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Open house showcases what library offers



A sign on the lawn welcomes the public to an Open House at the Millicent Library in Fairhaven on 9/22/18, featuring tours and talks on the library's many offerings, including access to online databases. See page 12 for more. Photo by Beth David

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh well, I guess summer is really, truly over.

Let the fall festivities begin!

First up is the annual September encampment at Ft. Phoenix this weekend (see page 5). It's your last chance to see (and hear) the cannons get fired until next year.

It's a spectacular sight and will make your bones jump when they go off. It's lots of fun to watch. If you're not into the big booms, you can still enjoy the day with all kinds of fun demonstrations about how life was in the 1770s, complete with cooking on an open fire, sleeping outside in canvas tents, and musket fire. So, I guess there are booms everywhere, but those are little compared to the big cannons.

Next weekend is the Fire Department's big open house when they actually burn a little building, which is SOOOO cool to watch.

And then the next weekend is Harvest Fun Day, and then the Halloween stuff starts.

Be sure to let us know if you are decorating your yard this year. Our Halloween trail is probably our most popular annual issue. So, in addition to getting your yards listed, if you have a business, you'll want to get an ad in there, too.

We'll be running the Halloween Trail in our 10/18 issue. I know that's a bit early this year, but I want to get that extra weekend in. I know a lot of the more dedicated home hauntings are always ready the week before.

Pot is in the news again this week (see page 4). The wheels of democracy are turning, grinding, slowly trying to push back progress. No, I'm not talking about the national guys who are so intent on rolling back 35 years of hard-fought women's rights, gay rights, and immigrants' rights. I'm talking about right here in our own little burg. The anti-pot forces are working hard to keep pot shops out of Fairhaven.

If you care about this issue, on either side, you'll want to show up at Town Meeting if you're a TM member, or let your local rep know how you feel.

Meanwhile, there is a public hearing on 10/9 (see page 17) to discuss the draft bylaw. Fairhaven Planning Board chairperson Wayne Hayward has written a piece on the thinking behind the proposed bylaw and some of the wider issues surrounding the legalization of pot in general.

There's other stuff in here, of course, but you'll have to find it yourself. I'm at the end of my space, here.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Carter appeal to be heard next week

By Beth David
Editor

Michelle Carter, the Plainville woman who was convicted of Involuntary Manslaughter in the suicide death of Conrad Roy III, is scheduled to have her appeal heard before the Mass. Supreme Judicial Court on Thursday, 10/4 at 9 a.m.

Attorneys for Ms. Carter contend that Judge Lawrence Moniz erred when he convicted Ms. Carter for several reasons. In court filings, they say he convicted her on "wanton and reckless failure to act," not based on a "wanton and reckless affirmative act."

Second, the attorneys argue that the Commonwealth did not present sufficient evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Ms. Carter committed Involuntary Manslaughter.

Third, they argue that her conviction violates due process, because it fails to provide fair notice of prohibited conduct and "invites arbitrary enforcement." The argument here is that there is not a law against assisted suicide in Mass. and therefore, Ms. Carter could not know that what she was doing was illegal,

and it was not because there is no law.

Fourth, "interpreting involuntary manslaughter to reach encouraging suicide with words alone infringes on free speech, because it is neither necessary nor narrowly tailored to serve the compelling state interest in preserving human life."

Fifth, the defense attorneys argue that Carter was not treated properly under the "Youthful Offender Statute," in several areas.

Sixth, the judge "erroneously failed to evaluate 17-year-old Carter's conduct, under the standard of a 'reasonable juvenile,'" write the attorneys.

And seventh, the judge "erroneously excluded all testimony by a defense expert on adolescent psychology, which would have put Carter's conduct in proper context."

In its response, the District Attorney's Office writes that Ms. Carter was convicted of both theories of involuntary manslaughter (1) and (2) contends that the evidence did indeed support the judge's conclusions that Ms. Carter committed Involuntary Manslaughter "both by

instructing Roy to get back in the truck and by failing to alleviate the danger once she had created it."

(3) The DA argues that "nothing that happened at Carter's trial undermined the correctness of this Court's ruling that she had both objective and subjective notice that her conduct was criminal."

As to point 4, the DA asserts that "ordering a depressed teenager to resume a suicide attempt is not constitutionally protected speech."

Carter was properly indicted as a Youthful Offender, and even if a "reasonable juvenile" standard had existed, it would not have made a difference, argues the DA for points five and six.

They also argue that not allowing the psychologist's testimony did not harm Carter because it was "abstract testimony about the juvenile brain."

Two amicus briefs have also been filed, both in support of Ms. Carter. One is from the ACLU, mostly arguing that her speech was protected under the First Amendment.

The Youth Advocacy Division of

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Group submits petitions to Selectboard against pot shops

By Beth David
Editor

A group of Fairhaven residents presented two petitions to the Selectboard at its meeting on Monday, 9/24, asking for the board to support extending the moratorium on marijuana retail shops in town, and to place a question on the ballot to ban pot shops in town.

The ballot question would be non-binding if submitted by the residents, but the group hoped that after the board saw the number of voters who signed, the board would reverse its position and place the question on the ballot. Only the Selectboard can place a binding question on the ballot.

The other petition was for an article to be placed on the warrant of the next Town Meeting, asking that they extend the moratorium on retail marijuana shops past the 12/31/18 that is currently in place. A Special TM has been scheduled for 11/13.

The group hopes to extend the moratorium long enough for the town to vote in the April election. Their goal is to get the voters to ban retail pot shops in town before any can start operating.

The group re-hashed all the old arguments, and threw in some new ones, along with some misinformation that did not get countered during the meeting.

Selectboard chairperson Daniel Freitas was absent from the meeting, so it fell to Vice Chair Charles K. Murphy, Sr., and board member Bob Espindola to reiterate that the board had made the decision not to put a question on the ballot.

Also at issue is the precise wording of the two measures: If voters signed

the petition expecting the ballot question or the TM article to be exactly what was written on the petition, or if making changes would require the group to collect the signatures all over again.

Town Administrator Mark Rees said the wording of both the warrant article and ballot question had to conform to regulations. He suggested having Town Counsel look at the two petitions to see if they complied.

Doug Brady said he felt as long as the wording adhered to the "spirit" of the petitions, then he did not feel they should have to collect signatures all over again. He did say, however, that the group was willing to do that if necessary.

Deadline for citizen articles for the Special TM in November is about three weeks away. There is more time for the question that would be on the ballot in April.

The moratorium article will require a public hearing by the Planning Board, said Mr. Rees. The PB will also make a recommendation on the article, although Town Meeting will not be bound by that recommendation.

Several people addressed the board with a variety of concerns about recreational use of marijuana in Fairhaven.

Marijuana use and possession of small amounts of marijuana are legal in Massachusetts after a 2016 statewide vote legalized pot in the state.

The discussion around complaints of private use, mostly prompted the board to note that the town has no way to stop a citizen from buying marijuana from a shop in a neighboring town and using it at home. The law also allows for residents to grow up to six plants per person, 12 per

household for personal use.

Karen Vilandry said she felt the town was "very unprepared" to handle the issue of recreational marijuana. She noted that pot is still illegal federally, and talked about the developing brains of children. She said the extended moratorium would give the town a chance to learn more about the effects of pot.

She did say, erroneously, that the existing Medical Marijuana Dispensary in Fairhaven, Bask, would be responsible for setting up shops throughout the town. It is unclear how she came to that conclusion. The reality is that Bask has preference with the state's Cannabis Control Commission because it already has been put through the gauntlet to get approved for medical marijuana, but Bask will have no authority over other establishments in town.

The bylaw that the Planning Board has drafted would limit retail shops to the same Medical Marijuana overlay district, which is in the industrial zone in Fairhaven, along Alden Road, near Bridge Street.

Ms. Vilandry also cautioned that the edibles being sold are flavored and that minors will be drawn to them. She noted that a recent fatal accident involved a young person high from pot.

"It's not a pretty sight," said Ms. Vilandry. "It's not a pretty sight."

Maria Carvalho told the board that she cannot sit outside because she can smell marijuana from her neighbor.

"What about my rights," she asked

Mr. Murphy and Mr. Espindola noted that there was nothing the town could do to stop personal use of

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For more info: 508-979-4085 or visit <https://fairhavenvillagemilitia.blogspot.com/>

The Fairhaven Village Militia and the Wareham Minutemen and Militia Companies present a two-day historical encampment at Fort Phoenix. Talk to period costumed men and women about the fort's history and life in the 1770s. See military drilling, flintlock musket and cannon firing demonstrations and camp cooking demonstrations. Children can try 18th century games and toys. Also see activities such as tin smithing, leather working, carpentry, sewing, fire starting, and more. On Sunday morning there will be a Revolution War era sermon delivered by the militia chaplain.

Saturday evening at sundown (approx. 6:30 p.m.) see a demonstration "night firing" of the fort's five cannons.

Cultural Council Applications

Each year, the Fairhaven Cultural Council, a local organization supported by the Mass. Cultural Council, awards Local Cultural Council (LCC) grants to support arts and cultural projects that directly benefit our community. Grant monies are distributed from both state and local funds designated specifically for this purpose.

Online applications only. Available from the MCC for LCC applicants via www.mass-culture.org.

Contact chairperson Abigail Hevey for assistance or with any questions at abigail.hevey@gmail.com

8-yr-old in pageant

Eight-year-old Elmire Arsenault will be competing in the National American Miss pageant in Anaheim, CA in November, representing her home town of Fairhaven. To raise money to participate in the pageant, Elmire is making and selling artwork (mainly cyanotype prints and canvas

splatter paintings), which she will be selling at the Fairhaven Farmers' Market on Sun., 9/30, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 151 Alden Rd., Fairhaven.

Let's show some support for a local kid. While you're there, you can get your all natural beef, eggs, produce, chicken and more.

Beach Clean-up

Be the Solution to Pollution will be hosting a Coastsweep Cleanup at Fort Phoenix Town Beach on Sun., 9/30, 1-3:30 p.m. Each piece of litter will be documented on data sheets which will be added to all the other Massachusetts Coastsweep cleanup data for the Ocean Conservancy.

Meet near the gazebo. We will provide gloves, tools, bags and refreshments. Please wear closed toe shoes and bring a reusable water bottle. Children are welcome when accompanied by an adult. For more info: bethesolutiontopollution@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/pollutionsolution

Rte 6 Study Survey

SRPEDD is looking for input from the public to assist in the study of the Route 6 corridor from Route 240 in Fairhaven, east to High Street in Wareham. The study area covers approximately 13 miles, includes 6 signalized intersections, and contains a substantial number of residences, businesses, and institutional uses.

Follow this link for the online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRPEDD-Route-6-Corridor-Study-Survey>. Hard copies are also available in the Fairhaven Planning Office, Town Hall, 40 Center St., 2nd Floor West. Also visit: www.fairhaven-ma.gov/home/news/route-6-corridor-study-survey

Transpo Survey

The Regional Transportation Plan is a year-long project that will be completed in 2019. To comment anytime call 508 824-1367, Fax 508 823-1803; Mail to 88 Broadway, Taunton, MA 02780; E-mail: lcabral@srpedd.org, or visit our website at www.srpedd.org; SRPEDD's Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/SRPEDD/>

Please take our five-minute survey to tell us what you think about transportation in your community

and in the region: www.surveymonkey.com/r/RTP2019

Japanese Culture

The Whitfield-Manjirō Friendship Society will sponsor Japanese related classes for all members of the local community this fall. They include cooking, brush-stroke painting (calligraphy) and suminagashi (painting on water). Those interested can select desired course or participate in all three.

Cooking Lessons, \$40, Wed., 10/7, 6:15-8:15 p.m. Cantonese shrimp and spinach wonton soup or Japanese vegetable makizushi (roll).

Japanese Calligraphy, \$40, Wed., 10/24. With brush and introduction to basic Japanese phrases.

Suminagashi, \$40, Wed., 11/14, 6:15-8:15 p.m. Painting on water. Create marbleized bookmark, journal cover, and silk scarf.

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SAVE THE DATES

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Used Jewelry, Book and Bake Sale, at St. Joseph Church Damien Hall, 74 Spring St., Fairhaven, Sat., 10/6, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sun., 10/7, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph Church

Oktoberfest

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Fire Dept. Open House

The Fairhaven Fire/EMS is sponsoring the annual Open House in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, on Sun., 10/7, at Fire Department Headquarters, 146 Washington St., Fairhaven, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Open and FREE to the public, this

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Fairhaven Fire Dept. gets sweet goodies from community



Two groups from Fairhaven showed their appreciation to the Fairhaven Fire Department on the same day last week. On Wednesday, 9/19, the department got a tray of goodies from a group of residents at Atria Fairhaven Assisted Living (LEFT), and another batch of cookies from Active Day (RIGHT). "We are very humbled today and feel the love from our assisted living community," wrote the department on its Facebook page. "We received a visit from staff and residents of The Atria today with a fantastic tray of goodies. All in our department thank you!" And, "Many thanks to Active Day of Fairhaven for the surprise visit and the cookies that they brought for the members of our department. It is very much appreciated!" Photos from the Fairhaven Fire Department Facebook page.



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STILL AROUND TOWN: from page 5

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PTO Yard Sale

Fairhaven High School PTO Yard Sale, Sat., 10/6, from 9-1 at Fairhaven High School Parking Lot. 100% proceeds go to the Fairhaven High School PTO. Please join us!!!

Pump Track Ribbon Cutting

Fairhaven Pump Track for BMX bicycles will hold a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. on Sat., 10/6, at the new track

in Macomber/Pimental Park, Bernese St., Fairhaven. Fun for all ages.

Benoit Square 100 years

On Sat., 10/20, at 10 a.m., the North Fairhaven Improvement Association is sponsoring a tribute/memorial commemorating the 100th anniversary of the death of Army PFC Ernest J. Benoit, who was the first Fairhaven man killed in WW1. At Benoit Square, which is named after PFC Benoit. Everyone is invited.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Miss New Bedford

Sat., 9/29, See page 13 for details.

Film Fest

Manhattan Short Film Festival, Fri., 9/28, 6-9 p.m., NB Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB.

One world, one week, one festival! The #ManhattanShort Film Festival is an instantaneous celebration that occurs simultaneously across the globe, bringing great films to great venues and allowing the audiences to select their favorites! The Whaling Museum and Bristol Community College have partnered to bring the Manhattan Short Film Festival to New Bedford again this year. Join more than 100,000 film lovers across 240 cities and six continents to screen and vote on the Finalists' films.

Tickets: \$10 /\$5 for BCC Students with ID. Visit <https://www.whalingmuseum.org/programs/manhattan-short-film-festival-2018/>

Job Fair/Medical

Sacred Heart Home, 369 Summer St., NB, Wed., 10/3, 1-5 p.m. RNs, LPNs, CNAs. RSVP Human Resources, 508-996-6751.

Paper Shred Day

New Bedford Credit Union is sponsoring the fall Paper Shredding Day. The event will take place on Sat., 9/29, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the parking lot across from New Bedford City Hall, corner of William and North 6th Streets.

Participants are welcome to watch the destruction of their paper. Certificates of destruction are available, if needed. Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed, but please

remove paper from folders and binders. Shredded paper will be recycled into new products such as paper towels.

Event is held in partnership with NB's Department of Community Services and the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District.

For questions about the event please call the Department of Community Services at 508-979-1692 or the Refuse District Recycling Office at 508-979-1493.

Launch Party

ArtibleSoCo, Inc. is a new arts incubator in historic downtown New Bedford. Launching on Fri., 9/28, from 5-8 p.m., ArtibleSoCo, Inc. is located at 137 Union Street, New Bedford, MA. This is a shared space at the Co-Creative Center.

President & Founder, Meredith Birch, saw a need for an organization that provided artists and creatives with skills and tools necessary to be successful in the creative marketplace; as well as a hub that nurtured the growth and development of artists and arts organizations.

ArtibleSoCo, Inc. seeks to support artists and creatives in the SouthCoast area. It does this by providing artists with necessary skills to be successful in the creative economy. ArtibleSoCo, Inc.'s programs and services empower artists and arts organizations to implement their business and artistic ideas; fostering creative entrepreneurship, innovation, and social & economic change. Learn more at: artiblesoco.com.

YTI Play

Your Theatre, Inc., present the fascinatingly quirky comic drama, *The Vandal* by Hamish Linklater; the

second major attraction of Your Theatre, Inc.'s 72nd season.

The *Vandal* involves three characters in a nighttime terrain marked by a hospital, a bus stop, a graveyard, and a liquor store. Night, cold, a bus stop in Kingston, New York. A woman waits. A boy walks up. The characters, known as woman, boy and man are all emotional and unusual in one way or another. With an ending you'd never see coming, this tale of life, death, rage, and forgiveness addresses what it means to exist as a modern human. Viewer Discretion advised!! Some may find the language or content objectionable.

Your Theatre, Inc. is grateful to our 72nd Season Sponsor, Bank5, for their seventh year of strong support.

Performance dates are Sat., 9/29, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 9/30, at 2:30 p.m.; Oct 4-6, at 7:30 PM; Sun. 10/7, at 2:30 PM. Performances are held at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse, 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church complex. Parking entrance is on County Street.

Tickets are \$18 general admission, \$13 for season subscribers and \$15 for senior citizens, students, and military personnel. For further information call Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or send an email to info@yourtheatre.org. The theatre's web site is www.yourtheatre.org

Indoor Sale

Indoor Yard/Bake Sale at Pilgrim United Church of Christ Church Home, 634 Purchase St., NB, on Fri., 10/5 from 5-8 p.m. and Sat., 10/6, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

For drop-off times, contact: Lora, 508-998-1718, C. 774-473-3485; Alice: 508-996-1498 (please leave message)

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

TESTING...TESTING 123...ACUSHNET

On Mon., 10/1 at 10:01 (clever, huh?) the Town of Acushnet will be testing the emergency notification system, "Code Red." Calls will automatically go to home telephone numbers. For cellphone alerts you need to opt in. Visit the town's website for Code Red details at www.acushnet.ma.us

Acushnet Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher encourages residents to sign up to have their cellphones added to the system.

"Emergencies are not scheduled events, state Chief Gallagher. "Some messages can wait for you to get home and listen to the answering machine. During an emergency, your ability to make decisions is time sensitive and messages should be received as quickly as possible."

Cellphone numbers will only be used for Code Red emergencies.

The federal government is also testing two alert systems to all cellphone numbers on Wed., 10/3, at 2:18 and 2:20 p.m.

Comedy night

A night of laughter presented by Acushnet American Legion Post 265, 71 Hope St., Acushnet, Sat., 9/29. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 8:30. Featuring James Dorsey, Marie Forster, Michael Petit. Tickets: \$20. Call 508-998-6938

Commuter Rail \$10

The MBTA's special \$10 weekend fare on the Commuter Rail, which is valid for unlimited travel through all zones on Saturdays and Sundays, will be extended to Sunday, December 9. This pilot program began on June 9.

Valid for all Commuter Rail zones from the first scheduled Saturday trip through the last scheduled Sunday trip, the \$10 fare is available on mTicket, onboard trains, and at ticket windows at North, South, and Back Bay Stations. The special fare applies to customers age 12 and above; paying adults can bring two children under 12 for free.

This \$10 weekend fare is a pilot program that was designed to test the market and encourage people to try Commuter Rail service on weekends

when ample seating is available.

The MBTA Commuter Rail includes the Lakeville, MA and Providence, RI, stations. Visit <https://www.mbta.com/schedules/commuter-rail> for all stops.

Support Greenway

Now's the time to BUILD the Greenway: Let Congress and U.S. DOT hear from you today! Help Mattapoisett expand the Greenway by having your voice heard!

This will be an extremely competitive grant program. If this grant is awarded, it will be a huge benefit to not only Mattapoisett but to Fairhaven and other local communities as well. Visit <https://www.greenway.org/build> for up to date news and announcements.

If you would like to have your voice heard: Send an email to Secretary Elaine Chao and the U.S. Department of Transportation at MassDOT (<https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants>) showing your support for Mattapoisett. EMAIL: BUILDGraunts@dot.gov.

Write to your elected officials to let them know you believe the Greenway is a good investment. Follow the directions on their contact forms — you'll need to enter your zip code and/or mailing address. We've included sample language asking officials to tell Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao that they support their local proposals.

For more information on how to contact, visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/home/news/news-time-build-greenway-let-congress-and-us-dot-hear-you-today>

Free Concert

Come enjoy music from the 50s to the present when Joe Mac returns to the **Running Brook Vineyards & Winery, 335 Old Fall River Road, Dartmouth, on Sun., 9/30, 1-5 p.m.** Bring your own snacks. Wine is for sale by the glass or the bottle. Free Admission to the concert. Plenty of parking.

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toes. CDs available. Visit www.joemacmusic.com, or 203-605-3143

SAVE THE DATE:

Parkland Students at UMD

Parkland, Fla. school shooting survivors David Hogg and Jaclyn Corin from Never Again MSD will be guest speakers at Engaging Student Voices: A Focus on Voting, Gun Control and Anti-Violence on Wed., 10/17, at 7 p.m. in the main auditorium of UMass Dartmouth. They will discuss how young people can affect policy through voting. Admission is free but registration is required to attend this Rev. Dr. Robert Lawrence Lecture.

To register, visit lawrence-lecture-2018.eventbrite.com.

Seafood Day at State House

You are invited to join Fishing Partnership Support Services, the Division of Marine Fisheries, and other organizations for the first annual Seafood Day at the Mass. State House on Tues., 10/2, to celebrate all things seafood! Enjoy this opportunity to meet with legislators, members of your community, advocates, and learn what's happening around the industry!

Join us on Tues., 10/2, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Grand Staircase at the Mass. State House, 24 Beacon St, Boston, MA 02133

Free and open to the public, legislators, state agency heads, commercial fishing and seafood industry community members and organizations, consumers, etc. PLUS a delicious local seafood lunch, sea shanties, and interactive displays.

This inaugural event will be celebrating the seafood industry, local fishermen, and the diverse, sustainable bounty they provide to the Commonwealth to ensure that legislators and state officials have a deep understanding of the marine species caught and landed in Mass. coastal waters, of the economic benefit of the seafood industry to the Commonwealth, and of the fishermen who bring us this seafood.

For more information, please contact: seafoodday@fishingpartnership.org

Recipe of the Week

Fluffy Pancakes

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
3 tbs confectioner's sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1 1/4 cups milk
1 egg yolk, plus 3 egg whites
4 tbs unsalted butter, melted & cooled, plus more for brushing
1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract
Butter & maple syrup

Whisk the flour, confectioners' sugar, baking powder and salt in a large bowl. Whisk the milk, egg yolk, melted butter and vanilla in a medium bowl until combined. In a separate large bowl, beat the 3 egg whites with a mixer on medium-high speed until stiff peaks form, about 2 minutes.

Stir the milk mixture into the flour mixture with a rubber spatula until just combined (a few lumps are OK). Stir in one-third of the beaten egg whites, then gently fold in the rest until just combined (do not overmix).

Heat a griddle or large nonstick skillet over medium-low heat; lightly brush with butter. Pour 1/4 cup batter onto the griddle for each pancake; cook until bubbles form on top and the bottom is lightly browned, about 3 minutes. Flip and continue cooking until golden on the other side, about 1 minute. Serve with butter & syrup.

To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to neighbnews@comcast.net
(Email preferred)

Resident alerts PD to break-in in progress

Fairhaven PD Press Release

At approximately 3 p.m. on Tuesday 9/11/18, Fairhaven Police received a call from a Sycamore Street resident claiming that his home security system alerted him to the presence of someone inside his house. He informed the dispatcher that he could see someone walking around in his house through a video surveillance system he had installed in the residence.

When police responded, they observed a male party matching the suspect's description walking towards New Bedford on Howland Road. Officers detained the suspect, who was carrying a pillow case over his shoulder. After the home owner described what his surveillance system captured on video, investigators examined the contents of the pillow case and determined all the property in the suspect's possession belonged to the reporting party.

Fairhaven Police arrested 35-year-old John Dangora of 20 George Street, New Bedford. Dangora allegedly gained access to the residence by forcing an air conditioning unit out of

a window. He was charged with vandalism for damaging the air conditioner, larceny from a building and breaking and entering in the daytime to commit a felony. Dangora was arraigned in New Bedford District Court Wednesday morning.



John Dangora, 35, of New Bedford has been charged with vandalism, larceny from a building, and breaking and entering in connection with a burglary on Sycamore Street in Fairhaven on Tuesday, 9/11. *Fairhaven Police photo.*

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Millicent open house showcases library offerings

By Beth David
Editor

Libraries have so much more than books to offer the public these days, and the Millicent Library in Fairhaven is no exception. In addition to the thousands of titles in hard cover and paperback available for borrowing, the library can also lend ebooks, allows people to use computers, and subscribes to a number of statewide databases that people can access for free with their library card.

On Saturday, 9/22, the Friends of the Millicent Library hosted an Open House to highlight some of the many different things that people can do at the library.

The day started with tours of the Millicent, a magnificent building that was built by Fairhaven benefactor Henry Huttleston Rogers and named after his daughter, but also functions as a working library.

The day also included information on the library's programs for children, including story times for young children and programs for teens.

Librarian Samantha Correia gave a

lesson on the library's many options for access to electronic books, records, and databases.

Did you know that if you have a Millicent Library card, you can access the vast resources of the Boston Public Library online?

The Millicent subscribes to a number of services that people can use to download ebooks and audio books.

Library users can call or go to the library and ask for help setting up their phones or other devices to get into the programs and apps, and then they will be able to use them on their own.

Those who consider themselves a little more tech savvy

can visit the library website themselves and try to figure it out. Visit: <http://millicentlibrary.org/all-databases/>

The Millicent is located at 45 Center Street, Fairhaven, and is wheelchair accessible from the Walnut Street entrance; 508-992-5342.



Samantha Correia (standing) explains how to use a variety of programs and apps for accessing resources statewide during the open house sponsored by the Friends of the Millicent Library on Saturday, 9/22/18. Photo by Beth David.

Millicent has its own databases, too, and you should see them

By Beth David
Editor

In addition to the statewide databases and the databases that the Millicent Library subscribes to, the library has its own cache of information in four databases of its own. Archivist Debbie Charpentier has been working on them for years.

The Fairhaven Cemetery database includes the records of everyone buried in the three cemeteries: Nasketucket, Riverside, and Woodside. It also includes three private cemeteries, which will allow people to research their ancestors without trespassing on private property.

It is a work in progress, said Ms. Charpentier, but she finally reached critical mass and put it online. In the end the database will include more than 25,000 burials.

The second database is Fairhaven Vital Records from 1844–1899. It includes birth, death, and marriage records from the town and can be used by genealogists and historians.

The third is the Fairhaven Star newspaper. All the papers from 1879 to 1967 have been digitized and are now available in a searchable database. That project required

special equipment and was funded with Community Preservation Act money authorized by Town Meeting.

The fourth is the Lost Fisherman Database, dedicated to those local fisherman lost at sea. This "ongoing labor of love," as the website states, is also, sadly, being added to as necessary.

The cemetery databases will eventually have photos of all the stones. As of now, Nasketucket and Woodside have photos already uploaded. The records for Sacred Heart Community Cemetery, which is a private cemetery of the Catholic Church, includes the obituaries of the priests buried there.

The project started in 2004, when Ms. Charpentier's mother and father said they wanted to be buried at Nasketucket in East Fairhaven. She discovered that it had been neglected, all the trustees had died. There were no records to be found anywhere.

She just felt, she said, that those people should not be forgotten.

She started going to the cemetery every chance she got, taking pictures and writing down information on the stones. She made a map.

Then she cross-referenced the

information with death records.

"That's why it took 12 years," she said, then remembered, it actually took 14 years.

When she started hanging around the cemetery, she said "people took notice."

"So, all of a sudden, Riverside Cemetery decided to be responsible for the upkeep of Nasketucket," she said, and started mowing the grass.

Then the police started patrolling more, to keep an eye on her as she walked around at all hours, sometimes with flashlight in hand.

"And now, people are being buried there again," she said, because Riverside is operating it.

The project is not quite done. There are 20,000 buried at Riverside and she has uploaded about 6,000 names so far.

"There has to be a certain amount of patience involved," said Ms. Charpentier, in what could be the understatement of the year.

To find the databases, visit <http://millicentlibrary.org>

Ms. Charpentier is also looking for volunteers to help by taking pictures of headstones. Call 508-992-5342 for more information. ***

Eight will vie for Miss New Bedford on 9/29

Press Release

On Saturday September 29th, eight young women from across Greater New Bedford will compete to become the next Miss New Bedford. This year's winner will receive a \$3,500 college scholarship plus thousands of dollars in additional sponsored gifts and services to use throughout her year. Runners-up and special prize winners will also receive scholarship prizes.

The young woman who becomes Miss New Bedford will then devote her year of service to the local community, and to her chosen personal cause. She will embark on a year's journey, joining a long sisterhood of women whose lives have been changed by winning the crown.

A local preliminary to the Miss Massachusetts and Miss America scholarship programs, the Miss New Bedford pageant emphasizes scholarship and service within the community. Since 1954, the pageant has awarded more than \$150,000 to winners and contestants.

Contestants compete in five stages of scored competition: Interview, Talent, Lifestyle and Physical Fitness in Swimsuit, Evening Wear, and an On-Stage Question. The phases aim to test contestants on a variety of qualities that Miss New Bedford is expected to have, including confi-

dence, intelligence, and a commitment to service.

The reigning Miss New Bedford 2018 is Sara Elizabeth Achorn. She is a sophomore at Bridgewater State University majoring in Special Education and Music. During her year of service, Sara made 90 appearances throughout the community and promoted her personal platform, "Progress Not Perfection," which emphasized the importance making healthy lifestyle changes and choices. At the Miss Massachusetts pageant, Sara won the Miracle Maker Award for raising nearly \$4,000 for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. A talented vocalist, she also received the Most Talented Non-Finalist Award.

The pageant will be held Saturday September 29th, 2018 at 6 p.m. at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, located at 1121 Ashley Blvd., in New Bedford. Tickets are \$20 if reserved in advance or \$25 when purchased at the door. To reserve tickets, email tickets@missnewbedford.org.

This year's Miss New Bedford contestants are

- Sara Alfaro, 20, Student at UMassD, Platform: Stomping Out the Stigma Around Mental Illness. College Major: Psychology. Talent: Vocal/ Piano
- Meighread Dandeneau, 19, Student

at Fitchburg State University. Platform: Strength Over Silence.

College Major: Communications Media. Talent: Vocal

- Kenzie Farland, 20, Student at UMassD. Platform: You Are Limitless: Building A Positive Self-Image. College Major: Political Science/Pre-Law. Talent: Vocal
- Alexis Ferreira, 21, Graduate of Bridgewater State University, Platform: Unplug and be Present: Encouraging the Increase of Face-to-face Interactions. College Major: Received a BS in Psychology. Talent: Irish Step Dance
- Mary O'Connor, 22, Student at UMassD. Platform: Creating Pathways: Promoting Epilepsy and Seizure Disorder Education and Awareness. College Major: Bioengineering. Talent: Belly Dance
- Beatriz Ribeiro, 22, Student at UMassD. Platform: The Meaning of Health and Wellness. College Major: Photography. Talent: Vocal
- Kimberly Souza, 22, Student at Southern NH University. Platform: Healthy Smile, Healthy You. College Major: Healthcare Business Administration. Talent: Vocal
- Megan Sylvia, 20, Student at Bridgewater State University. Platform: Learning Begins with Literacy. College Major: Criminal Justice. Talent: Vocal



Eight women will vie for the title of Miss New Bedford 2019.

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Kenzie Farland,
Alexis Ferreira
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The bus will leave the Recreation Center at 6 a.m. and return at 10 p.m. Light refreshments will be available in the morning. All Children must be accompanied by a parent. Date: Saturday, October 13th Cost \$50 per person. Deadline for registration is October 6th

Spooky Salem

Just in time for Halloween! Come with us on a coach bus to Salem, MA. See all the haunted happenings and visit ghostly places on your own. Bus leaves the Recreation Center at 1:30 p.m., and returns to the Rec at 10 p.m.. Date: October 20th, 2018 **Cost: \$40** Deadline for registration is October 13th All Children must be accompanied by an adult.

NYC on your own

Shopping and sightseeing in the Big Apple...why not? Enjoy a day in New York City as we travel in style in a luxury motor coach. The perfect opportunity to get that holiday shopping done early, visit local places of interest, check out a show, see the holiday decorations or just wine and dine.

Drop off and pick up is at Bryant Park. Bus leaves from the Fairhaven Recreation Center where coffee and donuts will be available upon arrival. We'll provide movies on the bus.

To be sure that this trip can run pre-registration is required. All children must be accompanied by a parent. Depart FHVN: 5:30AM Arrive NYC: 10:30AM Depart NYC: 5PM Arrive FHVN: 10PM Cost: \$50 Date: November 24th Registration Deadline is November 17th

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10/10: Warwick Mall

10/17 South Shore Plaza
10/24: Hyannis Mall, Xmas Shop & Trader

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Special Activities

Fairhaven Fire Department Open House

Sunday, October 7th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. The Fairhaven Fire Department will be hosting an open house where people in the community will have an opportunity to tour the fire department and see fire demonstrations. If you would like transportation to this event. Please call The Fairhaven COA at 508-979-4029.

Flu Shots

Thursday, Oct 26th and Nov. 8th 2:30-3:30 p.m. Provided by Walgreens Pharmacy At the Fairhaven Council on Aging. Please bring your insurance cards with you. Call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 to sign up.

Family Caregiver Support Group

Open to ALL Caregivers 1st Friday of every month: 1-2:30 p.m. Dartmouth COA 228 Dartmouth Street, South Dartmouth. Pre-registration is not required For more information please call Carolyn Lazaris or Stephanie Gibson at 508-999-6400.

Sewing Circle

Mondays 1-3 p.m. Oct. 15 & 29; and

Knit & Crochet for Charity

The Fairhaven COA will be participating in a wonderful project that First Citizens Federal Credit Union is planning in conjunction with Rise Up Foe Homes. We are looking for people who are willing to knit or crochet adult and child size hats and scarves for the homeless. Their plan is to hand out hats and scarves at this event. Anyone who would like to participate can drop off their items at the Fairhaven COA by October 12th .

S.H.I.N.E

Open Enrollment from October 15th to December 7th , you will be able to change your plan for next year. If you would like help understanding your upcoming changes and options, a trained S.H.I.N.E counselor is available to offer FREE and CONFIDENTIAL counseling on all Medicare and related health insurance programs. Appointments fill up fast. Call the Fairhaven Senior Center (for Fairhaven Residents only) call 508-979-4029.

Ongoing Programs

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A/G Consumer Mediator; Bingo; Board Meeting/monthly; Bridge; Caregiver Support & Education Group; Chair Yoga, Computer Training; Fit Quest; Friends of Elderly/monthly meeting; Grocery Shopping; LGBT Supper Club; Line Dancing; Live Band; Medical Transportation; Nutrition Program/ meal served; Osteoporosis class; Outreach Coordinator; PACE Fuel Assistance; Pitch; Reassurance Program; Shopping; Singles Senior Supper Club; Supportive Senior Social Day Program; Tai Chi; Tap 'N' Time, Walking Clubs, Zumba.



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Acushnet Selectboard approves police department changes

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

Acushnet Police Chief Michael Alves informed the Selectboard of the retirement Gary Rousseau effective 10/2, and asked that he be appointed as a special police officer, at the Selectboard meeting on 9/25.

The new status would allow Mr. Rousseau to work details and the dispatch desk.

The Selectboard congratulated Mr. Rousseau on his retirement and approved the appointment as Special Police Officer.

In another matter, Chief Alves asked for a requisition to hire five part-time police officers. He told the board advised that it takes almost a year to get officers off the civil list and then into the academy to become officers. He explained that the move would allow more base people to be on a shift and he has noticed over the last few years that the new generation was not overtime driven. The Selectboard approved the requisition for the five part-time officers.

Chief Alves also discussed the process of hiring a Deputy Police

Chief. He said this person would be his successor and is something he has discussed in the past.

Selectboard member Roger Cabral said it was something he remembers reading earlier in the year, and would like some time to review again before he has to make a decision.

Chief Alves said he is close to retirement and by hiring a deputy Police Chief he or she would be in line in 18 months to two years to get the Department running as he envisioned before his retirement.

He explained that the Chief's role would be the overall planning of the Department and the Deputy Chief would be running the day to day operations.

Mr. Alves also explained that they have recently hired a full-time Administrative Assistant and that has taken a lot of the administrative work from him. He asked the Selectboard to look at the long term department effects with the proposed changes.

The Board took the suggestions under advisement and will review in the weeks to come.

In other business, Town Adminis-

trator Brian Noble reported that he and Veteran Agent Ray Cormier have had a discussion with Fairhaven's Town Administrator, Mark Rees, about an Inter-Municipal Veterans' District Agreement.

Mr. Noble stated that it was only a discussion at this point, since the Selectboard has only given him a yellow light to proceed. He said they may be far away from a solution, however, they are hoping for a proposal by the end of the year.

On the same note, Mr. Noble stated that he would be meeting on Thursday about the Veterans Housing at the Russell Memorial Library building, and the possibility of constructing seven units there.

He said it is a positive step in the right direction.

The Selectboard also announced that they had approved a three-year contract for the Fire Chief, Kevin Gallagher. Chief Gallagher thanked the Board for the three-year contract, stating that in the 15 years he has been with Acushnet it was the first time he had a contract.

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Planning Board Chairperson explains pot bylaw strategy

By Wayne Hayward

Fairhaven Planning Board Chair

In response to recent reporting on Fairhaven marijuana bylaws, I offer my personal experiences. First, I attribute any past confusion of the town to constantly fluctuating state regulations.

At the February 12, 2018 Board of Selectmen meeting, town counsel drafted nine possible questions to appear on the April 02 ballot, to gauge the sentiment of town residents on universal prohibition, targeted prohibition or a compromised approach to numbers of establishments.

I convinced them that without a town planner and the narrow time to process zoning bylaws, it could be risky. We agreed not to proceed with the zoning bylaw or ballot questions, but instead prepare for the fall of 2018.

The moratorium zoning bylaw in place expires Dec 31, 2018.

I attended the Selectmen meeting of August 13, not to represent a Fairhaven Planning Board position without the other members, but to formerly inquire of Selectmen their official intent on placing their nine February 12 discussed ballot questions. After the usual cannabis confusion, the members indicated they were not including any ballot questions attached to the Nov 06 election or a special election.

The August 14, 2018 Planning Board meeting was meaningful discussion. I see nothing wrong with debate between eight elected officials and staff in front of live cameras. At this meeting, some didn't feel I presented my larger discussions, as the board started the evening, paragraph by paragraph, correcting typos and smaller issues on the draft instead.

The meeting of August 28th, I was allowed to point out a discrepancy in allowing retail sales in the town's business zone using the zoning map to indicate that no single business lot in town could actually comply with the 500 foot setback, with the exception of Long Island.

This could be a challengeable bylaw. If you zone for a new use, you must actually provide the land mass for the use to occur. The draft language was then altered by the members and the entire business zone use was reclassified and

proposed setbacks were removed from the bylaw.

Marijuana state ballot votes to date: 2008 — Decriminalized to misdemeanor; 2012 — Legalized Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers; 2016 Question 4 — Legalized personal possession of recreational marijuana.

The larger aspects concerning cannabis are settled by ballot voting. It will continue to be the case, as consumption establishments and home delivery uses appear on future ballots. It might be the case, but not clear to me if a town can prevent marijuana ballot initiatives or is it in control of anyone obtaining 875 voter signatures to place on a ballot in Fairhaven.

The voters in Acushnet, Rochester, Marion, Westport, and Freetown voted narrowly in favor of Question 4.

Are all these entities
possibly old
fuddy-duddies,
merely unwilling to
accept change?

Since then however, new votes in these towns have passed prohibitions or new extended moratoriums.

Mattapoisett and Lakeville voted negative and have retail bans. The towns, who recently voted to prohibit, by the end of 2019, will be required to poll voters again.

Wareham, New Bedford, and Dartmouth voters approved Question 4 and now have bylaws appearing in place. Fairhaven voted 55.1%–44.9% in favor and is ready to present a zoning bylaw on October 09, 2018. Other departments are finalizing their procedures. I believe it is as restricted as possible without further ballot vote restrictions, three retail stores.

Comparisons of future recreational sales to the current medical marijuana sold are troubling to me. The current location on Alden Rd would not be expected to generate problems after it was properly sited, regulated and dispensed by prescription, along with onsite assistance treating your ailment.

In a March 2017 letter from Harvard University scientists to the Governor of Colorado, the alarming spike in rates of marijuana auto fatalities, poison control calls, emergency room visits and public school issues positively attributable to high potency "recreational" marijuana, were mentioned. I wonder if half the residents in Massachusetts still consider their expert cautions or are they swayed by overwhelming advertising from industry advocates such as Denver based AmeriCann, Inc.

The product of medical grade inhaled marijuana might be distinctly different from "recreational" marijuana. Medical cannabis is very high in CBD (the highly documented therapeutic effect) verses low THC (get stoned effect). Recreational marijuana is predominantly the opposite, extremely high in THC and low in CBD. The "recreational" seeds being grown today are upwards of 34% THC content.

If trends continue, states may try to regulate maximum THC. Similar comparison to home distillation of moonshine is also legal on your personal property in Massachusetts and you may manufacture and share with others, just like marijuana laws. I personally would not vote to allow "recreational moonshine" to be sold at methanol strength in Fairhaven retail outlets, regardless of what you call it.

Hopefully cannabis distributors will not pose a toxicity problem when regulated by the Cannabis Control Commission.

The fact of organizations that came out strongly against Question 4 in 2016 were the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, Massachusetts Hospital Association, Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, Retailers Association of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Municipal Association, Conference of Teaching Hospitals, Massachusetts Medical Society, Construction Industries of Massachusetts, National Association of Mental Illness, Governor Baker, Mayor of Boston, and the Attorney General of Massachusetts. Are all these entities possibly old fuddy-duddies, merely unwilling to accept change?

I think they have credible points,
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we should remember as we move forward.

I hope we proceed with caution and provide for the smallest number of establishments as possible in the near future. The suggestion to the Planning Board of placing an additional warrant article to extend

the current moratorium from December 31, 2018 to June 30, 2019 was not an attempt to delay in this case, but to merely provide a cautionary fallback position for the November 13, 2018 Town Meeting, if the bylaw does not receive the required super majority vote. A

simple motion to "pass over" would occur otherwise.

I am uneasy about it and I am sure other Planning Board members are as well, but the bylaw presented, following the public hearing, will be your only option to regulate marijuana establishments.

Recycling is a pain, but do it anyway

SO, here's the thing: Although it is the right to do, recycling has become a huge pain in the buttocks. BUT, here's the other thing: Although it is a huge pain in the buttocks, we must still do it.

There are a few reasons creating the "perfect storm" that has brought us to this point in time, but regardless of what they are, we are the current generation responsible for our planet's future not to mention the future of our great-grandchildren and beyond. I know that sounds dramatic but when I consider that my mid-seventy-year-old parents have 11 great-grandchildren the future seems closer than ever.

For me the biggest pains in my buttocks are having to clean the yuck out of the bottles, cans, pizza boxes etc. and trying to remember that the soda cup from McD's is ok but the lid and straw are not. I have a couple of ideas that may lessen the pain.

Our Town should invest in fridge magnets that spell out the Dos and Don'ts. These should be available at our public facilities for those who want them and, more importantly, attached to the OOPS notices on non-compliant recycle bins.

When it comes to having to wash our recycle stuff the thought that crosses most minds is, "my water bill will go up b/c I have to rinse/wash everything so it's cheaper to put it in regular trash." THAT is true unless adjustments are made.

After a couple of months of adjusting I discovered that what works for my household is keeping a second dishpan to gather recyclables throughout the day then when I wash dishes by hand or have water from cooking spaghetti or from rinsing veggies/fruits I put that water in the recycle dishpan. At the end of the day I clean the recyclables and put them in the bin. I then use the water for

From our readers

plants. I know what busy parents are thinking, "no way I've time for that every day," but this is where the future generation comes in. Most children five and older can handle the chore of cleaning the recyclables that are in the dishpan.

Today I had an epiphany because of the 9/13 issue of this informative publication. I will purchase a Rain Barrel (deadline for ordering is 9/30) and use the water collected to wash recyclables then water plants.

Fairhavenites, we can do this so please DO NOT be deterred by the new regulations.

Diane Hahn, Fairhaven

Marijuana has many benefits

Some benefits of responsible recreational marijuana use include:

- Calms rather than inebriates the mind into possible aggressive behavior.
- Enhances sexual pleasure.
- Improves sleep without the usual side effects of alcohol.
- Can increase creativity.

The benefits of medicinal and recreational cannabis offer a new generation of young and old the opportunity to be able to take advantage of this superior botanical.

In addition, the use of hemp (the by product of cannabis) brings a whole new sustainable material to the Eco-friendly table. Hemp can be used to make paper, clothing, food and so much more; The Constitution and Betsy Ross's flag were both hemp material, a popular choice at the time.

1. Job Growth
2. Increased retail sales
3. Federal, state, local tax
4. Development of additional business
5. Reduced black market
6. Change war on drugs
7. Increased consumer safety
8. Substitute for opioid users
9. Treats medical conditions.

It appears that the opponents of retail sales of marijuana are not

focusing on the benefits that this industry brings. It is the "not in my back yard" mentality, that has stagnated businesses in Massachusetts for years. Casinos are not wanted in our back yard, power plants are not wanted, halfway houses are not wanted, and so on and so forth. How many times are we going to push development away to save our precious town?

Miss Delano quoted a drug abuse report that listed the negative effects of marijuana. Is it my imagination, but could not these same effects be attributed to cigarettes, and alcohol. But do you see Miss Delano or Mr. Roderick petitioning for the closure of any retail store offering those products, or fat laden foods to its obese patrons, or the closure of bars or restaurants that allow parents to bring their children where alcohol is being served.

Nor do they advocate for the removal of doctor's licenses that prescribe opioids to their patients? What about the drug companies that manufacture all these miracle drugs whose side effects are more detrimental than the possible good effects? They are not saying one word about this.

Take a walk down Sconticut Neck road! The road is littered with Dunkin Donut trash, more beer cans and bottles than you can shake a stick at, and tossed cigarette packages. Where's the outrage on this?

Stop pushing your antiquated agenda on the general public.

Get real, this is 2018 and the industry is here to stay. Stop living in the 1960's and let us make it better for the future. I believe in regulation, but I do not believe in living with old stigmas that are not relevant any longer.

I am a Republican, a taxpayer, a resident of Fairhaven, Vietnam era veteran, and college educated. I

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Fairhaven natives co-author book on underground railroad

Press Release

George "Sonny" Holt and his sister Elizabeth "Betty" Palm, both born and raised in Fairhaven, have published the historical fiction novel *Run Away to Glory – Helen's Story*. It's rich in history, during which slavery of African Americans took place and the importance of the Underground Railroad. Set in two prime locales, Vermont and Massachusetts during the 1850s, it's the story of a Quaker couple and their heroic efforts to rescue and escort slaves on their way north to freedom.

There are numerous intriguing subplots, like the "factory girls." These young Vermont farm girls, some as young as 15, leave their farm homes to work the cotton mills in Massachusetts. They tell of horrendous working conditions as they spin cotton into cloth on their power looms. The same cotton picked by southern slaves. The book is gripping and may bring tears to your eyes but it is also sprinkled with lighter and quite often laughable moments.

Some real-life experiences of the authors are also referenced in the

book. For example, two runaway slaves are found in a hidden room, almost identical to the room in their grandmother's old farmhouse located in East Fairhaven. Also, Ginny-town in North Fairhaven, is where Gypsies encamped during summer months. This is the place in the novel where two runaways were kept in hiding from local authorities and bounty hunters.

There are numerous historical events associated with the Whaling fleet of Fairhaven including a quite detailed account of Manjiro Nakahama, the first Japanese person to live in the US, after being rescued by Captain Whitfield. And there is a suspenseful and gripping murder trial that takes place in New Bedford that will keep you on the edge of your seat waiting



Fairhaven natives, George "Sonny" Holt and his sister Elizabeth "Betty" Palm, have coauthored a book about the underground railroad, "Run Away to Glory." Submitted photo.

for the outcome

Run Away to Glory" is a story of unsung heroes, of both races, some who gave their lives for acting out their convictions. This compelling and heart-warming book includes more than 30 historic photos and illustrations. Both soft bound and

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Fairhaven Planning Board

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 6:30 pm
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

1) PLN-19-00314 **Plaza Way**. Special Permit application by Bohler Engineering on behalf of MCZ Realty LLC, pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Section 198-27(A)(3)(a). New construction that would require a total of five or more parking spaces counting existing and new demand, and Section 198-16, Use Regulation Schedule, Drive Through Window, for a proposal to construct a new, 2,002 sf Dunkin Donuts with drive-through window in an existing parking area, at the property located at 14 Plaza Way, Assessors Map 27, Parcel 13, in the Business Zoning District. The application includes a request to waive sections 198-27(C)(4) and 198-19(B) of the Zoning Bylaw, pertaining to an existing non-conforming landscape buffer strip and a proposed non-conforming 42 inch fence, both within the front yard setback.

2) **Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Draft Marijuana Zoning Bylaw** The Planning Board will hold a public hearing to hear comments from the public on a proposed Draft Marijuana Zoning Bylaw, in order to provide for the safe and deliberate

implementation of the recreational marijuana law that both protects the health and safety of Fairhaven residents and property owners, and respects the majority of Fairhaven voters who approved the ballot question. This zoning will encompass and replace the existing medical marijuana zoning.

Copies of the application and the Draft Marijuana Zoning Bylaw listed in this hearing notice may be viewed at the Office of Planning & Economic Development in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board
9/20/18 & 9/27/18

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall, East Room, to consider the following petition(s):

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 1) **160 Balsam Street** – Plot 43B, Lot 26 – Variance request from Chapter 198-18: Short 12' of the required 30' front setback, 13' short of required 30' rear yard, 10.5' short of required 20' side yard, and 14% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 15% all within an RR District.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman
9/20/18 & 9/27/18

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the Committee for Public Counsel Services and the Mass. Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers also filed in support of Ms. Carter, contending mostly that her status as a juvenile was not sufficiently taken into account; and that testimony on juvenile brain development should have been allowed.

The arguments will be live-streamed on the Suffolk University Law School website at <https://www.suffolk.edu/sjc/>

Conrad Roy III died from carbon monoxide poisoning. He was found in the Kmart parking lot in Fairhaven in July, 2014. In 2017, Ms. Carter was found guilty and sentenced to 30 months in the Bristol County House of Correction, with 15 months to be served and 15 months suspended. The judge stayed the sentence until all state appeals are exhausted.***



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pot on private property.

"I just want to say publicly that it was the wrong thing to do when they passed it," said Ms. Carvalho.

Mr. Brady noted that the people who signed the petitions had many different reasons for doing so, but they all wanted to see a new vote.

He and a couple of others emphasized that the issue was not about medical marijuana, it was strictly about recreational retail shops.

Bernard Roderick, speaking about the moratorium, said there was no harm in getting an extension to let the Planning Board "get it right the first time."

"I personally feel that extending it six months is in no way detrimental to the process," said Mr. Roderick.

Mr. Espindola reiterated that he was not a supporter of legalizing pot for recreational use, but that he had a problem with the board putting a measure on the ballot. He said he was uncomfortable overriding the will of the voters. If the question, however, comes from those same voters, he said he was more apt to support it.

Mr. Brady said that what they wanted was a more direct question

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Kindle editions are available on Amazon where it has been receiving 5 Star ratings. The Millicent Library has a copy for borrowing.

"Run Away to Glory is a work of art," writes Charles K. Murphy in a review that is published in the book. "Though fictional, you can envision

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because the 2016 vote was a generic question legalizing pot use.

"The question was not asked, point blank and simple: Do you want retail shops in town," said Mr. Brady.

Since the meeting, the town clerk's office has certified 199 signatures on the moratorium petition, so they have enough to put it on the Special TM warrant.

In another matter, the board announced approval of a three-year contract, ending in 12/31/21, for Town Administrator Mark Rees, with an increase in salary from \$160,742, to \$166,142; and an increase in vacation from four to five weeks. The contract also eliminates Mr. Rees's car allowance. He said the shifting of the funds from expenses to his salary will help with his retirement. Other changes include an increase in his professional development reimbursement from \$3,000 to \$4,000 and an increase in his dues and subscriptions from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

In other business, the board:
• Approved a handicapped parking spot with signs at 64 Fort Street.
• Voted to join a lawsuit with 150 other municipalities against pharmaceutical companies due to the opioid crisis. ***

the story amongst many historical facts. I was fully engaged in the story lines that involved New Bedford and Fairhaven. They touched upon some great local events...the story brings alive some of the struggles and battles of silent heroes who gave everything, including life, to the work of the Underground Railroad." ***

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 10/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 10/1, 5 Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Community Preservation

Thurs., 10/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 10/1, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Dog Park Committee

Wed., 10/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 10/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 10/10, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 10/1, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 10/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Assessors

Tues., 10/16, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 10/4, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 10/9, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

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Saturday	29	1137	----	0428* 1701*
Sunday	30	0004	1232	0512* 1749
Oct. 2018		HIGH	LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.
Monday	1	0103	1332	0602 1851
Tuesday	2	0204	1432	0708 2007
Wednesday	3	0303	1533	0826 2120

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Thomas Perez

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believe that every person has a responsibility to himself and his neighbor.

Get the log out of your own eye before you try to take the splinter out of someone else's.

Donald DeGagne, Fairhaven resident

Marijuana is addictive

I am sending you this letter to encourage you to support a town wide referendum to let the citizens of our town see if they want the sale of recreational marijuana in our town.

There are some highly qualified citizens who have spoken out against the sale of recreational marijuana in our town, for one, Bernard Roderick a former superintendent of our schools in Fairhaven. No doubt he has had first hand experience with its negative affects. No doubt many others have spoken out because of their experience with it.

I noted that in an article in the 9/13/18 edition of the *Neighb News*, that [Selectboard] chairman Freitas said that he wished it was available for his parents. While there may be some medical benefits to it, there are many other medicines that are probably much better without its addictive nature.

[I have a close relative who] smokes medical marijuana. I would challenge Mr Freitas to stand next to her when she smokes this medical marijuana and listen to her choke, gag and cough while she smokes it and then how beneficial it is.

I have personal experience with this so-called medical marijuana and I can say it's nothing more than a scam to enrich the sellers and peddlers who only care about their own profit and greed. I have been to these dispensaries. For the most part, the buyers are young people with what I believe an addiction to marijuana with no real medical problems.

You go to a willing doctor, get a prescription, put 150 dollars down at a phony center that issues licenses and you go to the dispensaries, they rake in the cash.

From my stand point and experience with marijuana I can say it's a very addictive drug, five times stronger than it was 30-40 years ago.

There are many studies that point to its negative effects particularly on young people. It kills the work incentive, lowers the IQ, not to mention the health risks.

I invite any to go to the American Lung web site and read the results of their studies. One point they point out is that marijuana smoke is loaded with carcinogens and people who smoke inhale more deeply and retain the smoke in their lungs for its addictive affect.

I can promise you parents you will rue the day if your children get addicted to it.

As a final point, as a loving parent, you will love and discipline your children. This means to set an example for them. You warn them about the dangers of cigarettes, drugs and alcohol, in other words you put a protective hedge around them.

When you legalize it you legitimize it, you are sending a wrong message out.

Hope to see you at the special town meeting

John Pond, Fairhaven

Rude treatment means lost customer

I've been a resident of Fairhaven for 34 years and have been a patron of the Fairhaven Convenience Store on Sconticut Neck all my life. For the past six years, I have been there every morning, Monday through Friday, before work to grab a protein bar and a bottle of juice.

I pay \$3.49 for the protein bar and \$2.00 for the juice. I can buy a box of 12 protein bars for \$13.58 shipped to my door in two days and I can purchase a six-pack of the same juice at Market Basket for \$4.49. But I prefer to support a local business thus supporting the workers, particularly "Bearma," a kind and friendly West Island [resident] whom I have had the pleasure of becoming friends

with. I looked forward to our one-minute chats each morning that always end with "love ya," since I consider her an adopted grandmother.

On Thursday, 9/13/18, I entered the store wearing a hooded sweatshirt and had the hood on since it was down-pouring rain. There was a line of people at the register. One of the owners was working that morning instead of Bearma and he began loudly yelling at me to remove my hood. Now this guy knows me, by name in fact, as I have had many conversations with him since he has been owner of the store. He clearly recognized me and I initially thought he was joking. I nervously smiled at him and he became increasing outraged violently pointing his finger at me screaming for me to remove my hood stating that it "is against the law."

I removed my hood and that's when a woman in line stood up for me yelling back at the owner telling him that there is no reason for him to scream at me like that and that it is not against the law to wear a hood inside a store.

He continued to rant on and told me not to wear my bike helmet in the store either because I often stop there after a bike ride for another over-priced protein bar. I left in disbelief of the way I had just been treated thinking that he was a friend after all the years of support I have given to that store.

Do the math...\$5.49 times five is \$27.45 times 52 weeks is \$1,427.40. And this doesn't include all the stops for milk, bread and Powerball tickets.

Needless to say, I will never step foot back into that store even though it saddens me that I will miss my Bearma chats. He has lost my "buy local" way of living and I guess I will join the evil Amazon empire.

I hope the Fairhaven Convenience Store management smartens up and learns how to respectfully talk and treat people before they lose the few customers they have left.

Danny Silvia, Fairhaven



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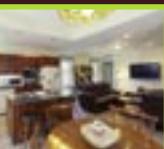
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