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Cherry Blossom Fest beats the rain



Ger Tysk and members of ShinDaiko perform Taiko drumming at the annual Cherry Blossom Festival sponsored by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society on Sunday, 5/6/18, in Fairhaven. See page 12. Photo by Glenn C. 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."

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Finally, it seems that spring has sprung, maybe, sort of.

Acushnet's Town Meeting is this coming Monday. They've had trouble getting a quorum the last few times. Acushnet has an open town meeting. Any registered voter can go and vote on the budget and other articles. So, for heaven's sake, show up. It's your tax dollars being spent. And it's your neighborhoods being affected by the bylaws changes. See page 16 for a summary of articles facing Town Meeting on Monday.

Fairhaven had its Town Meeting this past Saturday. See page 12 for that. You never know what will spark debate. Honestly, I'll never figure it out. But it's fun.

I love Town Meeting, I really do. It brings out the characters in a town and lets the officials know what people really care about.

We had sad news in Fairhaven. A fire destroyed the Livesey Club building. The club has been around for 68 years and is a big supported of youth sports in the area. See page 7 for that, and a link to donate to help them.

The National Association of Letter Carriers food drive is this Saturday. The last few years, the numbers have been going down. So, try to remember to put out a few cans of nonperishable food items in, on, or near your mailbox on Saturday. See page three for details on that.

We also have a couple of fun stories this week.

The annual Cherry Blossom Festival (see page 13) was this weekend. The rain was threatening, but it held off. Unfortunately the Blessing of the Bikes got postponed in anticipation of that rain (see page 5 for reschedule info).

We also go the names of the men who saved the little dog that fell into the harbor last week. See page 6 for that. They work on the harbor dredging as part of the EPA's cleanup of our favorite superfund site. It was a fun little story last week, and just as fun this week.

There's a bunch of other stuff in here, of course. But at some point, gotta just put this baby to bed.

Until next week then...see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In last week's issue we made an error in the story about Fairhaven's wage classification proposal. The Fire Department's Executive Assistant is Kristine Austin. Also, in our letters from our readers, we left out a name. Cathy Delano of Fairhaven wrote the letter titled "Don't Let Rogers School Fall Into More Disrepair." We apologize for any confusion our errors may have caused.

NALC food drive this Saturday, 5/13

Press Release

WASHINGTON – The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will conduct its 26th annual national food drive on Saturday, May 12. The Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive, the country's largest single-day food drive, provides residents with an easy way to donate food to those in need.

Customers simply leave their donation next to their mailbox before the delivery of the mail on Saturday, 5/12. People are encouraged to leave a sturdy bag or container with non-perishable foods, such as canned soup, canned vegetables, canned meats and fish, pasta, rice or cereal next to their mailbox before the

regular mail delivery on Saturday.

Letter carriers will collect these food donations on that day as they deliver mail along their postal routes, and distribute them to local food agencies. Visit stampouthungerfooddrive.us to learn more.

The Letter Carriers' food drive is held annually on the second Saturday in May in 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam. It remains as important as ever. Hunger affects about 50 million people around the country, including millions of children, senior citizens and veterans.

Letter carriers see these struggles

in the communities they serve, and believe that it is important to do what they can to help.

The timing is important, with food banks, pantries and shelters running low on donations from the winter holidays and with summer approaching, when most school meal programs are suspended.

Last year, letter carriers collected 75.3 million pounds of food, the third-highest amount since the food drive began in 1993. That brought the total over the past quarter-century to almost 1.6 billion pounds.

Carriers will bring the food to local food banks, pantries or shelters.

Right to Read panel discussion at Millicent on May 23

Press Release

The Friends of the Millicent Library will present a panel discussion, "The First Amendment, Freedom of the Press, and the Right to Read," on Wednesday, May 23, from 6 to 8 in the Community Auditorium of the Millicent Library, 45 Center Street, Fairhaven (Walnut Street entrance).

The panel, organized and sponsored by the New England First Amendment Coalition (www.nefac.org), will include Karen Bordeleau, retired executive editor, Providence Journal; Gregory V. Sullivan, media attorney, Malloy & Sullivan; and Chris Daly, journalism professor, Boston University. The moderator will be Ed

Fitzpatrick, Director of Media and Public Relations for Roger Williams University. Free and open to all.

For more information on the program and the panel, visit <http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=7a012e67-a1aa-46ce-aa13-ac511f49168d&preview=true&m=1102771140783&id=preview>

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Money stolen from dance students for competition

From Press Release Materials

Acushnet Police are looking for a man who broke into MJ's Pet Training Academy and Off Broadway School of Dance in Acushnet Plaza on South Main Street on Saturday, 5/5.

At approximately 8 a.m., the two adjoining businesses were found to have been burglarized overnight.

The suspect gained entry into both businesses by smashing the glass on the front doors. Cash was stolen from both businesses. Investigation revealed the incidents occurred between 12:20 a.m. and 12:30 a.m. on 05/05/2018.

Surveillance video indicates the suspect came to and from the scene on a bicycle. Police released images of the incident from video surveillance. The investigation is ongoing and police are working to

identify the suspect involved.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Acushnet Police Detective Division at 508-998-0240.

The money stolen from the dance studio, \$3,200, had been raised by students for a competition. They had worked for a year to raise the money. A GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/help-off-broadway-dancers> has been set up for the students. At press time, \$5835 of the \$5,000 goal had been raised.



Acushnet police are looking for this man in connection with the burglary of MJ's Pet Training Academy and Off Broadway School of Dance. The two businesses are adjacent to each other in the Acushnet Plaza on South Main Street.

FIA continues Beautification Project

A Special for Fairhaven Residents

Each year the Fairhaven Improvement Association offers the Voucher Program to help the residents to enhance the beauty of their property. How does the program work?

Send a check for \$20.00 to the Fairhaven Improvement Association, P.O. Box 404, Fairhaven, MA 02719, with a self-addressed stamped envelope. You will receive a voucher that entitles you to purchase double the amount - \$40.00 - of shrubbery at Kenny's Farm Stand on Huttleston Avenue.

The offer is available to Fairhaven residents only. One voucher per family is allowed.

For a limited time Kenny has offered to add another \$10.00 allowance to your doubled voucher giving you a total of \$50.00 in buying power at his nursery. This offer will

be honored from May 1 to July 1, 2018. If you decide to use your voucher after that date, it will be good for \$40.00 but not for the special stated above.

The voucher may be used for the shrubbery listed only. It may not be used for any other merchandise in the nursery.

New this year! We have added new items to the selection of the available shrubs. The list now includes the following: Andromeda, Azalea, Boxwood, Butterfly Bush, Dogwood, Holly, Hydrangea, Lilac, Magnolia, PJM, Rhododendron, Viburnum and Wisteria.

The voucher will expire September 30, 2018. The voucher program ends when all allocated funds have been depleted but no later than September 30, 2018.

Contact person: Monika Whalley

508.758.8223 or monikawhalley@hotmail.com

Mail with a self-addressed stamped envelope and check for \$20.00 made out to the Fairhaven Improvement Association to: FIA, P.O. Box 404, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

NALC Food Drive

The Letter Carriers food drive is on Sat., 5/12. See page 3 for details.

Green Street Forum

The Town of Fairhaven Board of Public Works will hold a Neighborhood Forum on **May 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven** regarding the reconstruction of Green Street between South Street and Cottage Street. The Town's engineer will be at the meeting to review the proposed reconstruction plan. If you are interested in the improvements within your neighborhood, you are urged to attend the forum.

Book Club

"Harmony" by Carolyn Parkhurst On Thurs., 5/17, at 10 a.m., the Millicent Library's Thursday morning book group invites you to come and share your opinion about this book. The meetings are free and are held in the library's meeting room, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, Walnut street entrance. The book is available to read at library or through the library's web site, <http://www.millicentlibrary.org>. Please call Norma Markey with questions, 508-993-3745.

Al Benac photo

All are welcome to attend the unveiling of Henry Gaitlin's unique photo and framing of the late Town Art Curator, Albert F. Benac. The photo will be hung in the Town Hall's auditorium, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, in the gallery of Delano paintings he donated. The unveiling will be held on his birthday, **Wed., 5/16, at 2 p.m.** Cake and beverages will be provided by the Nils and Kathleen (Benac) Isaksen family. A booklet celebrating this event, listing his many contributions to the Town, will be available. The celebration is free and the auditorium is accessible.

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.

Toastmasters

See how Whaling City Toastmasters can help you reach your personal and professional goals. We meet the first and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Next meeting is 5/16, Millicent Library, 45 Center St, Fairhaven. Guests are always welcome.

Foxwoods

Fairhaven Lions Club presents Foxwoods Resort Casino day trip, on **Sun., 5/20, \$35/person. Pick up at 10 a.m., Fairhaven Commons Way,** return 7 p.m. Free buffet or \$10 meal voucher. \$10 slot pay.

Call Bill at 508-996-3420, or lc1914bb@aol.com

Commy Yard Sale

Indoor Community Yard Sale hosted by North Fairhaven Improvement Association, Sat., 5/19, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., inside the Oxford School, 347 Main Street, Fairhaven.

Free admission to the public. Booth space available for anyone interested in selling (\$20). Snack Bar will be open. For more information check out the NFIA's website: <https://northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com/event-calendar.html> or call 508-207-2123.

SAVE THE DATES

Bike Run

Bayside Lounge and Better Community Living present third annual bike run on Sat., 5/19. Register at Bayside, 125 Sconticut Neck Rd., Fairhaven, 11:30 a.m. Kickstands up at noon. Proceeds benefit BCL programs. Donation: \$20, includes ride, food, entertainment. Music by DC-3 starts at 1:30 p.m. For more info call Heidi, 508-971-1699, or Bayside at 508-996-9212. Rain date 5/20.

Blessing of Bikes NEW DATE

The annual Blessing of the Bikes was postponed due to rain. It will be held on Sun., 5/20. 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 Red Handed.

For non-riders, \$8 Texas Barbeque Selections, Outside Cash Bar,

Vendors. Event Sponsored by St. Joseph School and Ice House Bar & Grill. Benefits St. Joseph School. Call Liz at St. Joseph's 508-996-1983 or Ice House at 508-992-2337

FHS Class Car Wash

Come support Fairhaven High School's Class of 2020 and the Class of 2019 by attending our car wash fundraiser **at the high school on May 27th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$5/car.** No advance tickets necessary! Drive-ups welcome!"

Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 28, at 8:30 a.m.. Main Street, from Center Street north to Riverside Cemetery

Units will march from Center and Main streets north to Riverside Cemetery. There will be a pause at Fairhaven High School for the raising of the "Big Flag" with the National Anthem performed by Fairhaven High School music students. At Riverside Cemetery there will be a ceremony at the Civil War monument, followed by a cannon salute.

First Amendment Coalition

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See page 3 for details.

Encampment

Fairhaven Village Militia presents a Revolutionary War Encampment on Sat. & Sun., 5/26 & 27, at Fort Phoenix, Fort Street, Fairhaven,, 9:00 a.m. Saturday to 3:00 p.m. Sunday. Cannon firing approx. 7:45 p.m. Saturday

For more info: 508-979-4085 or visit <http://fairhaventours.com/fort-phoenix-fairhaven-ma/>.

Father's Day Road Race

43rd Father's Day 10K and 5K Road Races, Sun., 6/17. Begins at Hastings Middle School, 30 School St., Fairhaven Start time, 9:00 a.m.

Online entry fee is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 13 and under and adults 70 and over, plus a service charge. For more information and online registration, visit <http://fairhavenroadrace.org/> or call 508-997-9460.

Doggie rescuers identified

By Beth David
Editor

The Doggie Rescuers from the harbor have been identified!

Kelsey Dumville of the Public Affairs Office at the Environmental Protection Agency, contacted the *Neighb News* to let us know that it was workers for the dredging contractor working on the harbor cleanup effort, who scooped up little Gigi from the water (see 5/3/17 issue).

Josh Johnson was the “big burly” man who reached down and grabbed the little Yorkie from the water, she said. Mason Stump was on the boat



ABOVE, L-R: Back together again. Milo and Gigi after Gigi's ordeal almost drowning in the Harbor. Photo by Fairhaven ACO

with Mr. Johnson, and Mike “Big Dog” McBride, and Greg Bates also helped in the rescue.

In last week's issue, we wrote about the unlikely rescue as seen by Fairhaven Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps. He said, “It was crazy. I couldn't believe it.”

He also said it all happened so fast that he never got names. Mr. Johnson, it seems, had the presence of mind to snap a photo on the boat, and Ms. Dumville got word of the good deed.

“Every day brings new challenges for workers involved in the Superfund cleanup of New Bedford Harbor,” reads a post on the EPA's regional FB page, and explains how the men saw people “waving to them furiously” from the Coggeshall Street bridge. “The workers changed the course of their boat and approached the bridge to discover what the excitement was about — a puppy struggling for life in the middle of the river with the tide current heading out.”

“The rescued pup was so tired it could not even stand up,” continues the post. “This falls into ‘other duties as assigned’ category.”

The *Neighb News* also did not have the names of the dogs last week, but has since been filled in by Mr. Cripps. The female Yorkie is Gigi and the Chihuahua mix is Milo, a male.



Dredging contractors Josh Johnson (foreground) and Mason Stump, after rescuing little Gigi from New Bedford Harbor on 5/1. Photo courtesy of Mr. Johnson, from the EPA Facebook page.



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Fire destroys Livesey Club building

By Beth David
Editor

An early morning fire completely destroyed the Thomas Livesey Memorial Club building at 11 Hopkins Street in North Fairhaven on Sunday, 5/6. Neighbors called 911 at 3:54 a.m. after noticing flames at the back of the building. When firefighters arrived, they found heavy flames coming from the back of the building. The fire quickly spread to the roof and engulfed the structure, according to a press release by the Fairhaven Fire Department.

No injuries were reported and no members were in the club at the time of the fire. The building is a total loss.

According to club president John Roderiques, the cause is believed to be electrical that started in the ceiling.

Established in 1949, the athletic club has played a large role in local

sports for 68 years. Programs support a variety of athletic teams, including football and cheerleading, and issued awards and scholarships.

The all-male club was a daily gathering place for retired members who played cards, hung around socializing, and otherwise stayed out of their wives' hair, said a few members gathered the day after the fire.

A few of the guys met there every day at around 8 a.m. and stayed most of the morning.



“The biggest problem is some of the wives are concerned that some of us old farts have nowhere to go now,” said club Director David Darmofal, trying to inject some levity into the conversation, but also stating fact.

Charlie Souza said he has been a member for 30 years. He does not play pitch himself, but went every morning to “socialize,” drink

his coffee and watch the other guys play.

“It’s sad. It’s a sad day,” said Mr. Souza. “I really feel bad for the older members. It’s their life.”

Dennis Arsenault is not yet retired, so he was not a daily visitor. A member since 1991, he said he played Pee Wee Football with the club.

Steve Perry, the club’s financial secretary, said he loved watching the morning group play cards. They’ve known each other for years and it showed.

“They have so much fun,” said Mr. Perry. “They go back and forth, they pick on each other. It’s so funny.”

“Our intent is to rebuild,” said Mr. Darmofal, adding that the club has been a tradition for the kids in a lot of ways for too long to let it go.

President John Roderiques echoed that sentiment. He said they will see how much money the club gets from



ABOVE: Flames shoot out from the roof of the Thomas Livesey Memorial Club in Fairhaven on Sunday morning, 5/6/18. The building is a total loss. *Fairhaven Fire Department photos by Ed Pepin.* TOP: The main room of the club is in shambles after the roof collapsed from a fire that destroyed the building on Sunday, 5/6/18. Photo by Beth David.

LIVSEY: cont'd on page 10

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Sen. Warren in NB

Elizabeth Warren will be hosting a town hall in New Bedford on **Sat., 5/12, from 11 a.m.–2 p.m., at Greater NB Voc-Tech, 1121 Ashley Blvd., NB.** She'll be talking and answering questions about how she's holding the Trump Administration accountable and fighting for Mass. families in the Senate. **Doors open at 11:00 a.m.,** and the event will begin at Noon. Admission is first come, first served. We're sorry, but signs/posters will not be permitted inside the event.

This event is free and open to the public, but please RSVP at <http://my.elizabethwarren.com/newbedfordtownhall>

Wine Tasting FR

The Club Madeirense SS Sacramento is playing host to an evening of wine and beer tastings to support scholarships, Sat., 5/12, from 6–9 p.m., at Madeira Field, New Bedford. Tickets: \$30. Silent auction. For tickets contact Paul Leconte, 508-965-8546, marlec68@comcast.net; or John Nunes, 508-971-4033, john_nunes@comcast.net. Limited tickets at the door.

The Club sponsors the the largest Portuguese Feast int he world. Visit FeastOfTheBlessedSacrament.com

Scholarship

The Greater New Bedford Garden Club is accepting applications for the \$1,500 Rose L. Murphy Scholarship to be awarded to a student enrolled in a full-time college program during the academic year of 2018-2019. The applicant must be pursuing a degree either in environmental sciences, horticulture, landscape architecture, conservation, or related scientific fields.

Students are required to have been a legal Massachusetts resident for at least one year prior to June 1st of his/her school graduation. You will find application forms and requirements at your school's guidance office.

Send applications to Ms Ellen P. Flynn, Chair of Scholarship, for the Greater New Bedford Garden Club P.O. Box 1312, Mattapoissett Ma 02739. **Applications and required paperwork must be received on or before May 15, 2017.**

Artist in Residence

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center's Resident Artist Series continues in May featuring master artist Linda Miller who will demonstrate rosemåling, a style of Norwegian decorative painting on wood that uses stylized flower ornamentation, scrollwork, lining, and geometric elements. Linda is an award winning artist who mostly paints in the Telemark and Gudbrandsdale style of rosemåling, favoring the natural flow of their design characteristics. **She will demonstrate her art from noon to 4 p.m. on both Sat. & Sun., 5/12 & 13, at the Heritage Ctr, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford.**

Linda began rosemåling when she was encouraged to try the art form by her Norwegian born mother-in-law, Mabel Synnove Olsen. This traditional form of decorative folk art originated in the rural valleys of Norway. Many other decorative painting techniques are used such as glazing, spattering, marbleizing, and manipulating the paint with fingers or other objects.

The Resident Artist series is funded in part by the Mass Cultural Council. For info, email programs@fishingheritagecenter.org, visit www.fishingheritagecenter.org, or call 508-993-8894.

Free Jazz Concert

In what has now become a highlight on the calendar of museum events, the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum hosts a **jazz concert by local students, Tues., 5/15 at 7:00 pm on the grounds of the RJD, 396 County St., New Bedford. FREE.**

New Bedford area's premier high school and middle school jazz bands will play on the terrace, under the tent. Visitors can enjoy a broad range of musical styles— from big band swing to upbeat Latin jazz, as the students showcase their energy, style and musical talent. The event is free of charge, and will be held in rain or shine. Seating is provided.

The Rotch-Jones-Duff (RJD) House & Garden Museum was built in 1834 for whaling merchant William Rotch Jr. This Greek Revival mansion, located on a full city block of formal gardens, is a National Historic Landmark, one of only 2,500 currently

so named in the Nation. The period rooms of the house chronicle 150 years of economic and social evolution of the city, as reflected in the residences of the Rotch, Jones, and Duff families. Visit www.rjdmuseum.org

Traditional Music

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center will host an evening of traditional Norwegian music in celebration of Norwegian Constitution Day or syttende mai (seventeenth May) with singer and accordion player Luana Jøsvold and Hardanger fiddle player Mark Oien. The concert will take place on **Thurs., 5/17, at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford.**

Mark Oien is originally from the Midwest, where he was surrounded by his father's Norwegian-American culture. Luana Marie Jøsvold grew up in the Norwegian community in Seattle and has been playing accordion since she was six. This performance is part of the Center's look at Norwegian Heritage during the month of May. This series is funded in part by Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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

World Fiddle Day

Old Time Fiddle Session will be hosting a multi-cultural, interactive, traditional music event called "World Fiddle Day" at Hatch Street Studios in New Bedford on May 20th from 12:30 to 5:30 pm. Includes open playing opportunities for musicians, children's activities, vendors, workshops, dancing, and a full schedule of performances by traditional fiddle music acts.

Tickets are \$15 for individuals and \$40 for family passes. Online sales are available at Eventbrite. In person sales can be found at the Hippo boutique in New Bedford, The Symphony Music Shop in Dartmouth, and Children's Art Lab in Mattapoissett.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Acushnet Town Mtg

All registered voters in Acushnet are encouraged to attend the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. at the Ford Middle School in the Auditorium, 708 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA 02743.

Town Meeting decides how tax dollars and other revenue are spent for the coming fiscal year. See page 16 for details.

Tiara 5K

12th annual Women's Fund Mother's Day Tiara 5K Run/Walk. Sun., 5/13, 9 a.m., starts at Oxford Creamery, 98 County Rd., Mattapoisett. Kids fun run, 9 a.m., 5K 9:30 start. Register at <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=7902> **\$30 for 5K; \$5 Kids Fun Run** Shuttle from ORR.

Walk, run and raise funds to create economic security for all women. The Women's Fund of Southeastern MA raises funds and takes collaborative action so that all women in the region have strong opportunities to earn a living wage and achieve economic stability. The mission of the Women's Fund is to advance the educational attainment and economic security of women and girls in SE Mass.. Funds raised support the communities of SE Mass. primarily in the greater New Bedford area.

SSA Art Contest

The Steamship Authority is announcing its annual art contest for students in Grades K-12. Dubbed "Sail into Imagination," the contest is open to students in the Steamship Authority's constituent communities of Barnstable, Fairhaven, New Bedford, Falmouth, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. Thirteen entries will be chosen to be included in a 2019 Steamship Authority calendar and showcased on board ferries. **The deadline for entries is 5/31.**

In addition to having their art displayed in the calendar and on SSA ferries, student winners will be awarded a \$100 gift card for passenger travel aboard an SSA ferry and an invitation to attend the official art unveiling reception in July.

Students are invited to submit entries online, through the mail or by dropping their submissions at SSA Terminals **no later than May 31,**

2018. Winners will be announced on the Steamship Authority's website in late June.

For official contest rules, entry instructions or to download a Contest Entry/Release Form, visit: <https://www.steamshipauthority.com/sailintoimagination>.

Cooking Demo

Appetizers, Bite-sized and Delicious. Expand your repertoire of appetizer recipes! Come to the **Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., on Sun., 5/20, from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm** and see a cooking demonstration by local chef and Johnson & Wales graduate Colby Rottler. Learn how to prepare seven delicious hot or cold appetizers – from meat to cheese to veggie/vegan. Have a sample taste of each and bring home the recipes!

Registration is preferred but not required. Please register by calling 508-758-4171, emailing rsmith@sailsinc.org (provide the number of people attending & contact phone/email), or signing up in the library. Accessible.

Plant Sale

The Greater New Bedford Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale on **Saturday, May 19th from 9:00 a. m. to noon at the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 So. Main St. Acushnet.** If inclement weather, the plant sale will be held inside the Senior Center.

Geraniums, herbs, vegetables, annuals, perennials, house plants, and shrubs will be available. There will also be a garden related yard sale. Proceeds will benefit the Rose Murphy Scholarship Fund.

Herring Festival

The third annual Acushnet River Herring Festival will be held on Sat., 5/19, 11 am-4 pm, at The Sawmill, 32 Mill Rd., Acushnet. FREE.

Enjoy food, festivities, and outdoor fun. This family-friendly festival will celebrate the ongoing restoration of the Acushnet River during the annual river herring migration. The festival is free and open to all, and will feature music, live animal demonstrations, fishing and canoeing, guided walks, and kids' activities.

After the Herring Festival, all are welcome to stay for the Coalition's

30th Annual Meeting. For more info call 508-999-6363 x219, or email: bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org

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SAVE THE DATE

Lakeside Festival

St. John Neumann's Lakeside Family Festival, held on Memorial Day Weekend, has become an anticipated event in the area. Because our emphasis is to present a weekend of activities directed to all family members, we demand a safe and secure environment: absolutely no alcoholic beverages are allowed on the grounds.

The festival is located at Cathedral Camp on Long Pond, Route 18, (Middleboro Road) in East Freetown, Mass. **FREE ADMISSION!**

Please go to our website at <http://www.sjnfreetown.org> for details including hours and everything being offered at the festival.

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.

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Recipe of the Week

Chocolate Cookie Bars

- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 1 14-pz. can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 cup peanut butter baking chips
- 1 1/2 cups flaked coconut
- 1 cup chopped peanuts
- 1 tablespoons water

Preheat oven to 375°. In a small bowl, mix together graham cracker crumbs, peanut butter and water. Press mixture into bottom of a 9x13" baking pan.

Pour condensed milk evenly over crumb mixture; evenly top with chocolate chips, then peanut butter chips, flaked coconut, then peanuts. Press down with spatula.

Bake in 375° oven for 20 minutes or until golden brown. For best results, chill in refrigerator, then cut into squares.

Enjoy!

By Cathy Souza

To share a recipe with your neighbors

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From our readers

Neighb News account not accurate

Last week's edition of the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News* reported on the joint meeting of Finance Committee and the Selectmen relative to the newly proposed wage classification plan for non-union employees.

It was reported that I stated "it did not sit well with me." That is not an accurate interpretation of my position on the issue.

As I stated in the meeting, I support the issue in so far as a reclassification is sorely needed. My concern lay in the fact that the plan was presented

to the Finance Committee at a very late date, giving us inadequate time to vet the plan itself.

As both a taxpayer and a Finance Committee member, I want to make sure that the proposed salary adjustments are fair and equitable.

It was since decided by both the Selectmen and the Finance Committee to vote the money required, putting it aside until a fall town meeting to approve the plan per se.

The next few months will give us an opportunity to thoroughly review the recommendations.

Bernard F Roderick, Fairhaven

LIVESEY: cont'd from page 7

the insurance company and go from there.

The bigger heartbreak, even bigger than the loss of the building, is the destruction of so many trophies, photographs, plaques and mementos from decades of local sports.

Firefighters managed to pull out some of the items, said Mr. Darmofal, but it is unclear what is salvageable and what is destroyed.

"What didn't get burned got massive water and smoke damage," said Mr. Roderiques. "We're hoping to save some of the pictures and trophies."

He said the building is too unstable now for anyone to pick through what's left.

"Whatever we can salvage, we're going to salvage," said Mr. Roderiques, adding that he had little hope, however, for the original charter document that was hanging on the wall.

A couple of organizations have offered a place for the club to hold meetings, but that doesn't help the

morning guys, said Mr. Roderiques.

"That's what they do every day, from eight-a.m. to noon, seven days a week, those guys are hanging out," he said. "I don't know what they'll do now. I feel bad for them."

A neighbor, however, has offered her garage.

"It was really nice to hear the neighbors [on news coverage] talk about the club," said Mr. Darmofal, because they had only good things to say. "It's just a bunch of guys who get together. There's never any trouble."

Not only the members will miss the club, though.

Kendra Tetreault, whose future father-in-law is a member, had her baby shower there. Her future husband recently joined.

"It's just a lot of emotions," said Mr. Perry, the aforementioned future father-in-law. "A lot of emotions."

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Town Clerk position will remain elected in Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

On one of just a few articles that received a bit of discussion, Fairhaven Town Meeting voted to keep the Town Clerk position an elected job. The rest of the 40 articles were decided and about \$50 million spent, with TM members on their way home by 12:35 p.m. at the annual Town Meeting on Saturday, 5/5.

One of the longest debated articles was a \$7,500 item for an exercise station on the bike path. First a tie, counting votes, then a reconsider, all amid much discussion.

Meanwhile, the operating budget, with its \$48+ million price tag passed with barely a whisper.

The wage and classification changes were not instituted, instead, the Selectboard decided after the precinct meetings on Wednesday, to hold off on the controversial raises until the fall, when a special TM is planned.

Selectboard chairperson Daniel Freitas told town meeting members



Long time Fairhaven Town Clerk Eileen Lowney waves to town meeting members from the stage after receiving flowers from town moderator Mark Sylvia. Ms. Lowney will retire when her term expires in 2020. Photo by Beth David.

that the budget was a consensus budget for the third year in a row, meaning the departments, Finance Committee and Selectboard agreed on the numbers. However, the FinCom spoke against several items during the course of the meeting.

All items in Article 14, the capital spending plan, passed, with item G, the spending for the Rogers School, drawing a lengthy debate.

The item asked for \$252,000 for repairs and maintenance to the Rogers School building. Several TM members spoke for and against the

article. Those in favor cited the need to keep the building marketable while the town looks for a buyer, or a partner to repurpose the building.

The money will be used to stop leaks, repoint brickwork, and perform other repairs to keep the building in good shape for the next 10 years. It will also be used to get the building on the National Register of Historic Places, making it eligible for grants

Some members said it was a waste of money with no solid plans for the building. Others argued that the building would be no good for anything without the repairs.

Michael Ristuccia, a member of the Board of Public Works, spoke against the article, saying that he knew there was a contractor serious about developing the building and the grounds. He said he knew that the contractor had submitted a "formal proposal."

The discussion revolved around that proposal for a while, with some TM members asking why they were not told about it. Mr. Freitas noted that it was not finalized. Committee members could not talk about it until they knew what it was.

Some members said the town should not put money into the building for "nostalgia" without it having a particular use, while others said that is precisely the reason to spend the money.

Doug Brady, a Rogers School Committee member and strong advocate for the expenditure, said spending the money now will extend the life of the building for 10 years.

He noted that Mr. Ristuccia neglected to tell town meeting that the proposal he was advocating for was from his grandson.

Mr. Brady said the proposal was not for "nostalgia," but for the future, and once on the register, the town or a developer could apply for grants and tax credits. He said it would be a big mistake for the town to give up an historic building in the center of town.

"It is nostalgia," said Mr. Brady. "But it's also our future."

"If it doesn't happen, I think you have to do something with this building," said Mr. Freitas. "No one in Fairhaven wants to see this school knocked down."

"I don't think it's an outrageous amount to save this school," said Lisa Plante, a FinCom member who spoke

from the floor. "I think we should definitely do this."

The FinCom had voted 4-4 on the item.

After a vote to remove the item from the article failed, the whole article, items A through P, passed by the required 2/3 vote.

Other capital planning items included \$155,000 for fiber optic con-



Fairhaven High School senior Lindsay Ashworth sings the national anthem at the start of Fairhaven's annual town meeting on Saturday, 5/5/18. Photo by Beth David.

nnectivity for town buildings; \$283,000 for high school gym dehumidification project; six vehicles for various departments; \$70,000 for the parking lot at Livesey Park; \$200,000 for an HVAC system at the Recreation Center and Senior Center building.

The aforementioned \$7,500 item from Community Preservation funds garnered a lengthy discussion. The proposal to put a fitness station along the bike path faced stiff resistance from people complaining, among other reasons, that the first fitness station near the Senior Center never materialized.

FinCom Chairperson Padraic Elliot said the town should wait.

"Let's see what the use is of that apparatus," said Mr. Elliot, adding that the "if you build it they will come," sentiment is not a sure thing.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola said that the way people exercise has changed. He said people will walk or bike on the bike path, use the fitness center, and then continue moving.

The item was proposed by the town's Wellness Committee, represented by Pattie Pacella, who told town meeting that the weather had delayed the installation of the first fitness station. She said it should be

TOWN MEETING: cont'd on page 18

Cherry Blossom Fest sneaks in most events before the rain

The annual Cherry Blossom Festival sponsored by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society squeaked by on Sunday, 5/6, with most events taking place before rain claimed the day. Some activities were also held indoors at the WMFS museum.

Activities included taiko drumming, martial arts, origami (paper-

folding), flower arrangement demonstration, quilt and kimono displays, raffles and sales of Japanese items.

The museum, 11 Cherry Street, Fairhaven, is located in the house of Captain William Whitfield who rescued 14-year-old Manjiro from a desert island in 1841. Manjiro came back to Fairhaven on the Captain's

whaling ship the "John Howland," becoming the first Japanese person to live and be educated in America.

To learn more about Manjiro, the Captain, and the Manjiro Trail in Fairhaven, visit <http://www.whitfield-manjiro.org> or <http://fairhaventours.com/manjiro-nakahama/> or <http://millicentlibrary.org/manjiro-2/>



The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society squeaked held the annual Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival on Sunday, 5/6, under threatening skies. People enjoyed a variety of events including taiko drumming, martial arts and origama. ABOVE LEFT: L-R Rina Kada helps Eric Stone-Kowalski of Mattapoisett fold an origami crane. ABOVE MIDDLE: Ger Tysk performs Taiko drumming. ABOVE RIGHT: Sifu (Colman Fink) demonstrates Ryukyu Kobujutsu. BELOW LEFT: L-R Joshua Hatcher and Scott Deterra demonstrate Aikido while student Jake O'Driscoll looks on. BELOW RIGHT: Debra Almeida presents Kamishibai Theater, The Manjiro story, at the Japanese Cherry Blossom Friendship Festival held on 5/6/2018 in Fairhaven. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



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Acushnet Town Mtg faces 47 articles, \$32.7 million in spending

By Beth David
Editor

Acushnet voters will decide on 47 articles on the annual Town Meeting warrant totaling \$32,721,908 on Monday, 5/14. FY19 expenditures include \$29,172,995 for the operating budget, up from \$28,224,714 for FY18.

Spending articles, that will be funded by a variety of sources, including enterprise accounts (accounts set aside for specific purposes, such as sewer, water and golf), Community Preservation Act funds, surplus revenues, fees from permits and licenses, etc. total about \$3.5 million.

Article 11 asks to appropriate \$329,000 for capital expenses for police and fire, including radio replacements, defibrillators and other equipment; and to take \$80,000 from EMS receipts to reimburse the stabilization fund for costs associated with buying and repairing Ladder 1 that the fire department recently acquired.

Article 19 requests \$342,500 from water and sewer funds for a 10-ton truck for the highway department (\$230,000), a mini-excavator for the water department (\$52,500), and a remote meter read system for the water department (\$60,000).

Article 20 asks for \$25,000 for repair or replacement of the septic system at the library.

Article 21 requests \$284,00 for the School Department for a variety of repairs, including renovation to the boys bathroom at the elementary school, roof maintenance, playground improvements, security cameras, and repairs to the driveway at the schools.

Article 24 asks for \$50,000 for a site plan review related to the proposal by PJ Keating to move its asphalt plant closer to South Main Street.

Article 25 asks for \$125,000 for repairs and improvements to the senior center building, including ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant showers and a full-building generator. If approved, the building can be upgraded from a "warming center" to an emergency shelter during storms.

Other spending article requests include: allocating \$172,500 in Community Preservation funds according to state requirements.

CPA fund requests include \$35,000 to the Buzzards Bay Coalition to acquire the Tripps Mill Brook Head-

elderly deferment from property taxes to \$50,000/year from \$40,000. The exemption defers payment until the property is sold, it does not exempt payment.

Town Meeting will also be asked to vote on a variety of non-spending articles including the makeup of the Soil Board; bylaws changes; zoning bylaws; transferring the former Russell Memorial Library building on Main Street to the Acushnet Housing Authority for veterans housing.

TM will also be asked to vote on prohibiting the existence of recreational marijuana establishments in Acushnet.

One article that seems destined to generate some discussion is Article 32, which requests \$35,000 in CPA funds to be given to the Buzzards Bay Coalition to acquire the Tripps Mill Brook Headwaters property. The selectboard was not unanimous in its vote on the article, with board member Kevin Gaspar voting against it. The controversy arises from the BBC's

intent to exempt six acres from the conservation restriction to create buildable lots that can be sold to generate income for the BBC to help it buy the property. Mr. Gaspar told the *Neighb News* (see 4/1918 issue) that he intended to speak against the proposal at Town Meeting because he felt the BBC was not honest in its presentation to the board. The town had the right of first refusal to buy the property because it had been in Chapter 61A, which grants agricultural use tax breaks. The town signed over its 61A rights to the BBC with the understanding that the property would be saved as open space and open to the public for passive recreation such as hiking.

[Kevin] Gaspar told the *Neighb News* that he intended to speak against the [BBC] proposal

waters property in article 32. That article also asks for \$35,000 in other funds for the same property. A grant will reimburse \$35,000 for that project.

CPA funds are also requested from the affordable housing balance (\$138,000) to upgrade the fire alarm system at Presidential Estates, a Housing Authority property, and \$40,000 for siding at the same complex; \$14,500 from CPA historic preservation funds for the Long Plain Museum; \$50,000 in CPA funds for the Parting Ways Building; \$10,000 for the roof of the utility building at Pope Park; \$6,500 for an ADA compliant ramp at the Quaker Meeting House; \$50,000 for the fields at the schools.

Article 27 asks TM to raise the

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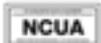
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in soon.

Kathleen Carter, a FinCom member who spoke from the floor, said that the town needed to consider liability.

First TM voted on indefinite postponement of item J. That was a close vote, so moderator Mark Sylvia called on the counters to count those for and against. The vote was 88 for and 89 against IP.

Then Mr. Sylvia asked if the counters had counted themselves.

Oops.

Mr. Sylvia suggested that the vote be reconsidered, but that required someone on the prevailing side to request it. Gary Souza obliged (for which he was expressly thanked at the end of the meeting). After a little more discussion, the vote to reconsider passed, and the vote to pay for a fitness center on the bike path passed, no count necessary.

Mr. Sylvia told members that it was time to talk about modern technology for Town Meeting instead of "counting people the old-fashioned way."

Article 33, which proposed changing the Town Clerk position from an elected position to appointed, did not pass, leaving that position elected, as it always has been.

The lengthy debate included the pros and cons of the change, including that it is the only full time position in town hall that is elected. The strongest reasons for making it appointed included being able to choose a qualified person, which would increase accountability, and that the position does not create policy, but is largely administrative.

Kyle Bueno, speaking for the majority of the committee that sought to make the change, said the committee did a lot of research to reach their conclusion.

If you care about the future and

accountability, vote to change, said Mr. Bueno. If you care about keeping the status quo, vote to keep it the same, he said.

However, the minority opinion was also very vocal and handed out a flyer with all the reasons they believed the position should stay the same.

Most of those in favor of keeping



The traveling POW-MIA chair in the lobby at Fairhaven's annual Town Meeting on Saturday, 5/5/18. It reminds Americans that there are still 83,000 American prisoners of war/missing in action service members around the world from the nation's wars. *Photo by Beth David.*

the position elected said changing it to appointed would take power from the people. They said the position was accountable to the voters.

Bernie Roderick, a committee member in the minority, said a survey showed residents were very happy with the town clerk's office.

He said changing it would disenfranchise voters, taking away the "most basic right."

"If you give up your right to vote, you will never get it back. Never, never, never give up the right to vote," he said drawing big applause.

Those in favor of the change emphasized that although the town has had good Town Clerks in the past,

there is no guarantee the next candidate will be qualified.

It is time for a change, said Ann Richard, a Committee member in the majority.

"It's not broken," said Mr. Freitas. "There's nothing wrong with it."

"In the short term, we're in great shape," said Mr. Espindola. "This is about the long term."

In the end the measure failed.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Sylvia gave Town Clerk Eileen Lowney a bouquet of roses, and sang her praises for her time as Town Clerk, to loud applause and a standing ovation. Ms. Lowney, who has held the position for more than 20 years, has announced she will not run for re-election when her term is up in 2020.

Town Meeting also

- Passed the funding for the town to hire a full time conservation agent at a salary of \$70–75,000/year. The Building Inspector is currently also the conservation agent.
- Allocated \$981,000 from the Sewer enterprise fund for capital improvements, including \$700,000 for the West Island Wastewater Treatment Plant, \$180,000 for nitrogen upgrade studies, \$66,000 to replace two pump stations, and \$35,000 for fiber optic connectivity.
- Passed \$476,500 in Community Preservation Act funds, including that much-discussed \$7,500 for a bike path fitness station, \$92,000 for sidewalks on Walnut Street around the library, \$86,000 for library window restoration, \$150,000 to the Stratford Capital Group for the Oxford School Residences.
- Voted to allow the Selectboard to set a speed limit of 20 MPH in areas of town that are not posted.
- Voted to assess a 3% tax on recreational marijuana sales. ●●●

Town Meeting quotable quotes

The little critters
[BPW Superintendent
Vinnie Furtado about the
piping plovers on West Island]

SECOND!
[Moderator Mark Sylvia
when the amount of his
compensation was read at
\$16,000 instead of \$800]

C'mon everybody, wake up.
[Mr. Sylvia looking for a motion
on the new Conservation
Commissioner position]

No applause, unless it's for me
[Mr. Sylvia trying to quiet the
room after the vote not to strike
the \$252K to preserve and
restore the Rogers School]

I'm old.
[Terry Szala after being chided
by the moderator for not getting
to the microphone before the
vote was taken]

I was actually looking at
increasing it [Doug Brady on the
proposal to tax recreational
marijuana sales at up to 3%]

Tall Ship Eagle visits Rhode Island, will visit NB in August

The tall ship “Eagle” sailed into Fort Adams State Park, 72 Fort Adams Drive, Newport, RI on Tuesday, and was open to the public for tours on Tuesday and Wednesday. The US Coast Guard’s 81-year-old sail training ship completed a four-phase service expansion in March. It is scheduled to visit 20 ports in the next few months.

The visit coincides with the Volvo Ocean Race Opening Ceremony and Sail Newport. Visit <https://www.volvooceanracenewport.com/events-schedule> for schedule.

At 295-feet in length, Eagle is the largest tall ship in United States government service. Constructed in 1936 by the Blohm and Voss Shipyard in Hamburg, Germany, and originally commissioned as the Horst Wessell by the German Navy, Eagle was a war reparation for the United States following World War II.

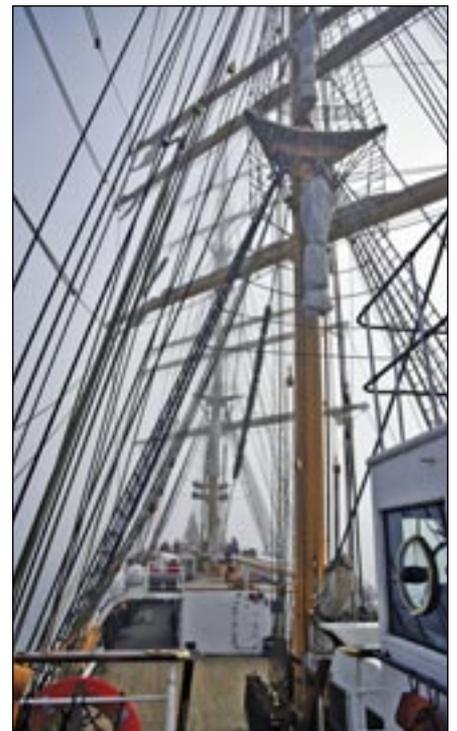
The majestic sailing ship provides USCG Academy cadets and officer candidates with their first taste of sea and salt air. Eagle has served as a classroom-at-sea to future Coast

Guard officers since 1946, offering an at-sea leadership and professional development experience as part of the USCG Academy curriculum. The Eagle is a three-masted barque with more than 22,300 square feet of sail and six miles of rigging.

Eagle’s homeport is Baltimore, MD. In Summer 2019 its homeport will shift to New London, CT. Eagle is scheduled to be in New Bedford on August 10 and 11. For more information about the ship, please visit <http://www.cga.edu/eagle/>



ABOVE LEFT: The Barque Eagle sits quietly in the thick fog just outside of Newport RI on Tuesday, 5/7/18. ABOVE RIGHT: Throttleman Pedro Maldonado keeps the Barque Eagle at a constant speed as Seaman Giavani looks on in the background. BELOW LEFT: It's all hands on deck for docking procedures and securing the ship to the dock. Here some crewmen feed a line to the people below. BELOW RIGHT: A three-masted barque with 23 sails equaling more than 22,300 square feet of sail and six miles of rigging, Eagle can achieve a top speed of 17.5 knots. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



Notes from the Visitors Center

by Chris Richard
Director of Tourism

May 2018
Greetings.

To begin with, last week I renewed my advertising agreement with Beth David for my weekly ad here in the *Neighb News*. One of the things I learned early on from past New Bedford Tourism Directors Ed Camara and Arthur Motta is that some advertising money has to be spent locally. The reason for that is once tourists, business travelers, etc., are actually here, they need to know about the local Visitors Center and how they can get more information about the area.

The local ads also remind our own residents that we have a Visitors Center so they can refer visiting family and friends to the services of the Office of Tourism. For the money, the *Neighborhood News* is the best place to do that advertising in Fairhaven. More than 4,600 copies are distributed for free each week at all the sorts of places where visitors (and residents) are likely to see them. And the paper is available online, so it's also accessible from practically anywhere in the world.

The "world wide web" also leads into the next news. In addition to the regular "Fairhaven, MA, Visitors Center" page on Facebook, I have started a related Facebook group, called "What's Happening in Fairhaven." The group is open to everyone and members are allowed to post notices about events, activities, business services, and other news about the town. If you're on Facebook, go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/whats happening in fairhaven. ma/>

On Saturday, May 5, Town Meeting approved the budget for FY19, so the Office of Tourism is in business for another year. And a busy year it's going to be. Let's highlight some things that are coming up.

On Saturday, May 19, the North Fairhaven Improvement Association is holding an indoor community yard sale at the former Oxford School, 347 Main Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You can rent a space to sell your own stuff, too, for \$20. For more information, you can call 508-207-2123.

Tours are starting up. I've already guided a couple for special groups. The first public tour will be the popular Riverside Cemetery Walking Tour on Sunday, May 20, at 2:00 p.m.

It's a great time of year to take a stroll through this historical cemetery created by President FDR's grandfather Warren Delano I.

Along the route I'll tell you about some of the prominent people who have been laid to rest there and point out special features like examples of early gravestone art and some of the specimens of trees and shrubs. Parking for the tour is along the cemetery roadways once you go through the Main Street gate. Please leave a few car lengths open just inside the gate or else it gets hard for traffic to go in and out. Two reminders: there is hilly and uneven ground so wear comfortable walking shoes and there is no public restroom at the cemetery. The tour will last about 90 minutes and is free of charge.

Walking with us on the tour there might be a couple of people who are interested in guiding Riverside



Cemetery Tours themselves. I always welcome people who want to volunteer to guide tours — either the ones the Office of Tourism already offers or new ones that they might want to create themselves. (After my daughter went on a "ghost tour" during the high school's music department trip to Philadelphia in April, she said we need to do one of those here. That's not the first time I'm heard that. Stay tuned.) If you want to guide one of the regular tours, I have a number of prepared scripts to help you get started. Get in touch.

The other regularly scheduled public tours do not start until June, when Bob Foster and I start guiding Henry H. Rogers walking tours on Tuesday and Thursday morning. And the Friday before those start, the first

Pirates and Privateers Presentation will be held at Fort Phoenix on Friday, June 1, at 10:00. I've already heard that a couple of groups will be showing up for that, so I expect a large audience.

Writing this column was interrupted by the delivery of 5,000 copies of the 2018 Fairhaven Visitors Guide. This is that 28-page, full color "magazine" that gets distributed all around our area during the course of the year. It's also mailed to people who write and request information. Just about everything a tourist would need to know about town is in this guide — the list of hotels, marinas, churches, beaches, boat landings, playgrounds, annual events, tours, you name it. There are also historical stories about Henry H. Rogers, Joshua Slocum, Joseph Bates, Manjiro, the Delano family, and Fort Phoenix. Each year I update the guide book to include the latest information. Residents like the guides, too. You can find copies at Town Hall, the Millicent Library, at the visitors centers in New Bedford, and at selected businesses and restaurants, museums, etc., where visitors will see them.

Last, but by no means least, there is still space for vendors at the Huttleston Marketplace that will start on Saturday June 16 and continue each Saturday on the lawn of the Visitors Center until September 1. If you sell handmade arts & crafts, farm produce, antiques or collectibles, locally prepared foods or a book you have written, you'll want to look into signing up. You can set up for a week or more with a donation of \$20/week, or you can be here all season for \$150. Lots of great vendors are already on board. To see the list or to get an application form, go online to <http://FairhavenTours.com/huttleston-marketplace/>

Until next month, remember that I welcome your comments or suggestions. You can contact me via email at FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov, by calling 508-979-4085, or by stopping by the Visitors Center, 141 Main Street. The hours of the Office of Tourism are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with a half-hour break around noon. There are some reserved parking spaces in the high school lot closest to the Academy Building.

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Town of Fairhaven Board of Public Works Notice of Neighborhood Forum

The Town of Fairhaven Board of Public Works will hold a Neighborhood Forum on May 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA regarding the reconstruction of Green Street between South Street and Cottage Street. The Town's engineer will be at the meeting to review the proposed reconstruction plan. If you are interested in the improvements within your neighborhood, you are urged to attend the forum.

Fairhaven Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on May 21, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Request for Determination Applicant Las Olson Location 2 West Street Plot 13 Lots 22-24 Purpose remove stumps install fence within 100' of river.
- Request for Determination Applicant Sandra A. Casteel Location 22 Judson Drive Plot 31A Lot 13S Purpose pave driveway, loam and seed pool area, and install fence within 100' buffer zone to BVV.\

Jay Simmons, Chairman
5/10/18



TOWN OF ACUSHNET ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

There will be an Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. at the Ford Middle School in the Auditorium, 708 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA 02743.

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ber be on the screening committee. Mr. Furtado said that was not at all necessary and that Ms. Vento should help with the process.

Mr. Hobson said he did not want it to get political. Mr. Wotton said that the BPW members should have no part in it.

Mr. Furtado said that in the end the BPW will hire the final candidate. If the board does not like the candidate that the committee picks, then they will bring another candidate until they find someone everyone agrees on.

Mr. Hobson said that he did not want to be like the Selectboard, which gave up all their power to the Town Administrator.

Mr. Wotton banged his gavel loudly, stating that he wanted to move on.

Following the argument the BPW went into executive session.

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 6/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 5/21, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

BPW Neighborhood Forum Green St. Reconstruction

Thurs., 5/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 5/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Mon., 5/14, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 5/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 5/23, Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 5/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Historical Commission

Tues., 5/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Elem. School Council

Thurs., 5/17, Elementary Sch., 4 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 5/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 5/14, Ford Middle School
at town meeting 7 p.m.

Town Meeting

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

TIDE TABLE

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Canal/Wing's Neck

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Wednesday	16	0921 2144	0239* 1442*	
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BPW hires for Highway and Sewer Department

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 5/7 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works held interviews for Special Motor Equipment Operator in the Highway Department, and for a Working Foreperson Sewer System Maintenance Crafts-person. The BPW interviewed four candidates for the a SMEO in the Highway Department.

Board member Mike Ristuccia explained that the decision would be difficult. The job requires three licenses: the 2B, 4E, and 4G. He said that he was very against hiring people who do not have the licenses. He said that seniority is also a huge factor in the hiring.

Alex DeSantos, the first to be interviewed, explained that he had the most seniority, but did not have the licenses.

BPW Superintendent Vincent Furtado explained that the town is holding a 4E and 4G licensing class at the end of the month, which Mr. DeSantos is signed up for. Mr. DeSantos added that he had scheduled his licensing test for 5/30.

Mr. Ristuccia explained that he would not hire someone without the license and maybe the board should consider postponing the hiring until after the class and test.

Mr. Furtado also mentioned that the Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau who could not attend the meeting made a recommendation that Mr. DeSantos be hired because he is a great worker and the most senior employee.

Mr. Furtado also explained that after the job was posted the state changed the requirements for the job, which is why the department decided to hold the class.

Board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson explained that if they hire the senior guy they will receive a grievance from the Highway Department for not hiring the employee with the licenses, and if they hire the guy with the licenses they will get a grievance for not hiring the most senior guy. He suggested the board promote both men, but the board explained that there is currently only one position.

"I believe the more senior guy should get the job even though that is not me," said Jimmy Lawrence during his interview. "I just wanted to put my

name in the hat to show that I want to move up."

Mr. Lawrence explained that he has not scheduled his test because he is waiting to take the class first.

The board then interviewed Tom Perry, who explained that he just received all three of his licenses needed for the job and has only been working in the Highway Department for a year and nine months.

He noted that the three other candidates have been working for the town longer than he has and still have not received their licenses.

Mr. Perry said that he went for his licenses so he could be the most qualified when interviewing.

Mr. Hobson said it was excellent that and board member Cameron Durant both commended Mr. Perry for getting all his licenses.

He should be here.
The problem with all
the superintendents is
they come whenever
they want. [Robert
"Hoppy" Hobson]

Sean Simonin told the board that he made the appointment to go for his license and just applied for the position to show that he is looking to better himself and wants to move up the ladder.

Mr. Ristuccia said that he wished they could promote everyone.

Mr. Wotton explained that based on seniority they should hire Mr. DeSantos because the contract states to hire the most senior candidate.

Mr. Wotton explained that because the requirements for the job were changed by the state after the job posted he believed that the board should wait until after Mr. DeSantos and the other candidates take the test at the end of the month.

Mr. Wotton explained that if Mr. DeSantos passes the test, they hire him because he is the most senior member. If Mr. DeSantos does not pass the test Mr. Wotton said they should hire Mr. Perry because he is

the most qualified. Mr. Ristuccia agreed that waiting until after the test would be a good idea.

Mr. Hobson questioned why Mr. Charbonneau was not there to speak about who to hire. Mr. Furtado explained that Mr. Charbonneau gave him his recommendation.

"He should be here," Mr. Hobson said. "The problem with all the superintendents is they come whenever they want."

Administrative Assistant Kathy Tripp suggested they promote Mr. DeSantos for 90 days and if he does not pass the test demote him.

Mr. Ristuccia disagreed with that idea.

Mr. Perry explained that the contract says the senior most qualified should get the job,

Mr. Wotton agreed and explained that the only person qualified for the position in regards to licenses is Mr. Perry, which makes him the senior most qualified.

Mr. Hobson made a motion to hire Mr. Perry. The motioned passed with all in favor except Mr. Durant.

For the sewer department position, the board interviewed John McGilvray. Sewer Department Superintendent Linda Schick explained that Mr. McGilvray has been doing the position for the past week and has been doing a great job.

Mr. Hobson noted that Mr. McGilvray applied last time and came in second. Mr. Hobson agreed that he should definitely get the job this time.

Mr. McGilvray asked if he would have to start at step one again because if so that would only up his pay by \$50 a week, but the job is three times the work of his current job. He said he knew he had a lot to learn but would like to start a little higher up.

Mr. Hobson questioned if the board would get in trouble if they started him on a higher step.

The board agreed to hire Mr. McGilvray at level 12 step 3. The motion passed unanimously.

In another matter the board discussed Ms. Tripp's retirement at the end of June. Mr. Furtado explained that Rebecca Vento will be taking Ms. Tripp's place, but interviews will need to be held to fill Ms. Vento's position. He said they have 37 applicants for the job.

Mr. Hobson suggested a BPW mem-

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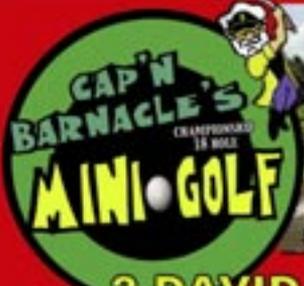
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