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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Brr....it's cold out there! It's supposed to be the coldest Thanksgiving on Record. As of press time, the football game is still on schedule (see page 3), but you might want to keep an eye out for changes. Some of the other schools have changed the date or the times.

In any case the bonfire will be good and warm. I know, I know....this is a Thursday sheet, but we're heading out on Wednesday this week. So, you have one last chance to be reminded of the bonfire.

The football game isn't the only event that will be in the icicle region. The Turkey Trot (page 3), will get started when it is absolutely polar plunge weather. Oh... I'm mixing up my events here.

This week is our annual shopping issue. I tried to get all our advertisers in there....sure hope I didn't forget anyone. Please make it a point to patronize local businesses first as you do your shopping this season. The little guys do more than sell stuff, they are part of the communities they are in. They contribute to the atmosphere of a place. But they are not non-profits supported by big sponsors. They are businesses trying to pay a living wage to the people who work there.

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Until next week then...see ya,

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Nothing? Really? Is everyone paying attention?



Turkey Trot and Football for Thanksgiving

By Beth David
Editor
Since 2010, the Fairhaven Turkey Trot,

held on Thanksgiving Day, has raised over \$80,000 and collected hundreds of pounds of canned goods to support local food pantries. Last year, Turkey Trot runners and families donated over 2,000 pounds of non-perishable items to The Shepherd's Pantry!

Race gather time is 7:50 a.m. at the flagpole at Cushman Park for brief announcements, a thank-you from Shepherd's Pantry and the Star-Spangled Banner performed by former Miss Mass. Jillian Zucco.

Race begins promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Route

You'll start on Green Street at Cushman Park (at the flagpole) and will head straight down Green to Fort Phoenix. You'll head up Fort St., past the marina and a water stop, to Main St via Center Street. You'll go right on Bridge St. to Mulberry St. to loop back to the Cushman Park track for a strong finish!

Fairhaven Police will staff major intersections while Trot volunteers marshal minor crossings.

Thanksgiving morning is usually pretty COLD! So, layer up and plan to be outside for a few minutes before the Trot to pick-up your number.

New registrations will be taken on Thursday, 11/22 from 7:00am-7:45am \$25. Age 12 and under, always \$10

At the SMEC Building, 56 Bridge Street, Fairhaven (cash or check only)

Parking is available on surrounding streets, in the bank parking lots on Route 6, and in a small parking lot for Cushman Park. Please be courteous and do not block residents' driveways or access

Stuff-A-Truck

Bring your canned goods and non-perishable items on race day. When you bring your canned goods to the truck, you are welcome to fill out a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of the prizes!

Thank you for your generous donations which help to keep The Shepherd's Pantry shelves stocked for the local families in need. Every donation is appreciated!

Post-Race Gathering

After the 5K, visit Rasputin's Tavern for hot coffee, hot chocolate, snacks, and good times while you stretch and thaw-out in the toasty space. Join us at 122 Main Street, about two blocks from the Finish Line! Big thanks in 2018 to Rasputin's Tavern for hosting, once again, this year's After-Trot Fest!

Thanksgiving Day Game

The Fairhaven High School Blue Devils Football team will face the Dartmouth Indians at Dartmouth Middle School Football Field, on Thanksgiving Day, Thurs., 11/22, at 10 a.m. Go cheer on your home town team! Don't forget the BONFIRE on

Wed. night at Cushman Park at 5:30. (I know, I know, this is a Thursday sheet, but we're actually distributing on Wednesday this week, so...)



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Selectboard announces 25 MPH townwide; welcomes new PO

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard announced the implementation of the townwide 25 MPH default speed limit, effective January 1, 2019, at its meeting on Monday, 11/19/18.

Both the board and Town Meeting voted to pass the default speed limit. It will be in effect wherever there are no speed limit signs. Instead of drivers relying on the old rules they learned about densely populated areas, etc., to figure out what the limit is on certain roads, the speed limit will be 25 MPH everywhere, unless otherwise posted.

"I think it's a good idea," said Chief Myers, to have 25 MPH on unposted roads in residential areas.

He said on a lot of roads, the old default of 30 MPH is "quite fast."

Selectboard member Charles K. Murphy, Sr., has long been a proponent of drivers slowing down. He said 30 MPH is too fast on most roads in town.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola agreed, saying that the complaint he receives the most from residents is about fast driving, from all parts of town

The department will place signs at the entrances into Fairhaven notifying drivers of the change.

Chief Myers stressed that the roads that are already posted will not change. The new limit is for unposted roads only.

"I think this is a great idea," said Selectboard Chairperson Daniel Freitas, noting that West Island residents are especially vocal about finding ways to slow drivers down.

The town will notify residents with posts on social media, said the chief.

In another matter, the board accepted the resignation of Nancy Kleinowskis from the Council on Aging. In her letter she cited "personal reasons and job expectations."

The board appointed Carol Burt to that board. In her letter requesting an appointment, Ms. Burt listed several groups she volunteers for, including the Social Day Program at the COA's Senior Center. She works at Atria Assisted Living.

"I'm so happy she wants to be on [COA]," said Mr. Murphy, saying he knows her "very well."

The board also appointed Eric Dawicki to a spot on the Marine Resources Committee.

Tim Keogh, the operator of Bask, the town's registered medical marijuana dispensary (RMD) that has also applied for a recreational retail license, met with the board to briefly discuss the creation of a host community agreement for the retail operation.

The RMD has a host agreement with the town, but a separate one will be necessary for retail sales. The agreement will outline regulations that include how much the operation will pay the town in addition to regular business taxes, etc.

Town Administrator Mark Rees suggested that the board create a working group with members he will appoint, to work out the details of the agreement with Bask. Mr. Murphy expressed an interest in being in the group because he was on the marijuana advisory committee.

The group will be appointed by Mr. Rees, so the board did not vote on the appointment of Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Keogh told the board that he

did not think it would be "too heavy of a lift," since there is already one host community agreement in place.

The Attorney General's Office has not yet approved the bylaw regulating recreational marijuana sales in Fairhaven that was passed by Town Meeting on 11/13. The town can still go ahead with creating the agreement. No sales will take place, however, until the AG approves the bylaw and all local regulations are approved.

The board also lent its support to the annual "Prize-a-Palooza" raffle event at the Seaport in on 12/2. The annual event raises money for the Neediest Families Fund administered by the Salvation Army in New Bedford. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Espindola both promised to be celebrity bartenders. Mr. Freitas promised to try his best to get there to support the cause.

According to organizers, the event raised \$32,000 last year.

The board also reviewed and accepted the preliminary report on their FY20 policy goals and objectives meeting. Mr. Rees will get input from department heads, incorporate it into the report and then resubmit it to the board for a more in depth discussion at a future meeting.

Mr. Espindola said it was one of the best things Mr. Rees brought to town. He said it makes it easier to see all the good things going on, and the progress made on each goal.

The board also welcomed Michael Carrette to the Fairhaven Police Department as patrol officer.

Chief Myers made the appointment, which was approved by Mr. Rees.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Turkey Trot

Fairhaven Thanksgiving Turkey Trot, Thurs., 11/22. Gather: 7-7:45 Start Time: 8:00 a.m. Green Street side of Cushman Park, Fairhaven
See page 3 for details.

Help Decorate Benoit Sq.

Work off that turkey dinner

Help the North Fairhaven Improvement Association decorate Benoit Square for the holiday season. Please join us on Sat., 11/24, starting at 8 a.m. *Many hands make light work.*

At the corner of Howland Ave. and Main St., where Main & Adams merge.

Toy Drive West Isl.

Once again, Cathi Konicki will dedicate the West Island Toys for Tots toy drive to Lance Corporal Matthew Rodriguez, the Fairhaven Marine who was killed in Afghanistan on 12/11/13.

Please bring a toy for a child to 151 Balsam St., Fairhaven, **before Dec. 10.**

Toys for Tots is a national program sponsored by the US Marines that provides toys to kids who might not otherwise get any presents for Christmas. Your generous donation of a new toy or money to purchase a new toy will be greatly appreciated.

Clothes Drive

Fairhaven Wine and Spirits fifth annual **Share the Warmth coat and cold weather clothing drive ends Dec. 1.** Everyone on the Neck has really helped make this a success. Let's keep up the great work! Just drop by during regular business hours, 105 Sconticut Neck Road.

Snow Parking Ban

No vehicles shall be permitted to remain on the hydrant side of all streets in Fairhaven from December 1 to March 31 from midnight to 8:00 a.m. and also during the time of any snowfall or snow removal operations.

On streets with no hydrants, NO vehicles shall be permitted to remain either on the east side of streets running north and south or on the north side of streets running east and west.

The BPW is authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, to some convenient place, including a public

garage, any vehicle interfering with the work of removing or plowing snow or ice from any way, and the cost of such removal with all storage charges resulting there from shall be paid by the owner of such vehicle.

The Fairhaven Police Department will strictly enforce this Parking Ban. Violators will be towed and/or ticketed.

By Order of: FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Water Main Flushing

Due to the inclement weather forecast and the upcoming holiday, The Water Main Flushing Program has been delayed until November 26. Town Crews will be conducting a Water Main Flushing Program from: 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Monday to Friday. The program will last approximately 4 weeks. The water may become discolored in your area but should not last more than a day once the flushing is complete in the area. In the event that rust or sediment is present, wait approximately two hours for any disturbance that was caused by the flushing to settle and run the cold water faucet nearest the water meter until clear.

DO NOT USE THE HOT WATER UNTIL THE COLD WATER IS CLEAR. For more information please refer to the town website at www.fairhaven-ma.gov Thank you for your patience and co-operation

SAVE THE DATES:

Sing Along

Santa is coming to Benoit Square. Join us on Fri., 11/30, 6:30 p.m., for a Sing-Along and visit with Santa at Benoit Square, in North Fairhaven, corner of Howland Ave. and Main St., where Main and Adams merge. Voices in Time will lead us for the singing, and Santa is going to join us for visits and photos. FREE. Sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association.

Old Time Holiday

Fairhaven Old-Time Holiday, December 8 & 9, at various locations. First organized by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism in 1998, the Old-Time Holiday is a cooperative effort between many of the town's non profit groups.

The majority of the events take

place on Saturday, when fairs and marketplaces and other activities are held in the Town Hall, the First Congregational Church, the Unitarian Memorial Church, Our Lady's Haven and The Millicent Library in the historical center of town. Visitors can shop for arts and crafts, gifts, food items, and enjoy holiday luncheons, musical entertainment and more.

Visit www.FairhavenTours.com for more information.

Town Hall Sing-Along

Town Hall Sing-Along (an Old-Time Holiday event), Saturday, December 8, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven A community tradition! Sing carols on the steps of the Town Hall while waiting for the arrival of a jolly visitor from the North Pole. Then enjoy some hot chocolate in the Town Hall auditorium. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association. Free.

Historical Society Scholarship

A \$1000 scholarship for a graduating Fairhaven-resident high school senior interested in history will be awarded by the Fairhaven Historical Society.

The scholarship, to be presented for the first time in 2019 and annually thereafter, honors Enrique Goytizolo's dedication to preserving the history of the Town of Fairhaven and his vital and long-time leadership role with the Fairhaven Historical Society. The Fairhaven Historical Society is a 501C3 organization.

Deadline for scholarship applications is January 31, 2019.

To obtain an application students can contact the Fairhaven Historical Society, historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com. In addition to the application, students must submit an essay of no more than 400 words focusing on Fairhaven history, what it means to the applicant, and how that has impacted the applicant's interest in the further study of history. Three references as specified on the application are also required.

Applications and essays must be submitted via email to historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com. The scholarship award recipient will be notified via email on or before April 1, 2019.

East Fairhaven School collects food for pantry



East Fairhaven School collected 686 items for the Shepherd's Pantry during this year's food drive that ended on Monday, 11/19/18. ABOVE LEFT: The 686 food items line the gym before getting packed up to go to the pantry. ABOVE RIGHT, L-R: EFS Student Council Representatives who helped with the food drive, pose with the boxes of food ready to go to the pantry. L-R seated: Lucy Beijar, Sasha Asci, Kate Taylor, Reis Demello, Jaylen Lussier, Joey Pires, Kylee Sylvia, Dean Joseph, Jesse Chen, Phoenix Olivier. Standing L-R: Cole Vasconcelos, Alison Roderiques. BELOW LEFT Fifth Grader Phoenix Olivier and (BOTTOM LEFT) Jesse Chen pack up the food to go to the pantry. BELOW RIGHT: Lucy Beijar and Reis DeMello, both 4th graders, help box up food donations. BOTTOM RIGHT: Jaylen Lussier, 5th grade, and Alison Roderiques, 4th grade, do their part to pack up the donations. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



Fairhaven hires two Firefighters



Congratulations to recruit firefighters Sean Harrington (LEFT) and Troy Decouto for completing the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Both will be full time Firefighter/Paramedics with Fairhaven Fire-EMS.

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Auditions

Your Theatre, Inc. is holding auditions on **11/27 at 7:30 p.m. and 12/2 at 2:30 pm**, for roles in the upcoming March production of "Kindertransport" by Diane Samuels. Auditions are open to all actors over the age of 16. Rehearsals will begin in early January. Auditions will consist of a cold reading from the script. Director Edward J. Maguire is casting for the following (with stage ages):

EVELYN: English middle-class woman. Well spoken. In her 40s/50s.

FAITH: Evelyn's only child. In her 20s.

EVA: Evelyn's younger self. She starts the play at nine years old and finishes it at seventeen years old. The actor's STAGE AGE will be in the 18-25 range. At times she speaks with a German accent and a number of lines in German. We will have dialect coach available. She will speak with more of an English Accent as the play progresses.

HELGA: Eva's mother. Middle class German Jewish woman of the 1930s. Begins the play in her 30s, ends it 8 years older. Speaks in German accent at times, help will be given.

LIL: Eva/Evelyn's foster mother. Switches from being in her 30/40s to her 70/80s and back, sometimes in the same scene. Manchester/ northern accent useful but not essential.

THE RATCATCHER: A mythical character who also plays THE BORDER GUARD, THE ENGLISH ORGANISER, THE POSTMAN, THE STATION GUARD. Adult Male.

"Between 1938 and the outbreak of war almost 10,000 children, most of them Jewish, were sent by their parents from Germany to Britain... Nine-year-old Eva ends up in Manchester."

Rehearsals to be held at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse located at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church complex. Free off-street parking entrance is on County Street. For additional information call 508-993-0772 or email info@yourtheatre.org

Bethlehem Peace Light

Since 1986 a Boy Scout, typically from Upper Austria (the birth place of

Silent Night) travels to Bethlehem to light a lantern from a flame burning at the Star of Nativity Church, in the grotto that marks the place of birth of Jesus of Nazareth. That flame, in a special lantern, then travels to Vienna and during a holy Mass the flame is shared with children delegates throughout Austria and Europe who then transport the flame across Europe. Canadian Scouts brought this tradition to North America in 2001.

Since 2016 Boy Scouts from the Southcoast area have obtained and distributed the Peace Light throughout the region. In 2017 it was brought to the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Attleboro where it was taken in procession to the Manger Scene where it burns 24 hours a day.

At La Salette for 2018, all Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls and their families are again invited to the **Bethlehem Peace Light distribution which will take place after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 24.**

In the New Bedford area a distribution will take place at the conclusion of a **7:00 p.m. Advent Service at St. Mary's Parish, 343 Tarkiln Hill Road, New Bedford on Friday, November 30.**

Individuals, churches or organizations who wish to obtain the Light on November 30 should bring a small kerosene lantern (which may be safely transported). Seven Day candles may often be purchased at many area supermarkets plus candles will also be available at the November 30 Advent Service. The candles, even after being extinguished, are "suffused" with the Peace Light and may later be relighted at home. The Bethlehem Peace Light provides a powerful message of Peace when displayed at home or presented as a gift of love to family and friends.

Organizations and churches who wish to obtain their own Peace Light should contact SLT member Michael McCormack at MikeMcCormack@Comcast.net or Director Barbara Bonville at BBonville@StMarysNB.com.

SAVE THE DATES: Holly Tree Fair

Pilgrim Women's Club of Pilgrim United Church of Christ presents a Holly Tree Fair, on **Sat., 12/1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 634 Purchase St.,**

downtown New Bedford. Free admission

Featuring Gifts, Jewelry, Children's Crafts, Bake Table and more.. Light lunch, Delicious Soups

Holiday Stroll & Tree Lighting

Kick off the season with this Downtown New Bedford holiday tradition! It's time for Holiday Stroll, the first weekend of December! Join us for two days of fun, shopping, and holiday cheer throughout downtown New Bedford! **Sat., 12/1, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun., 12/2, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**

For full event details visit us at [downtownnb.org!](http://downtownnb.org)

Science Cafe for Kids

NB Science CafeKIDS, Sat., 12/1, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Buttonwood Park Zoo, 425 Hawthorn St., NB. FREE zoo admission for children under 18 years to this event. No pre-registration required

Join students from UMASS Dartmouth and Buttonwood Park Zoo educators to explore conservation and climate change solutions. The event will feature kid-friendly, hands-on activities including: building a rainforest, testing the power of solar power, edible bugs, Science On a Sphere® presentations and more.

New England Nutcracker

New Bedford Ballet will perform its annual production of A New England Nutcracker December 1 through 9 at the NBB Community Theatre, located at 2343 Purchase Street in New Bedford. Journey back to the 1850s, as this favorite holiday story is reimagined through New Bedford's historic whaling era, and prepare for the "City That Lit the World" to light up your holiday season.

Ten performances will take place over two weekends: **Sat. & Sun., 12/1 & 2, at 1:30 and 3 p.m.; Fri., 12/7 at 6:30 & 8 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 12/8 & 9, at 1:30 & 3 p.m.**

Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$7 for seniors, students, and children. Group rates for non-profit organizations are available. All proceeds from the ballet support the New Bedford Ballet Foundation, a non-profit organization.

Tickets are limited and sell quickly; reserve yours soon by contacting the New Bedford Ballet at 508-993-1387. Visit www.newbedfordballet.org.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Bike Run/Toy & Food Drive

The Acushnet Lions Club along with the Rivers' End Cafe, proudly sponsor their annual **Toy & Food Drive/Motorcycle Run on Sun., 11/25**. \$10 unwrapped toy donation (no stuffed animals please), or non-perishable food donation gets you in. Now accepting food and toys at the Rivers End, 7 Tarkiln Hill Road, Acushnet.

Starts at 10 a.m. at the River's End Cafe. Kickstands up at noon for ride to the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet. Then back to the Rivers End.

Breakfast & Gift Basket Auction

M.O.L.I.F.E., Inc. presents the second annual Breakfast & Gift Basket Auction, on Sun., 11/25, from 11 a.m.–2 p.m., at The Century House, 107 So. Main St., Acushnet. Tickets: \$25/pp, visit www.molifeinc.com for tickets, or 4 Lambeth Park Dr., Fairhaven.

Wreath Party

Berries, Bows & Cheer. Create Your Own Wreath Party with Jean Ashworth. **Thurs., Nov. 29, 6:30 p.m. at St. Julie's Hall, 494 Slocum Rd., Dartmouth.** Includes fresh wreath, bow and supplies; wine, cheese & punch. Door Prizes. **Tickets \$35.** Call 508-971-7402. Hosted by St. Julie's Ladies Guild

Thanksgiving 5K

Swansea Total Fitness will host their 5th annual Thanksgiving 5k Run/3k Walk fundraiser on Thursday, November 22, 2018. This event will raise money for Selina Oehmen's Pediatric Cancer Treatment (see about below). Online registration is now open through November 21st

The race begins at 8:00 a.m. and will start and end at the Swansea Total Fitness headquarters located at 207 Swansea Mall Drive, in Swansea, MA. Participants will run or walk north out of the Swansea Total Fitness parking lot onto Swansea Mall Drive, continue up toward Locust Street, then turn around and finish at the Swansea Crossing parking lot at the corner of Swansea Mall Dr. and

Milford Rd.

The first 200 people to register receive an exclusive race t-shirt and all participants will also receive a free 7-day pass to Swansea Total Fitness, located at 207 Swansea Mall Drive. At the conclusion of the event there will be prizes for the top three male and female finishers and a raffle for additional prizes that all race participants are eligible for.

The online registration fee for each participant is \$25; participants can also register onsite, on the day of the event, for \$30.

For more info or to register, visit www.totalfitnessclubs.com/thanksgiving-5k.

Cinderella at ORR

The Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club is presenting the classic tale of *Cinderella* this fall.

Directed by Gregory Silver, *Cinderella* by Sally Netzel is a classic retelling of the fairy tale with some modern twists. Starring Victoria Kvilhaug as Cinderella and Baylen Brunelle as Prince, *Cinderella* also features Jackie Barrett, Sarah Melloni, Kate Marsden, Bethany Cabral, Emma Blouin, Luke Couto, Sam Guillotte, Jillian Craig, Eddie Gonet, Andrew Steele, Elise Mello, Emma Williamson, and Marina Stephens along with a full ensemble cast and crew.

Show dates and times are

Thurs.–Sat., 11/29, 30, & 12/1 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sun., 12/2, at 2 p.m.

Tickets cost \$10.00 for students and senior citizens and \$12.00 for general admission. Tickets may be purchased at Marion General Store, Plumb Corner Market, and Pen & Pendulum. For reservations or information please call 508-758-6762.

La Salette Lights

The lights at La Salette shrine will be lit from Nov. 22, 2018–Jan. 6, 2019. Illuminations 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. daily. Featuring: 300,000 Lights illuminating over 10 acres. FREE admission, but we hope you'll make a donation.

Traffic can get very heavy on weekends, especially Saturday night. If you can plan your trip for a weekday, you will find getting in is easy in comparison. If you do wish to come on the weekend, we advise you get here before 4:30 p.m. to miss the traffic.

Features: International Creche museum with hundreds of creches from around the world, 5-9pm weekdays and 2-9pm weekends; The Outdoor Creche of Bethlehem featuring a candle lit with a flame from Bethlehem, Israel; Concerts with Father Pat and various artists. Fr. Pat's Friday-Sunday 3 PM and 7 PM - No Concerts on Saturday, 12/1.

For Mass times and other info, visit <https://lasaletteattleboroshrine.org/christmas-festival>

Jigsaw Puzzles FR

Jigsaw puzzles featuring historical views of Westport: Wharf at Westport Point, 300 piece puzzle, \$20; The Bell Schoolhouse, 300 piece puzzle, \$20; Souvenir from Westport Mass., 100 piece puzzle, \$15

Available at Partners Village Store or order online at <http://wphistory.org/2018/11/jigsaw-puzzles/>

All proceeds benefit the Westport Historical Society

Salary Negotiation Workshop

Treasurer Goldberg has announced the fall dates and locations of "Just Ask!", Massachusetts' first state-wide program to offer salary negotiation workshops. The program, launched in January this year, provides women with the tools they need to overcome the negative impacts of wage inequality.

These two-hour-long trainings are licensed by the AAUW Work Smart program and empower women to close their personal pay gaps and earn their market-value through salary negotiation. Trained facilitators are scheduled to host Just Ask! at the following locations and dates:

Bristol Community College, Fall River, Nov. 27

Treasurer Goldberg launched the "Just Ask!: Salary Negotiation Workshops for Women" initiative as a direct response to the wage gap in Massachusetts, where women make only 82 cents for every dollar a man makes. The program will continue to be scheduled throughout the Fall in all regions of Massachusetts.

For those interested in attending, please visit <http://equalpayma.com/en/agenda>

Recipe of the Week

Cranberry Brie Biscuit Dip

1 (12.3-oz) round brie cheese, at room temperature

1/4 c. cranberry sauce

1/4 c. shredded white cheddar

1 sprig rosemary

Freshly cracked black pepper

Drizzle of honey for garnish

For the Biscuits

1 (16.3-oz.) can refrigerated biscuits

2 tbsp. butter, melted

1 tbsp. freshly chopped parsley

Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 375°. Cut biscuits in half and roll into balls. In a small bowl, stir together melted butter and fresh parsley. Place biscuits in a ring around the edge of a medium skillet and brush with butter. Season with salt & pepper.

Place brie in the center of the biscuits and use a paring knife to remove the top rind. Bake until brie is melty, 8 to 10 minutes.

Add cranberry sauce and cheddar to melted brie and gently fold to combine. Smooth the cheese mixture into an even layer and top with rosemary. Return to oven to melt cheddar, 5 to 7 minutes more. Drizzle with honey and serve hot. cc from *Delish.com*

Cat Fanciers show will be in Fairhaven

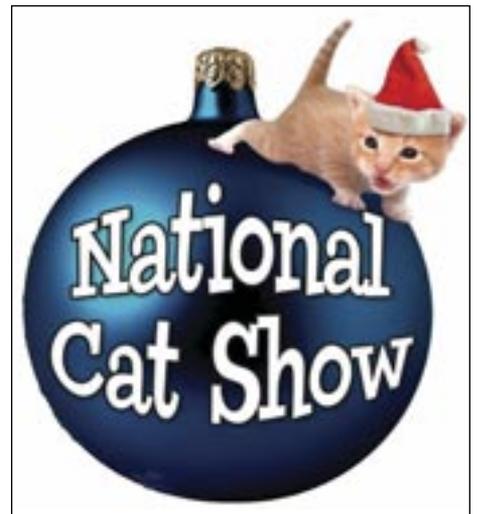
Press Release

Cat Fanciers' Federation is proud to present its annual holiday Allbreed Cat Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 8-9, at the Seaport Inn & Marina in Fairhaven, Mass.

This event will feature judging of mixed-breed household pets along with purebred cats including the Abyssinian, Ragdoll, Persian, Maine Coon, Scottish Fold, Exotic Shorthair, and more.

Spectators can also vote for their favorite cat. You don't have to be a fancy feline to enter our shows! Several animal rescue groups with adoptable cats will be there to raise money, including It's All About The Animals, Kitten Associates, and Forgotten Felines of Maine.

Take a chance on our raffle tables, and buy some locally made crafts and items from vendors in the New England area. Meet Robin A.F. Olson, award-winning author of the blog "Covered in Cat Hair," and Shawn Flynn, author of "The Kitty Who Rescued Me After I Rescued Him." Pam Robinson from It's All About the



Animals and Robin Olson from Kitten Associates will be guest judges for the household pet class. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$3 for kids, seniors, veterans; free for kids under 6.

The Cat Fanciers' Federation (www.cffinc.org) is a 501c7 not-for-profit organization and is one of the oldest feline registries in the United States. For more information on this show, see tinyurl.com/CFFcatshows.

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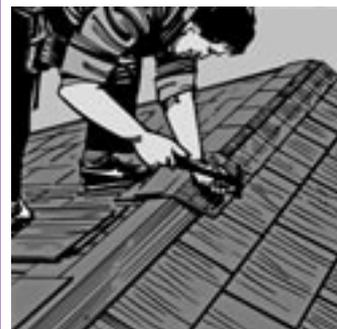
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*A decidedly biased piece by
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Welcome to our annual shopping guide to local small-shops in the *Neighb News* family of advertisers.

After you've loosened your belt to accommodate all that Thanksgiving Day food, it's time to buy gifts for your precious loved ones, whether you want to or not!

No need to get all stressed out, the *Neighb News* is here to take some of the anxiety out of your Christmas and holiday shopping journey. You need only to look within these pages to find all you need for even the hardest-to-buy-for relative.

First, you'll want to call **Cyclone Cleaning** to get the house spruced up for your holiday parties. Or maybe you want to swing by the drop-off center with your area carpets. While you're there, grab a gift certificate for your parents' place.

Speaking of mom and dad, maybe they are feeling a bit overwhelmed lately and wondering if they can move to a place that's easier to handle? No problem, check out **Atria Senior Living Group**. Mom and dad might love the idea of not having a big place of their own to take care of. It's a great time to visit there, too, they have all manner of holiday related happenings going on.

This Friday is the big shopping day, of course. So, you'll want to start as early as possible. At just about the crack of dawn, you'll want to start with a hearty breakfast and we've got the perfect place for you. Check out **Courtyard** in East Fairhaven, or the **Mattapoissett Diner**, or take someone you love to **Jake's** for an old-fashioned diner experience.

They serve a great breakfast, have a full menu, and they have gift certificates, too. So don't just feed yourself, check someone off your list.

Right about the time you're done with breakfast, the banks will be opening. We've got just the spot for you.

Visit **St. Anthony of New Bedford Credit Union**. It's nice small place, very cozy, where everyone knows your name. Check out their car loans, or buy a CD from them. Now *that's* a great gift!

Speaking of cars....

A&A Auto has a great selection of

used cars to fit any budget. I'll bet Alex will even put one of those big red bows on it, too, if you ask.

But, ahem, having some budget issues? No problem, head over to **Cottage Street Motors**. Sue can fix you up with a payment plan to fit any budget (and I bet they can find a big bow, too).

Looking for that home-town New-Englandy village experience? Well, Fairhaven's got it all here, as New England as it gets in the center of town. Park the car and walk around.

Nothing says Christmas better than a stroll among quaint shops for village-style shopping. Your best bet is **Euro Phoenix** where you'll find gifts for every pocketbook, from

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dollar doodads to imported Norwegian sweaters. Take the kids with you. Their allowances will go far at this Fairhaven gem.

While you're still in the vicinity, take a stroll by our magnificent town hall, Millicent Library, and Unitarian Church. These architectural wonders were gifts from town benefactor Henry Huttleston Rogers.

And, if Black Friday is not your favorite time to shop, hold off one week and see what the shops at the **Old Time Holiday by the Office of Tourism** have to offer, in just a couple of weeks.

Now you've worked up an appetite with all that walking and oohing and aahing over our town center, so scoot over to **Wah May's Restaurant**. Have some tea to warm you up, and grab a couple of gift certificates to hand out on the big day.

Have some young kids (or

adventurous others who are young at heart) to buy for but just don't like the idea of another pile of "stuff" on top of all that stuff they're going to get? We've got the perfect solution. And after all that food you'll all be eating in the next couple of weeks, you'll want the kids (and yourself) to burn off calories. Just head on over to **Carousel Family Fun Center** for skating, and all kinds of fun. They do parties, too. Grab a gift certificate while you're there and mark your calendar for the warm weather when the miniature golf opens up.

Now it's time to take care of that young couple who just bought their first house — a real fixer-upper, and they need all the help they can get.

Maybe the old place just needs some TLC? Well, check out our **classifieds**. They are loaded with people who can help out with those little jobs, and cool stuff for sale — cheap.

Y'know, it's quite possible that the unkempt yard is just making it look a lot worse than it is. Call **Ron's Lawns** to get that yard in shape. You'll be amazed at how a professionally cleaned up, raked up, mowed down yard can change the feel of a place.

For electrical work, you'll want Eric from **Eric Sylvia**. He can do it all, big or small.

And now that they've got all upgraded electrical, they can plug in all their gadgets. New house, new electric....sounds like they need new gadgets too, or at least an upgrade. But it's such a hassle to update and reconnect and make sure the security software is up to date and all the other stuff that makes you just want to scream. Call Glenn at **Fairhaven Computer Repair**. He can fix what you've got, or fix you up with advice on what to buy, and set it all up for you, too.

Maybe the old place should have an alarm, huh? Yeah, I thought so, now that you've got all those new, shiny gadgets. It could take years to get the place in tip-top shape, so meanwhile, you must protect all the gadgets. Call **Wayne Electric**. They do alarms, and that's a cool gift!

You'll want **Robert Furtado** to do all the other projects, from cabinet making to the new bathroom.

Do the kids have their hearts set

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on a new kitchen? No one does kitchens like **Fairhaven Lumber**. They have cabinets, flooring and other products and services, like windows, to keep that big old wooden wonder cozy and warm.

You'll also want to check out **Cottrell Bros.**, for their selection of home renovation products and services.

You have other choices for the exterior work and for that combo interior/exterior work that the old house is bound to need.

Check out **Marc Gadbois**, whether it's time to replace the siding, windows, roofing, or fix what's there. He does everything, no matter how big the job seems to be.

Just be sure to check out **Shawn Fitzgerald**, too. He can get that roof on in a jiffy.

I'm willing to bet that big old monster has a big old monster of a heating system, too.

No one can get that boiler running, and keep it running like Greg from **Greg's Home Heating**. He's practically a magician! But not quite. Even he can't keep it running without fuel. I'm sure those kids could use a tank of oil to keep that finely tuned heating machine running. Send **Luzo Fuel** over to fill it up. Now *that's* a gift!

Maybe they have that no-fossil-fuel thing going on? No problem, **Reliable Solar** can help them out in a snap. I mean, if they're renovating the house, putting a new roof on, why not take a step or two to get off the grid? They are young'uns after all, they like to try new stuff.

Of course, an old house like that probably has a fireplace or a wood stove, too. Call **Fitzgerald Tree Service**. He's got seasoned wood to make Christmas morning nice and toasty. And he can take down that tree that looks ready to topple onto the chimney, too.

Speaking of chimneys. Call **Lenny Fleurent & Sons** if that baby needs repairing. Better yet, send Lenny to the basement to waterproof it. He can even fix up that old stone wall.

That should do it for stuff. What about protecting it all now? Call **Vieira Insurance Agency** for that. They specialize in insuring houses in seashore towns. Does it get any better than that?

Now it's time for dinner. In the

mood for something exotic? Then head over to **Sivalai Thai**.

Looking for good hearty fare that's affordable in a friendly setting? Then you want the **Town Crier**, the place to meet great people. They have gift certificates, of course, and a great room upstairs to hold that holiday party that you just do NOT want to cook for.

Still don't have something for the person who has everything?

Maybe you're looking for an experience. Look no farther than the **Fairhaven Office of Tourism**. You'll get info on all kinds of stuff happening in town at this time of year, lots of it for free, too. Don't forget to ask about the Old Time Holiday Weekend (we'll have more on that next week).

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Now, I know that no one wants to think of the bad stuff during the holidays, but then you watch some sappy old Christmas movie with the obligatory hospital scene. And then you realize no one has updated the will in forever. Time to call **Surprenant & Beneski** and get it done. They can handle the full range of legal beagle stuff. It'll be a load off your mind and you'll be happy you did it.

While we're on the subject, you know you're thinking of all those who have gone before us, and the last time you visited, you noticed the gravestones getting pretty yucky looking. Give John at **J&L Cemetery Plot Maintenance** a call. He'll clean up the stone and plant something really nice for the holidays there, too.

Still have a few people on the list? Perhaps a boater? Maybe you're thinking of Uncle Johnny and that old boat of his and how he always has such a devil of a time getting it

running in the spring. Call **Moby Dick Marina** and give Uncle Johnny indoor winter storage. You know he'll love that!

Now it's party time. First, you'll need a body tune-up at the chiropractor to get straightened out. Call **Pine Grove Chiropractic** to get your back and neck and everything in shape for the next part of the program.

Did I mention it's party time?

Of course, you can't go "empty-handed" to a party, as my dear old Aunt Zee used to say. But, there's no need to cook everything yourself.

Call **Mac's Soda Bar**. They have a catering and take-out menu to fit every budget: Whether you just want a couple of things to make you the hit of the party, or if you're in charge of the whole thing. And they have gift certificates, too. So, while you're planning your own party, check a couple of people off your list.

Let's see, boats, electronic gadgets, food, what did we forget? Oh, right, houses and apartments. You know what happens: People come "home" for the holidays and they think, shoot...why did I ever leave? Call **Howe Allen Real Estate** and they'll find the perfect house or apartment for your prodigal relatives.

Looking for yourself, well Howe can help you with that, too. And so can **Sherry Lopes from Alferes Realty**, and **Dawn Devlin from Bold Moves**. They all have inventory and are ready to find what you're looking for. Just be sure you tell them that you found out about them from the *Neighb News*.

Speaking of the *Neighb News*, don't forget that we sell pictures of events we've covered, to decorate those new walls.

Okay, now you're done. Time to sit with a drink and some friendly faces, with some music in the background, a game on the flat screen, and some bar munchies in front of you.

That's the **Bayside Lounge** calling you by name. You're sure to find someone there you can brag to about getting so much shopping done.

And, no, we didn't forget about one of our favorite Yuletide traditions. What's Christmas without a heartwarming and fun tale? Snuggle up with a good story about Christmas magic on a small island. If you have a

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Kids will need to bring their own lunch for the first 3 days of the program. The last day is a pizza lunch. Sneakers and active clothes must be worn each day.

Kids will be grouped according to their current grade in school. Grades: K-5 Dates: 12/26, 12/27, 12/28 Time: Drop off 8 a.m., pick up by 3 p.m.

Instructors: Staff. Cost: \$75 Member \$100 Non Member

CO-ED Jr.

Basketball Clinic

This program will run Dec 22 & 29, then every Saturday (10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) and Wednesday (6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.) in January

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Computer Technology

Participants must sign up at the COA main desk.. laptops will be provided or bring your own... the first 8 to sign up will be accepted. Class 1 Dates: Dec 3, 5, 7 (9-10:00 am). This class will be a three-day consecutive technology class that will teach the participants how to use Microsoft W10 Operating System. The Participants must commit to all three classes. Class 2 Dates Dec. 10, 12, 14 (9-10:00 a.m.) this will be a three-day consecutive technology class that will teach the participants how to use their Google Account. Google Apps will be taught in depth. The participants must commit to all three classes.

For more information call the Senior Center at (508-979-4029).

Sand for Seniors

The Fairhaven COA, Fairhaven Commission on Disability and the Fairhaven Lions Club are partnering once again this year to provide Fairhaven Seniors, 60 years old and older, with buckets of sand salt mix for their icy walkways this winter. If you would like to receive a bucket of sand or if you already have a bucket and would like it refilled, please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029. Buckets should be distributed toward the end of October/first of November.

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. and Thursdays 5:45-7:45 p.m. Nov. 29. Call 508-979-4029 for dates in December.

Ongoing Programs

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Acushnet's Building Inspector gets raise effective immediately

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard approved an \$18,000 wage increase for long time Building Inspector Jim Marot, which has raised some eyebrows as the word is slowly making its way around town.

Mr. Marot confirmed to the *Neighb News* that he received the raise, and Town Administrator Brian Noble was unabashed in his support for the raise, and in his praise for Mr. Marot.

Mr. Noble said he got wind of a written offer that the town of Mattapoisett made to Mr. Marot offering him the Building Inspector job there at \$20,000 more per year.

"I can't lose him. He's too valuable," said Mr. Noble, who then ticked off a list of Mr. Marot's strengths and accomplishments.

Mr. Marot is actually doing two jobs, said Mr. Noble, Building Inspector and facilities management. He said Mr. Marot saved the town an enormous amount of money on the Parting Ways Building project.

"Just look at the Green Communi-

ties Act money he's brought in," said Mr. Noble. "And the energy savings he turns in every year."

He said year after year, when they think the savings cannot get any better, Mr. Marot squeezes out a few more savings.

"The way I look at it, we finally paid him properly for the job he was doing," said Mr. Noble, insisting it was just a matter of time before he got poached by another town. "And our loss would be somebody else's tremendous gain."

The town of Acushnet has almost completed a Wage & Classification study that found many jobs in Acushnet town government are not paying competitive wages. He said the Building Inspector job was off by at least \$20,000 and it was only for one job. Mr. Marot, he said, is doing two jobs. He could easily get a job as a project manager in the private sector making a lot more money.

Mr. Noble also said that it is clear from other towns that the Building Inspector position is getting more and more difficult to fill because of

wants to do that anymore," he said and then work for government which pays so much less than private construction.

"He goes to the nth degree to make sure our money is not wasted," said Mr. Noble. "He treats it as his own, and it's hard to find people who do that."

Rumor around town is that the vote at the Selectboard meeting was not unanimous, and the *Neighb News* could not get on-the-record confirmation of that. The matter was handled in executive session and those minutes will not be released until the next Selectboard meeting on 12/11, at the earliest.

Mr. Marot told the *Neighb News* he did not actively look for a new job or a raise. He was, however, helping out Fairhaven after hours, while Fairhaven was looking for a new Building Inspector.

"My theory is you never want to wait," said Mr. Noble. "If someone goes looking for a new job, he's going to find it. You want to keep your good people."

Mr. Marot has a wage agreement with the town, not a contract, that is renewed annually. The matter did not have to be approved by the Finance Committee.

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Press Release

Get into the spirit of the holidays and find an array of holiday gifts, food, music, and old-fashioned good cheer by visiting Fairhaven on Saturday, December 8, 2018, for the 21st annual Old-Time Holiday in the historical town center. Over the years it has become one of Fairhaven's favorite events.

In December 1998, the Fairhaven Office of Tourism first launched what was then called the "Very Victorian Holiday," bringing together about thirty non-profit, school, and church groups to create a weekend filled with old-fashioned holiday events. Previously, independent groups had held fairs, bazaars, concerts, luncheons, house tours, sing-alongs, and other activities over the course of several weeks between mid-November and Christmas. What was different in 1998 was that most of those events were moved to a single weekend and promoted as one big, holiday package, wrapped in a Victorian theme, with the public able to walk from location to location in the center of town. Tourism Director

Christopher Richard credits Millicent Allen and Helen Radcliffe with first suggesting the idea.

The weekend slate of activities has been repeated every year since, with the only change being the switch of the name from "Victorian" to "Old-Time" so that it was not bound to a specific historical time period.

This year, as always, most of the Old-Time Holiday events take place during the day on Saturday, December 8. Both the First Congregational Church, 34 Center Street, and the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, will hold fairs, with church members and outside vendors displaying a wide variety of items for sale. In a similar vein, about 25 of the town's non-profit and school groups will have tables in the auditorium of the Town Hall, 40 Center Street. At these locations you'll find handmade crafts, gifts, holiday greens, delicious baked goods, gift baskets, silent auction items to bid on, and more. In the Town Hall there will also be face painting and a few children's activities. All three fairs run from 10:00 a.m.

Center Street, will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for visits and photos with Santa. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served.

As lunch time rolls around, food will be available at three locations. A lobster roll luncheon will be held at the First Congregation Church. A soup and sandwich luncheon will take place at the Harrop Center 47 Center Street, an Elizabethan style cottage on the Unitarian Church property. On the Town Hall lawn, Boy Scout Troop 52 will be selling hotdogs, and in the first floor banquet room of the Town Hall the North Fairhaven Improvement Association will serve hot soups, meat pies and spinach pies.

At 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, the Fairhaven Improvement Association hosts its annual Sing-Along on the steps of Town Hall. There will be caroling and the arrival of Santa on a fire engine. Then hot chocolate and snacks will be available inside in the auditorium.

On Sunday, December 9, the Fairhaven Historical Society sponsors a Holiday House Tour from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance, available at the Millicent Library, 40 Center Street, or Euro, 24 Center Street, Fairhaven, and at the Town Hall Shops on Saturday December 8. On the day of the tour, tickets are \$25, and are to be purchased at the Academy Building, 141 Main Street, which is the starting location of the tour, where you must pick up your map. For more information, email historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com.

The final event of the weekend is a Service of Lessons and Carols at the Unitarian Memorial Church on Sunday, December 10, at 4:00 p.m. It features seasonal readings and music by the church choir, under the direction of Dwight Thomas. All are welcome. Donations are accepted.

During Fairhaven's 21st annual Old-Time Holiday, people of all ages from throughout the SouthCoast area can find something to put them into the holiday spirit.

to 3:00 p.m.

The Unitarian Church, a magnificent English-Gothic style "cathedral," will also give guided tours of the sanctuary during the day.

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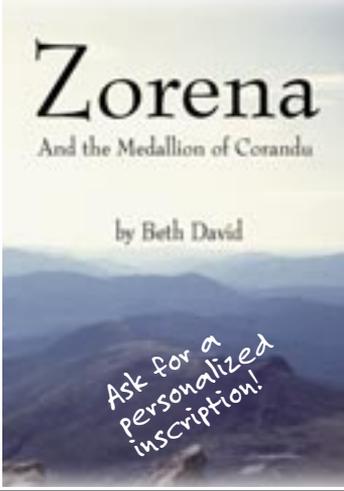
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Chief Myers told the board that he was proud of Mr. Carrette's performance in the academy, noting he won a top award.

Acting Town Clerk Caroline Hurley wore in Mr. Carrette, whose wife then pinned a badge on him, although he had been on the job for two days already. But, they had fun doing it.

"I'm excited, eager to start the job," said Officer Carrette after the swearing in. "It's been a long time coming. I'm ready to do the job."

As for what that might entail, or

what he might encounter, Officer Carrette said, "I don't know. I know the world's an adventure."

His wife Melissa said she was proud of him.

"He's been working for a very long time for this," she said. "And I know he'll do a very great job."

Mr. Carrette graduated from the Reading Police Academy on November 14. He earned the top award in class for defensive tactics.

A former corrections officer with the Bristol County Sheriff's Office, Mr.

Carrette is also a US Navy veteran, Petty Officer 2nd Class, who deployed for one year to Djibouti, Africa with Coastal Riverine Squadron 8 out of Newport, RI. He was a convoy truck driver transporting patrol boats to various ports throughout the country, and a crewman/



engineer working as a .50 caliber gunner conducting security escorts for inbound vessels.

Mr. Carrette holds a BS in Criminal Justice and a minor in Political Sciences from UMass Lowell.

He lives in Fairhaven with his wife Melissa and their two young children.



RIGHT: Fairhaven Police Department members share a laugh at the Selectboard meeting on 11/19/18, when Officer Michael Carrette was introduced and sworn in as Fairhaven's newest full time patrol officer. L-R: Lt. Kevin Kobza, Sgt. David Sobral, Chief Michael Myers, Officer Carrette, Capt. Michael Botelho. TOP: Melissa Carrette pins the badge on her husband Michael after he is sworn in. ABOVE: Fairhaven's newest patrol officer poses with his family after he is sworn in. L-R: Melissa and Michael Carrette with their children, Harrison and Samuel.



False rumor at HMS erroneously triggers threat fears

By Beth David
Editor

Parents at Hastings Middle School were surprised when they received a communication from the principal about a threat that was not a threat at the school. Spokespeople from both the Fairhaven Police Department and the School Department said that the incident began as an unfounded rumor that spread and caused unnecessary fear. The school and police investigated and determined that there was never a real threat.

Superintendent of Fairhaven Schools Robert N. Baldwin said that that it was an "absolute rumor," and there was no evidence of a real threat to the school.

In a statement he referred to a "secondary crisis" being caused by reaction to the rumor. He said in a phone interview that parents become afraid and will often pull their children from school which creates more fear.

In all cases, said Dr. Baldwin, the school will contact the police and investigate any reports from students or parents of possible threats.

He encouraged parents to contact the school with their concerns and not take to social media, which only adds to the misinformation and the hysteria.

"We deal with everything we're made aware of," said Dr. Baldwin. "If people would just trust the process."

He said their confidentiality would be maintained as the school investigates. The Fairhaven School Department has two full time School Resource Officers. Dr. Baldwin released a statement to the public.

Statement from Superintendent of Fairhaven Schools, Robert N. Baldwin

In the world we live in today everyone's sense of security remains uncertain. I do want to assure our school community that we work deliberately to ensure that the proper procedures are in place to keep our schools safe. On a daily basis all faculty and staff continue to maintain a heightened level of vigilance. In Fairhaven, we are fortunate to have a very strong relationship between the School Department and the Police Department. We continue to work closely with our police and fire departments to review existing safety protocols to determine what, if any additional resources are needed to ensure the security of our school buildings. Being safe and feeling safe is not just about preventing what can happen, but it is also about limiting the misinformation about what never happened. When we receive information regarding concerns for the safety of our school-community all matters are investigated immediately. When there is any concern for safety, we immediately contact our School Resource Officers, and always work closely with the Fairhaven Police

Department.

Recently our school personnel and law enforcement professionals who are trained to sift through information and make decisions for the safety and well-being of all students and staff were distracted by rumors and misinformation shared on social media. Within a two-week period of time we experienced a medical emergency at one school and dealt with rumors from peers that were not credible and never proven to be true at another school. Both incidents were never actually safety concerns, however, the rumors led to misinformation that spread creating a fear and hysteria that produced a secondary crisis.

Ultimately, being safer and feeling safer is about trusting relationships.

Sharing misinformation when there is no crisis is not a productive way to promote school safety. The sharing and passing on of information to the proper authority is the key to prevention. Trusted adults that are throughout our school-community stand ready to follow the protocols for safety that they have been trained to follow. Further, it is also our obligation to protect all juveniles from being labeled by accusations that are not substantiated.

We thank our community for their patience, support and trust. We will continue to make your children's safety our first priority. •••



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The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following **Public Hearings** pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

1. CON-19-022 **26 Fort Street** Notice of Intent filed by Maria Horecky for the construction of a pile-supported pier and floating dock and the repair of the existing stone seawall at the property located at 26 Fort Street, Assessors Map 3, Parcel 5. Work to take place within Land Under Ocean, Coastal Bank, and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage/Zone AE.

Copies of the applications 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.

Gloria McPherson, Agent
Fairhaven Conservation Commission
11/22/18

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall, Banquet Room, to consider the following petition(s):

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. **108 Sycamore Street** (cont'd from September 10, 2018 & November 7, 2018) Variance requested to

reduce the rear yard setback requirement from 30' to 20'. 198-18: Request for Variance for 17' front yard, 5' side & 24' rear yard and variance to reduce the lot size requirement from 22,500 sq ft. to 6600 sq ft to construct a two family home.

2. **5 Jenney Street** (cont'd from September 10, 2018 & October 7, 2018) 198-22: Variance request for 500' over the 700 sq feet of floor area for a 30x40x12 Storage Building Garage.

3. **6 Judson Drive** 198-22(3): Variance request for accessory structure in front yard (dumpster), after the fact filing. 198-23: Home Occupation: Requesting Special Permit for home HVAC business. (con't from September 10, 2018 & October 7, 2018)

4. **30 Alder Street** 198-18: Variance request for 4.6' Short of side setback of 20' for indoor shower; 1' Short of side setback for detached garage. 198-22 (2) 4' taller garage than existing principal building.

5. **905 Sconticut Neck Road** 198-18: Variance request for 12.5' Short of 30' Front setback in a RR Zone. 12.0' Short of 30' Rear Setback. 198-21 (d). Restoration. No nonconforming structure damaged by fire, storm or other causes to the extent of 75% of its replacement value shall be repaired or rebuilt except in conformity with this chapter, within 2 years.

6. **18 Bonney Street** 198-18: Variance request for 23' Short of 30' Rear Setback in RA Zone to demolish and reconstruct a single family dwelling. 198-21 (d). Restoration: No nonconforming structure damaged by fire, storm or other causes to the extent of 75% of its replacement value shall be repaired or rebuilt except in conformity with this chapter, within 2 years.

7. **62R Weeden Road** 198-18: Variance request for 2' Short of 140' frontage in a RR District

8. **16 Wilbur's Point Road** 198-18: Variance requested for 2.5' over Maximum Building height of 35' in a RR Zone for new single-family dwelling.

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10/25/18 & 11/1/18

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Tues., 12/4, Town Hall, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 12/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 11/28, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 12/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Health

Tues., 11/27, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Tues., 11/27, Parting Ways Bldg., 6 p.m.

Housing Authority

Wed., 11/28, Nate Gomes Ctr., 9 a.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 12/11, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Ford Middle School Council

Thurs., 11/29, FMS Office, 2:55 p.m.

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From our readers

A Real Look at Thanksgiving

When Abraham Lincoln left Springfield, Illinois to assume the presidency, even though he wasn't a committed Christian, he asked people to pray for him. When he buried his son, perhaps the most severe personal trial of his life, he wasn't a Christian. On a spiritual level, it was when he walked through the cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where 60,000 Union soldiers were buried, that the Spirit of God touched him. He told a friend that it was there that he gave his heart to Jesus Christ.

For President Lincoln, the consuming association of the blood of soldiers shed for their country and families, the value of personal freedom, preserving unity, and the hopeful message they loving, all-in commitment represented was too compelling for "Honest Abe" to miss. His fellow countrymen's great sacrifice became an instant and dramatic testimony to what Christ had already done. He had shed His blood in love for our liberation into God's Kingdom and family, He proved our value by rescuing us from eternal damnation by dying on the Cross. and He lit an unflinching hope to those who simply believe.

Months later, on October 3, 1863 Lincoln issued the following proclamation that set the precedent for America setting aside a national day of Thanksgiving. Please read it thoughtfully and carefully. Under the circumstances of a fiendish civil war, you decide if it's written by a mastermind or inspired by the mind of the Master Himself.

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In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity,

which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

"No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People.

"I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of

the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

"By the President: Abraham Lincoln
"William H. Seward, Secretary of State"

So friends, in spite of this seemingly impersonal, callous, rapid fire godless world of ours, we have the living God's never exhausting well of blessings and seriousness of purpose. No matter what....even in the midst of a personal civil war, because of His grace, we can heartfully and mindfully review our past, respond thankfully today, and reload in His hopeful goodness for tomorrow. That's the eternal precedent set by God.

In Him, having a Happy Thanksgiving is that simple!!

Steven J. Bouley Fairhaven

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Mike St. Pierre started his career with All Security Company Inc. in 1998 as an inside mechanical security service rep. His experience with locks, access control systems, video security technology and intrusion detection has proven to also be an asset to Wayne Electric & Alarms. He is also an on-call firefighter for the Town of Dartmouth.

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