to pray alone or with family members at home, or with other like minded people during breaks at your work place. At such a time as this, and as believers, let's join together this May 3, 2018 to pray for our Nation.

Acushnet Town Hall, 122 Main St., Acushnet, MA; Time: 6:00-6:45 PM

Dartmouth Town Hall, 400 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, MA; Time: 12:00 Noon-12:45 PM

Fairhaven Town Hall, Center St. Between Green & Main Sts. Fairhaven, MA; Time: 12:00 Noon-1:00 PM

1 Government Center, Fall River, MA; Time: 7:00-8:00 PM

New Bedford City Hall, 133 William Street, New Bedford, MA; Time: 12:00 Noon - 12:45 PM

Seekonk Town Hall, 100 Peck Street, Seekonk, MA; Time: 12:00 - 12:30 PM

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Selectboard accepts photo of Al Benac for town hall

By Beth David
Editor

A group of friends and supporters of the late Al Benac presented the town with a photo of Fairhaven's long time Town Curator, who died on February 1 of this year. Martha Berg, Cathy Delano, and Eleanor Crowell asked the town to accept the photo as a gift, and to place it somewhere in town hall in his memory.

As Town Curator, Mr. Benac saved many pieces of art and furniture from destruction: From oil paintings by famous and not-so-famous town residents, to old desks purportedly used by the town's benefactor Henry Huttleston Rogers, to documents and the sidewalk in front of town hall.

Mr. Benac did his best at every opportunity to rescue and preserve anything that was part of Fairhaven's past. He often bought pieces with his own money and donated them to the town, or used his own funds to preserve others when his meager town budget of \$1,500.00 was expended.

Back in October, 2017, the Selectboard recognized Mr. Benac with a proclamation noting his use of personal funds to preserve art, his diligent and devoted attendance at town meetings, and his "innumerable



hours" working with the Fairhaven Historical Society and the museum.

At that meeting, Cathy Delano read a long list of Mr. Benac's accomplishments, with details of the various pieces he had saved throughout the years.

At Monday's meeting, Ms. Berg told the board that the group stumbled on the photo of Mr. Benac quite by accident. They were at the picture framer, Subtext, in New Bedford,

when the owner, Henry "Hank" Gatlin, told them he had taken a photo of Mr. Benac, and showed it to them.

"We were stunned when we saw it," said Ms. Berg.

She said that if the town agreed to accept it, the group would have it framed to be hung in town hall.

Selectboard member Charles Murphy thanked Ms. Delano for her list of Mr. Benac's achievements back in October, which resulted in the town presenting the proclamation to him.

"I think it's an

excellent idea," said Mr. Murphy of accepting the photo. "He really brought so much to our town hall."

All three Selectboard members voiced support for the idea.

"He deserves to be on our wall as much as anybody else," said Selectboard chairperson Daniel Freitas.

Ms. Delano said she hoped the board would opt to place it upstairs in the town hall auditorium next to some artwork that Mr. Benac had collected for the town.

In a follow-up email, Ms. Berg said that Mr. Gatlin was framing something for Mr. Benac and asked if he could take his picture. Mr. Benac agreed, but grew impatient with the process.

"Al never engaged him to be photographed. It was a spontaneous decision," said Ms. Berg in the email. "It was a warm day, and Al tired of having his picture taken. He wanted it to be over. 'Just one more,' asked Henry. And that was the photo everyone saw tonight."

The group will have the photo framed and the board will hold a ceremony to commemorate its acceptance and placement in town hall. Mr. Murphy suggested a date around May 16, which is Mr. Benac's birthday.

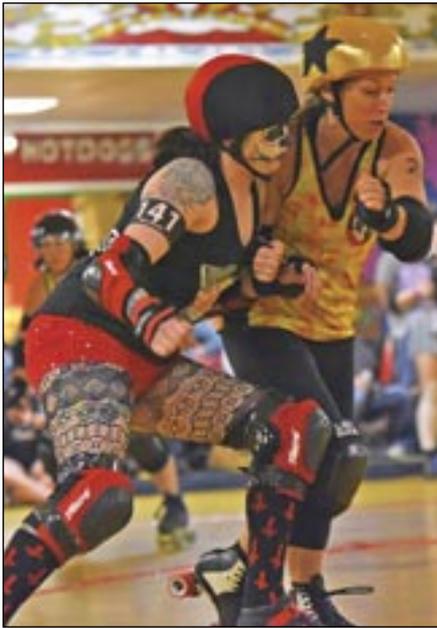
Selectboard member Bob Espindola mused that Mr. Benac had been the town curator for so long that it would be difficult to even describe the role.

One thing is certain, however, it would have fallen to him to have the picture in question framed. ●●●



TOP, L-R: Martha Berg, Cathy Delano and Eleanor Crowell present a photo of the late Al Benac, Fairhaven's town curator, at the Selectboard meeting on Monday, 4/23. ABOVE: A closer look at the photo, which was taken by Henry "Hank" Gatlin, a framer who owns Subtext in New Bedford. The board agreed to accept the photo and will hang it in the town hall after it is framed. Photos by Beth David.

Season opens for Mass Attack Roller Derby



Mass Attack Roller Derby, the women's flat track roller derby league based in Southeastern Mass., with its home rink at Carousel Family Fun Center in Fairhaven held its season opener on Friday, 4/21, with a double header featuring the MARD All Stars vs. the Hartford Hartford Wailers, and the Bloody Borden vs. the Beat City Bedrockers. Unfortunately, the home team got clobbered 283 to 240, while the Beat City Bedrockers overcame a 65-point deficit to win 195-193 over the Bloody Borden. To learn more about the league visit <https://www.massattackrollerderby.com> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/mass.attack.roller.derby/> ABOVE LEFT: #141 Bloodbath Bettie of the Bloody Borden attempts to block #25 Kiss Of Beth of the Beat City Bedrockers from scoring points in the second half of their teams matchup. ABOVE MIDDLE: #24 Sabatage Sabal of the Hartford Wailers the MARD All Stars Trouble Braids. ABOVE RIGHT: KILLtrocidity of the MARD All Stars shows off some dance moves during a break in the action. BELOW LEFT: Fans cheer on their favorites with signs. Shake N'Bake of the Bloody Borden had quite the following. BELOW RIGHT: #4 Ann Droid of the MARD All Stars and #13 Flutter Rage of the Hartford Wailers attempt to score points. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



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Kool Kids Summer

Kool Kids is for children entering grades 1 to age 12. Children will have fun each day by participating in a variety of sports, games and art activities. Each session will also include special themed events. Children are grouped by the Grade they will enter in the Fall. Don't miss out on this great summer program. Last year's program had a waiting list every week. Sign up early! \$130 Per week for members, sibling discounts available, also non member rates. Hours: Mon-Fri 8a.m.-3 p.m., Drop off 7:45 AM, Pick up 3pm. Extended day will be available: a.m. only (7 a.m.), \$25, p.m. only (4 p.m.), \$25 Both \$40

Counselor Training

In the Counselor In Training Program teens 13-16 learn to become summer counselors. Included is CPR, early education tips and job interview skills and much more. CIT's will plan and run a theme day for the summer Kool Kids program, run games, assist senior counselors with projects, etc. Field trips and a pizza lunch every Friday are included.

Program runs for 2 week sessions. Cost per session \$200 for members \$230 for non Members You must be 13 to attend this program, no exceptions. Space is very limited. **Registration April 28 & May 5 8 a.m.-1:45 p**

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Until Help Arrives

Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave., Wednesday, June 29th, 6-8:00 p.m. Bristol County Sheriff Thomas M. Hodgson is pleased to announce a new program entitled "Until Help Arrives". The 2 hour course, conducted by Colonel David Gavigan, will provide you with basic skills to keep someone with life threatening injuries alive

Until help arrives if you happen to come upon an emergency situation. Topics covered include 911 calling, staying safe at the scene of an emergency, stop the bleeding, positioning the injured, providing comfort and preparing for emergencies. The program is open to all citizens and community groups that have little or no emergency training. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 by June 18th to reserve your seat.

Paint Night

for Fairhaven Seniors, Tuesday

May 8th at Hastings Middle School, Fairhaven seniors join us for intergenerational night of painting with students from Hastings Middle School. All materials supplied. Seats are limited so call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up at 508-979-4029. This is a free event.

Got Talent?

Third Annual Senior Talent Show, Sponsored by the Fairhaven Rotary Club, Sunday, April 29, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium. Do you have a special talent you would like to share? Come by the Fairhaven Senior Center to get an application to perform at this event. If you have any questions, call Melissa Kucharski at 508-330-4837 or Anne Silvia at 508-979-4029.

Free Food

Do You Qualify For Free Food From The Greater Boston Food Banks?

Fairhaven seniors, 60 and older and qualify financially, may be able to receive free non perishable groceries once a month. To see if you qualify and for more information, call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 and ask for Anne Silvia.

Ongoing Programs

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POW/MIA flag visiting all 50 states because of one man's dream

By Beth David
Editor

The volunteer effort underway now to take the POW/MIA flag to all 50 states involves many, many people from lots of organizations, and lots of coordination. But it all started with the vision of one man, Jim Ray, a Vietnam Veteran from Virginia.

Kim Ball, who has helped to coordinate the effort, said her friend Jim had the dream to transport the flag to all 50 states. The monumental task required more personnel power than the veterans they knew.

"Jim rides himself," said Ms. Ball. "So we turned to bikers to help transport this flag."

She said the Rolling Thunder motorcycle club, with its mission of publicizing the POW-MIA issue, was a natural fit.

A local chapter of Rolling Thunder picked up the flag in Rhode Island and transported it to New Hampshire, following the itinerary set by the national group, said chapter president Michelle Hamilton.

They even arranged for a local family, who lost a son in Vietnam to sign the book that will be placed with

the flag in the Smithsonian after its tour is completed.

"Rolling Thunder had the whole northeast," said Ms. Ball, "They were great about passing it on."

She said in other states, the VFW chapters, American Legion, combat veteran groups, and many other lesser known groups moved the flag. More than 500 motorcyclists helped with the effort.

The flag will end up in Grundy, VA, where it started, said Ms. Ball. Then it will travel to the annual "Ride for Freedom" on 5/27, Memorial Day weekend, in DC, a Rolling Thunder annual event. Then it will go to the Smithsonian.

Dubbed "The Ride Home," the flag is due in Pikeville, KY, on Saturday, 5/19. At 10 a.m., at the Mineshaft Harley-Davidson, the flag and a the bikers will leave and head to the Blessing of the Bikes at the Grundy, VA, Community Center, for a ceremony that will include a roll call of veterans.

There are 83,000 United States POW/MIA's still unaccounted for.

To learn more about the 50-state tour, visit <https://www.facebook.com/>



Pat and Jim Ray pose with items accompanying the POW/MIA flag that is touring all 50 states to bring awareness of the 83,000 US military personnel still missing from the country's wars. *Submitted photo.*

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To learn more about Rolling Thunder, visit <http://www.rollingthunder1.com> or locally, contact: Chapter 2 MA, Pres. Michelle M. Hamilton, P.O. Box 258, Middleboro, MA 02346, 774-766-9214.

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United Way of Greater New Bedford's Community-Building Mini-Grant Program, and proceeds from ticket sales will benefit Boston Children's Hospital once again.

Admission is \$12 if you purchase online through www.eventbrite.com (through May 1 only) or \$15 at the door, pending availability. Doors will open to the public at 5:30. Refreshments, raffles, and Chinese auction will be available in the foyer.

For more info, email JillianZucco@

[gmail.com](mailto:) or visit www.facebook.com/MissInspirational/.

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share a book with your children as you wander from page to page down a nature trail. Celebrate the joy of reading and a taste of the great outdoors! DNRT's StoryWalks will feature "Over in the Meadow" by Paul Caldane at the Ridge Hill Reserve (Collins Corner Rd, Dartmouth) and "Sheep Take a Hike" by Nancy Shaw at Paskamansett Woods (Chase Rd, Dartmouth).

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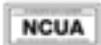
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Acushnet News

Town Meeting Forum

Acushnet Town Moderator Nicholas Gomes and other town officials will hold a town meeting forum on Monday, 4/30, at 7 p.m., in the Town Hall meeting room.

The town moderator will review all TM articles so voters will know what to expect at town meeting on May 14.

The forum will run on government access cable TV channel 18.

Voters are encouraged to attend the forum or watch the video so they will be prepared for the votes at the annual Town Meeting scheduled for

Monday, 5/14, at 7 p.m. at Ford Middle School.

Town meeting will vote on ore than \$29 million in spending, and more than 40 articles.

Little League Opener

The Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Baseball League will hold its season opener with parade this Saturday, 4/28, at 11 a.m. Players should be at St. Francis Xavier School on Main St. in Acushnet at 10:30 am to assemble with their teams. The parade kicks off at 11, and heads over to Knox Field.

At Knox field, there will be a short

ceremony, followed by Tee-Ball and Instructional children being led off the field), then our Minor and Major and Gateway players will be released to their loved ones as well.

There will be FAYB apparel on display, and some great specials at our concession stand. Some of our Gateway and Major and Minor teams will be playing in games beginning at 12:30 pm, with the last ones starting at 5:45 pm, so it is sure to be a great day of baseball with family and friends.

We hope to see you all there!!!

Belly dancer spices up weekly Memory Cafe

The Acushnet Council on Aging holds a weekly Memory Cafe on Mondays, from 1-3 p.m., at the Library, 232 Middle Road.

This social group is designed for those with mild to moderate

Alzheimer's or other dementia and their care partner, family or friend.

This week, participants were treated to a demonstration and lesson on belly dancing by Ellie Higgins.

Memory Café is free and open to the public, regardless of area of residence. For more information please call the Acushnet Council on Aging, 508-998-0280.



Ellie Higgins demonstrates the art of belly dancing at the Memory Cafe on 4/23.

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Photos from the Acushnet COA Facebook page.

Author to talk about bars and authors at Acushnet Library

Press Release

The Acushnet Public Library welcomes author Delia Cabe on Wednesday, May 9 at 6 pm. Ms. Cabe's book, *Storied Bars of New York: Where Literary Luminaries Go to Drink*, is packed with fascinating tidbits about New York's favorite writers from the 20th century to today.

For as long as there have been bars in New York City, writers have congregated in their local watering holes to fight writer's block, find inspiration, and mostly, to drink.

In this visual and historical

celebration of New York's spirited literary past, Delia Cabe offers a fascinating field guide to all the best writerly taverns and bookish watering holes in New York City.

Most chapters provide a recipe to the signature house cocktail — such as Hunter S. Thompson's favorite Strawberry Daiquiri at Pete's Tavern. In keeping with the spirit of this lively book, mocktails will be served.

Want to know what it's like to pull up a stool with the likes of Hemingway, Updike, or Capote? Join us for this very interesting book talk!

Delia Cabe is a magazine writer whose work has appeared in *Self*, *Health*, *Boston Globe Magazine*, and other newspapers and magazines. A New York native, she currently lives in a Boston suburb and teaches at Emerson College.

The author talk will take place on Wednesday, May 9 at 6 pm. This free event will be held in the Library Community Room at 232 Middle RD, Acushnet, MA 02743.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library.

TerraCorps-AmeriCorps volunteers help at Carvalho Farm

Press Release

On Monday April 9th, 2018, the statewide TerraCorps-AmeriCorps program gathered at Carvalho Farm, a newly acquired property of the Buzzards Bay Coalition in Fairhaven, Mass., to create a trail system that will be opened to the public in the fall.

TerraCorps is a state-wide AmeriCorps program out of the Massachusetts Service Alliance that places service members in host sites at land trusts and urban agriculture nonprofits throughout the state. The nonprofit organization bridges the gap between rural conservation and urban agriculture so that the land is the foundation for all people in every community.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition has

been a partner host site since 2012 and is currently hosting four members in community engagement, education, and stewardship positions.

Despite the muddy conditions, TerraCorps along with support from the Stewardship Department at the Buzzards Bay Coalition carried an extensive amount of bog



TOP: Tempe Staples, and (ABOVE) Molly Travers and KimLynn Nguyen help out on April 9 by carrying bog boards that will be used along the trails at the Carvalho Farm in Fairhaven, a property owned by the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Submitted photos by Lizz Malloy, BBC Community Engagement Coordinator.

boards across the property and placed them in designated areas throughout the trail to be assembled at a later date. Members also spent time clearing and widening sections of the trail.

Jack Sidar, Stewardship Manager at the Coalition noted that once finished there will be about 700 feet of bog board along the trail to allow visitors on the property without

hurting the natural ecosystem.

Camille Duquet, Regional Conservation Coordinator at TerraCorps, agrees that having public access is really important to engage the community in the importance of conserving land and connect individuals with the natural world around them.

While this service day helped tremendously to start creating a safe and usable trail system on Carvalho Farm, there's still much left to be done and an opening date is not anticipated until after the summer.

Once completed, the property will feature a parking lot off Shaw Road in Fairhaven where a 1.2 mile trail will start following a stream, and culminate at Indian Rock with a view of the salt marshes.

Visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org to learn other trails maintained by the BBC.

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BPW reorganizes despite election uncertainty

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 4/23 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works reorganized the board, despite a tie still pending between current board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson and challenger Albert Martin. The two each received 338 votes. The town is grappling with the proper procedure for breaking the tie.

Board members voted Brian Wotton in as the new chairperson and Cameron Durant as vice chair.

Mr. Hobson, the current clerk, made a motion for Keith Silvia to be the new clerk.

"Because I might not be here anymore," said Mr. Hobson with a laugh referring to the tie.

The board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Silvia as clerk.

BPW Superintendent Vincent Furtado explained that the pending tie between Mr. Hobson and Mr. Martin is under review by a judge who will be making some sort of decision on or before May 11th.

Mr. Furtado told the board that a joint meeting with the BPW and the Selectboard may or may not be necessary and it is the judge's decision on the matter.

Mr. Hobson said that the problem is the Town Clerk and the Town Administrator gave Mr. Hobson bad advice which has slowed the process down.

In another matter the board met with Jamie Bogart and Mark Mello of the Lloyd Center to discuss the management of the endangered Piping Plover.

Mr. Furtado explained that for years Mr. Bogart and Mr. Mello have been paid through the state to manage the Piping Plovers and their nests on West Island to help keep the species going.

The funding for Mr. Bogart and Mr. Mello is now being taken away by the state because the Plovers are no longer nesting on state property, but on Fairhaven property.

Mr. Furtado explained that Mr. Bogart and Mr. Mello are asking for some compensation for taking care of the birds on town property.

Mr. Bogart said there are currently six pairs nesting, five of which are on town property and one of which is on state property.

Board member Mike Ristuccia

asked if the BPW pays for Mr. Bogart and Mr. Mello to take care of the birds will they only take care of the five pairs on town property or the one pair on state property as well.

Mr. Bogart explained that they would only care for the ones on town property.

Mr. Hobson and Mr. Ristuccia said they both believe that the state should offer some money.

"I'm all for helping the species," Mr. Ristuccia said. "I just think the state not paying is wrong."

Mr. Ristuccia and Mr. Hobson also said that they do not want too much fencing on the beach because it hinders beachgoers.

Mr. Bogart and Mr. Mello explained that they only put as much fencing as needed for the birds to nest.

Mr. Wotton explained that Mr.

In another matter the board met with Jamie Bogart and Mark Mello of the Lloyd Center to discuss the management of the endangered Piping Plover.

Bogart and Mr. Mello are asking for \$5,000 for 20 days of work per month for May and June at about four hours a day.

Mr. Wotton asked what type of work will be done.

Mr. Bogart explained that they do data entries that are submitted to the government, as well as educate the public and monitor the species and their nests.

Mr. Mello said that he tried his best to cut the cost back and was originally going to ask for \$8,000.

Mr. Wotton said that cutting back was very much appreciated.

Mr. Furtado explained that the BPW did not budget for it in FY18 or FY19, but after discussing the issue the Town Administrator Mark Rees they believe they can find funding for it somewhere in the budget.

Mr. Rees will try to add the money for it at Town Meeting if the BPW

approves of it.

Mr. Durant made a motion to enter into a contract with the Lloyd Center pending the decision at Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

In another matter the board briefly discussed licenses for Water and Sewer Department employees.

Mr. Furtado explained that a big issue now is setting a time limit for new employees to get their required licenses.

Mr. Furtado said that a grade 5 is usually necessary specifically in the Sewer Department. Employees need a grade 5 to run the plant but do not for working in the field.

He said Sewer Department Superintendent Linda Schick has created a great system of pairing up grade 5 licensed employees with non-licensed employees which has worked well.

Mr. Furtado also said that the BPW needs to try to hire people who already have their licenses, and the board needs to put a timeline in place for employees to get their licenses.

Mr. Ristuccia explained that they need to give the employees better incentive to get their licenses. A 10 or 50 cent raise is not going to cut it.

Mr. Ristuccia also said he agreed that the board should solidify a timeline of how much time an employee should have to get their license before being terminated.

Mr. Wotton said he will add the issue into the union negotiations.

In another matter Mr. Furtado unofficially announced that they may be getting some grant money for the Sewer Department upgrades, adding that Ms. Schick has been working hard.

Ms. Schick said that they possibly have a \$150,000 grant for nitrogen research and a \$24,000 grant for energy upgrades.

The board also discussed the unpaved town beach parking lot, which is famous and notorious for its gaping holes.

Mr. Ristuccia suggested that they look into paving the lot. He said the entrance is the worst spot, with holes a foot deep.

Mr. Furtado said the issue is money. He said they consulted civil engineers a while back that estimated

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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petition(s):

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Petitioner: Kate Markey & David Cope, RE: 333 Huttleston Avenue, Plot 31, Lot 015, Book 12131 and Page 46. 198-16: Special Permit required for livestock raising under 5 acres) in an RA District.
- Petitioner: George R & Sharon C Mendonca, RE: Frederick Avenue, Plot 29A, Lots 168-169, Book 2013 and Page 343. 198-18: Short 40' of required 140' frontage; short 20,000 sq. ft. of required 30,000 sq. ft.; 2% over max building coverage of 15% all within an RR District.
- Petitioner: David Small, RE: 16 Widemarsh Beach Way, Plot 29, Lot 33. 198-18: Short 12' of required 30' front setback in an RR District.
- Petitioner: Matthew Brodo, RE: 76 Farmfield Street, Plot 04, Lot 290, Book 12197 and Page 341. 198-18: Short 7' of required 20' front setback corner lot.
- Petitioner: Christopher J. Ingrande, RE: 689 Sconticut Neck Road, Plot 42, Lot 14A, Book 12367 and Page 212. 198-18: Short 4' of required 5' setback on East & South sides. 198-22 A-1: 580 sq. ft. over max of 700 sq. ft. for an Accessory Building.

RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Petitioner: Richard Tavares, RE: 33 Charity Stevens Lane, Plot 40, Lot 15C, Book 12085 and Page 52. 198-16: Special Permit required to have an in-law apartment in an RR District.
- Petitioner: William J. Alphonse, RE: 1 Mina Street, Plot 37A, Lots 612-615, Book 6787 and Page 246. 198-18: Short 8,256 sq. ft. of required 15,000 sq. ft. and 11' short on West side and 20' short on south side of required 100' frontage, all within an RA District.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman
4/19/18, 4/26/18

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it would be somewhere between \$300,000 to \$600,000 to pave the whole thing because it would need a filtration system underneath.

"It's on the to-do list for the future," Mr. Furtado said.

Mr. Hobson and Mr. Ristuccia suggested finding out how much it would cost to pave just the entrance.

Mr. Wotton also suggested maybe using a different material like asphalt millings or chip seal. The board agreed to look into it.

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Board of Public Works

Mon., 5/7, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Cable Advisory Committee

Thurs., 4/26, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 5/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 4/26, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Green Committee

Thurs., 4/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues. 5/1, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 5/9, Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 4/30, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

TM Precinct Meetings

Wed., 5/2, HMS, 5:30 p.m.

Town Meeting

Sat., 5/5, Hasting MS, 9 a.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Assessors

Tues., 4/24, Town Hall, 2nd fl, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Tues., 4/24, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Old Colony District

Wed., 4/25, OCRVTHS Cafetorium, 6

Planning Board

Thurs., 4/27, Town Hall, 3 p.m.

Special Public Mtg to discuss lawsuit

Selectboard

Tues., 5/1, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Town Meeting Forum

Mon., 4/30, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Town Meeting

Mon., 5/14, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	April 2018	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Friday	27	0646	1909	0117	1319
Saturday	28	0730	1951	0207*	1350
Sunday	29	0812	2032	0256*	1411
Monday	30	0855	2115	0332	1435

	May 2018	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Tuesday	1	0939	2157	0341	1506
Wednesday	2	1021	2239	0352	1539
Thursday	3	1104	2322	0416	1613

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
**Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

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Hobson will serve on the board.

In other business, the board also met with members of the Rogers School Building Committee to discuss a current proposal by a developer and a town meeting article (see page 7 for related letter) asking for \$252,000 to repair the building.

In a follow-up phone call, Mr. Rees said the money will be used to repoint brick work, seal up leaks, repair the roof, and put some heat back into the building to stabilize the temperature to minimize damage as time goes on.

The town is hoping to create a partnership with a private entity to repurpose the building, or to sell it outright to be developed reused. All prospects will take time, however, and, meanwhile, the building is deteriorating. The "mothballing" of the building, will keep it in good shape for about 10 years.

Mr. Isaaksen cringed at the use of the word "mothball," and said the committee preferred the word "preserve" instead. He said "mothballing" has a connotation of just being pushed aside and forgotten.

Committee member Doug Brady told the board that the building could sit idle for years while a use is found for it.

"So this is a wise investment," he said.

If the building is allowed to deteriorate too much, then the town will not be able to sell it or repurpose it at all.

"There's no guarantee of anything," said Gary Lavalette, adding that it will "look like Atlas Tack before long."

Mr. Rees noted that Fairhaven is included in the governor's proposal to designed towns in Massachusetts as "opportunity zones," to take advantage of a federal program designed to stimulate economic growth in low income areas.

Mr. Espindola pointed out that the opportunity zone benefits the developer, not the town.

Mr. Brady told the board that the committee had heard from a specific developer interested in putting condominiums in the school building, and building single family homes on the property.

He said the committee did not want to discuss details that night because they had asked the

developer to come back with more details and answers to some questions.

He said the committee wanted details such as how many houses, how big they would be, how many units would be in the main building, if they would be rentals or condos, etc.

The discussion turned to a timeline, with the consensus being clear that nothing would be ready for town meeting next week. The question was if there would be a real proposal in time for a possible special town meeting in the fall.

After the details come back, the town will have to hire a consultant to vet it, said Mr. Brady, to make sure it is feasible for the developer as well as the town.

In his filing with the court, Mr. Hobson contends that there is no vacancy because the special act also states that members of the board shall serve "until their successors are qualified."

Mr. Freitas, who sits on the committee as the Selectboard's representative, said it was 80% done.

The developer would have to make a presentation to the Selectboard, and Town Meeting would have to approve any proposal.

In another matter, the board approved the appointment of Gloria McPherson as the new Director of Planning and Economic Development. The Town Administrator made the appointment, subject to approval by the board.

Mr. Rees told the board that Ms. McPherson's experience in the private sector, coupled with her experience as a town planner in Provincetown, and a brief time in New Bedford, made her a good fit.

According to her resume, Ms. McPherson served as Town Planner in Provincetown until November of 2017. Her New Bedford job is not

included in her resume. But news outlets reported that she was hired as City Planner for the City of New Bedford in December.

She has also served as Planning Director in Concord, NH; was Vice President, Land Development at Kohl Construction; and Conservation and land Use Planner for the city of Northampton, Mass.

Her educational background includes a Master of Regional Planning and Master of Landscape Architecture from UMassAmherst, and a BA in French Language and Literature from George Washington University.

The board also took a few minutes to discuss ways to increase voter participation in local elections. Ideas included a sticker that says "I voted," signs around town on voting day, and direct mail. The *Neighb News* editor notes wistfully that paid advertising in the local weekly was not mentioned.

In other business the board

- Heard from the Marine Corps League that their 82nd annual convention will be held in Fairhaven at the Seaport Inn from May 31 to June 3. The itinerary includes jaunts to local sites.
- Approved free parking at Hoppy's Landing for a fishing tournament out of West Island Marina sponsored by the Fairhaven Firefighters union on June 9. The board had postponed the vote to make sure proceeds from the event were going to the union's charitable endeavors.
- Read a proclamation to St. Joseph School on its 110 year anniversary.
- Approved an indemnification agreement for Bralden, LLC to store the town's Reserve (antique) Fire Truck, which is under the jurisdiction of the Fairhaven Protecting Society, an auxiliary of the Fairhaven Fire Department that preserves and protects the historic artifacts and apparatus of the town's fire service.
- Voted to create a July 4 Parade Committee to organize the parade that has gotten larger over time. Although the parade itself does not have a lot of participants, lots of people line the route, and hundreds wait at the end at Fort Phoenix for the firing of the cannons.

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