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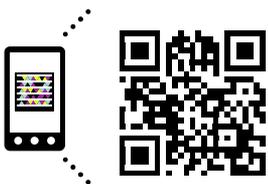
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

A good book and, hopefully, not a stove boat



Melville Aficionado Erica Gees, (background right) reads from Chapter 54 during the 23rd annual Moby-Dick Marathon at the New Bedford Whaling Museum at about 11:45 p.m. on Saturday, 1/5/19, while Melville Society Member Michael Gadzacko waits for his turn and Whaling Museum personnel monitor the proceedings (foreground). See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

It's January, and that means the *Moby-Dick* Marathon! Every year, I think I'll try to get there early, but every year I end up going by late on Saturday night. It's kind of cool, though. That's when you see the true believers. Early on Saturday you get all the celebs. At midnight, you just get people who love the book.

And, as I was reminded by our Tourism Director Christopher Richard, who is also known as Mr. History Person, the Pequod set sail from the Fairhaven side of the harbor.

So....don't you be forgetting that our famous waterway has more than one shore, more than one working waterfront, and....well, just saying.

Anyway, see page 12 for that.

It's still kind of early for election talk, but....nah, not really. It's never too early for election talk. Fairhaven's election already looks like it might be a lot of fun. Acushnet hasn't had much activity yet, but people have until February 7 to take out papers, so a lot can happen. I hope we have at least a couple of contested races. It's way more fun, issues get flushed out much better, and more people get out and vote.

So, encourage those who have taken out papers to get the signatures and return them. If you are thinking about running for something, do it. Just....do it. It'll be fun. If you know someone who has been thinking about it, encourage that person to run.

Most of them are volunteer positions. A couple of them pay a small stipend. But, the Town Clerk job is a full time, living wage job. So check 'em out on page 3.

So far, we've had some pretty mild weather for winter. But it looks like it's going to change soon. So, if you haven't donated to the food pantry yet, now is a good time. People will be needing to put more money into staying warm, and that will leave less money for other stuff, like food.

Please be sure to thumb through the pages for all the other good stuff in here this week. And while you're at it, please make sure to take note of who our advertisers are and tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*. And if you can, please consider a donation to the *Neighb News* directly. We can't do it on ad dollars alone, especially in winter.

Study after study shows that people depend on their local newspapers for their news. But these outlets will not be around without community support. Just \$20 a year from our readers would be enough to keep us firmly in the black. So, if you like what you read, please show your support.

That's it for this week. Things should be picking up soon. Meanwhile, there are still a few fun things to do (see pages 5, 8, 9).

Until next week then, see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Nothing? Really? Starting the year out RIGHT! Yippee!

Nomination papers available in Fairhaven and Acushnet

By Beth David

Editor

The annual election for town offices in both Fairhaven and Acushnet will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019.

For both towns Thursday, 2/7/19, at 5 p.m. is the deadline for requesting nomination papers. Mon. 2/11/19, at 5 p.m. is the deadline for turning in nomination papers to the town clerk's office. Wed., 2/27/19 is the last day to withdraw papers.

In Fairhaven Town Meeting member incumbents have until Monday, 2/4 to file a written request for re-election with the Town Clerk.

Tuesday, March 12, 2019, is the last day to register to vote for the town election. The Town Clerk's office in both towns will be open until 8 p.m. that day.

In Fairhaven you may register to vote any day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Fairhaven Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven.

In Acushnet, you may register to vote at the Town Clerk's Office, Parting Ways Building, 130 Main St., Acushnet, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Tuesdays 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Fridays 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Mail-in voter registration forms are available at both Town Clerk's Offices, the Millicent Library in Fairhaven, and state and federal offices throughout Massachusetts. You may also register to vote online at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>

After picking up nomination papers at the Town Clerk's office, candidates must gather the proper number of signatures to appear on the ballot. In Fairhaven, to vote at Town Meeting, you must be a

member. You must get nomination papers and gather 10 certified signatures from YOUR precinct only.

Acushnet has an open Town Meeting, where any registered voter can vote.

For Townwide Offices

In Fairhaven papers for townwide office require 50 certified signatures.

In Acushnet, papers for townwide office require 43 certified signatures.

Candidates should speak with their town clerk for details.

Polling Places

Polling places for Fairhaven's town elections are: Precinct 1, Town Hall; Precincts 2 & 3, Hastings Middle School; Precinct 4, Fairhaven Fire Station; Precincts 5 & 6, Recreation Center. Polls are open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on 4/1/19.

All precincts in Acushnet vote at the Elementary School on Middle Road.

Contacts

If you have any questions about running for office or registering to vote, contact your town's Town Clerk's office.

Fairhaven: office or registering to vote, 508-979-4023, Ext. 3; at Town Hall, 40 Center Street.

Acushnet: 508-998-0215; Parting Ways Building, 130 Main Street, Acushnet (adjacent to Town Hall).

Who's up for re-election?

Although it is early in the process to know who will actually run for which seats, it is not too early to list the seats up for a vote in April.

In Fairhaven, Selectboard member Daniel Freitas's seat will be on the ballot. Lisa Plante has taken out

papers for that seat, but had not returned them by press time.

The Town Clerk seat is also on the ballot for a full term this year. Technically, it is vacant, because former clerk Eileen Lowney retired. Her assistant, Carolyn Hurley has been appointed acting Town Clerk. Ms. Hurley returned her papers with the proper number of signatures on 1/7.

The School Committee has two seats up this year. Incumbents for those seats are Michael McNamara and Stasia Powers. Neither has pulled papers yet.

For the Board of Health, Peter DeTerra is up for re-election. He returned his papers on 12/4/18.

For Commissioner of Trust Funds, Barbara Acksen is up for re-election.

For the Board of Public Works, one seat is up for re-election, held by Michael Ristuccia. Albert Martin, whose bid for a seat on the BPW ended in a tie last year, has taken out papers for Mr. Ristuccia's seat.

Mr. Ristuccia, however, has not taken out papers for his seat. He has taken out papers for the Planning Board.

There are two people up for re-election on the PB, Rene Fleurent and Wayne Hayward. Both have taken out papers for that four-year term. That makes three for two seats running, if they all return papers.

There is also an unexpired term for PB, vacated when Nicholas Carrigg resigned. John (Jay) Malaspino was appointed to that position and has taken out papers to run.

The Housing Authority also has one five-year seat on the ballot this year, currently held by Anne Silveira. She has not yet taken out nomination

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Mass. Trails Program is looking for applications

Press Release

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is reminding the public that February 1, 2019 is the application deadline for funding from the Baker-Polito Administration's MassTrails Program, a competitive funding program which will allow municipal and public entities to expand and connect networks of off-road, shared-use pathways and recreational trails in Massachusetts.

The MassTrails Program will provide a total of approximately \$5 million in matching grants through the first round of funding in Fiscal Year 2020 and will also offer technical assistance and resources to individuals, municipalities, non-profits, and other public entities to design, construct, and maintain high-quality Massachusetts trails.

The grants will generally range from \$10,000-\$100,000, with higher priority projects receiving grants up to \$300,000. MassTrails grants can be used for the following purposes: project development, design, engineering, permitting, construction, and maintenance.

The grant application for the MassTrails Program deadline for the first round of applications is February 1, 2019. More information on the MassTrails program can be found on the public website: <https://www.mass.gov/welcome-to-masstrails>.

The MassTrails Program is being managed by the Baker-Polito Administration's interagency Trails Team. Established by Governor Baker in 2017 in order to develop a unified vision for a trails network, the Trails Team is led by the Governor's office

and comprised of staff from MassDOT, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).

Since 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has constructed or funded 150 miles of paved trails, adding to the current statewide inventory of 565 miles of paved trails. Over 30 miles of trails spanning over a dozen projects were completed across the Commonwealth in 2018.

In addition to managing the MassTrails Program, the Trails Team is continuing other efforts to develop a unified network of trails across the Commonwealth. The Trails Team has doubled the amount of federal Recreational Trails Program funding distributed in Fiscal Year 2018 and Fiscal Year 2019 over recent years, addressed the permitting of trail projects at the state and local levels, leveraged partnerships with public and private-sector entities, and aligned resources to assist municipalities with the full range of trail issues.

The Team is also developing a Shared-Use Path Planning and Design Guide that covers planning, design, wayfinding and maintenance. As sections of the Guide are completed, they will be available on the MassTrails website. The first two sections are now live, including, a planning primer on moving a path project from a vision to a reality and a cost estimator tool and accompanying guidance document that helps approximate the cost of a shared-use path project.

MassDOT's 5-year Capital Investment Plan (CIP) also sets aside \$180

million for multi-use pathways construction. Other efforts to strengthen multimodal transportation include the Administration's Complete Streets Funding Program, which has awarded over \$30 million to municipalities throughout the Commonwealth to build pedestrian, bicycle and access to transit accommodations, and a \$60 million program for high-priority projects identified in the Statewide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plans.

"The MassTrails Program will help provide new recreational and travel options for people to enjoy the Commonwealth's vast network of scenic trails," said Governor Charlie Baker. "This new program will better enable cities and towns throughout Massachusetts to build and maintain these vibrant assets for many years to come."

"We are proud to announce the MassTrails Program and continue working closely with our municipal and public-sector partners to invest in multimodal transportation networks," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. "By simplifying and expanding resources available to municipalities, we can help them improve and increase travel options for everyone."

"Trails provide numerous benefits to the people who use them and the neighborhoods that support them, whether it's access to our natural environment, reduced congestion and carbon emissions, or the ability to enjoy healthy recreational activities," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack.



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"The Rabbit Proof Fence" (1000 miles of fencing across the south-western Australian desert to keep out rabbits) written by Doris Pilkington has been chosen for January's book discussion.

The selection is a true story of three young Aboriginal girls, in 1931, that were taken from their homes by the Australian government so that they could be trained to be cultural white. Missing their homes the girls escape, and following the rabbit proof fence they make their harrowing trip home.

The book will be discussed at **Fairhaven's Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, on Thurs., 1/17 at 10 a.m.**, in the library's meeting room, accessible through the Walnut Street entrance.

The discussion is free and open to the public. The book is available at the library or through the library's web-site, <http://www.millicentlibrary.org>. For more info, call Norma Markey at 508-993-3745.

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Missed trees may be dropped off at the gate at the Recycle Center, 5 Arsene Street

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

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.

Recognition of receipt of the scholarship will be made at graduation and at the Annual Fairhaven Historical Society Annual Meeting and Dinner in June. The one-time award of \$1000 will be presented to the recipient upon proof of successful completion of semester one classes.

A minimum of three hours of volunteer time at the Fairhaven Historical Society Museum or

Fairhaven Historical Society events/activities within one year of scholarship award notification is required of each annual scholarship recipient.

For more information or an application email historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com.

Free Trees

Local residents can ring in the New Year with 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January 2019.

By becoming a part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation, new members will receive 10 free flowering trees or five crapemyrtles. The flowering trees include: two Sargent crabapples, three American redbuds, two Washington hawthorns and three white flowering dogwoods.

The free trees are part of the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between February 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members will also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution by January 31, 2019 to: Ten Flowering Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410. Local residents can also join online at arborday.org/January.

Buzzards Bay Swim Registration Open

Make your New Year's resolution to have a great time for a good cause at the 26th anniversary Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, June 22, 2019. Registration is now open at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim

Last year, swimmers raised a total of \$158,000 to support the Coalition's ongoing work to prevent pollution and protect clean water in Buzzards Bay.

Student help at Animal Shelter is much appreciated

By Beth David
Editor

The dedication of his volunteers is “unexplainable,” and their growth is “immense,” wrote Fairhaven Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps in a letter to Fairhaven High School Principal Andrew Kulak back in November. He was writing about Erin



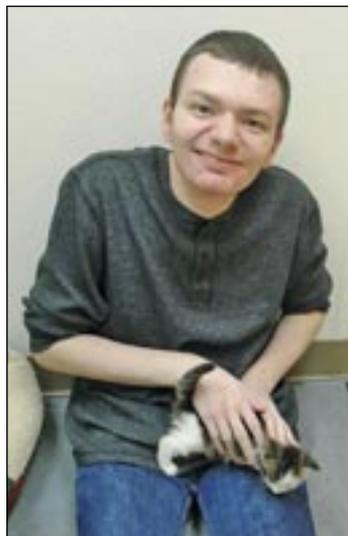
ABOVE: Daniel Perry and Erin Fletcher (center) pose with Fairhaven law enforcement and Fairhaven High School officials after receiving an appreciation award from the Fairhaven Animal Shelter on 12/3/18. *Photo courtesy of Christine Neville, FHS.* LEFT: Erin Fletcher, plays with the kittens at the shelter to help them get socialized for adoption. BELOW: Daniel Perry plays with a kitten at the shelter. *Photos courtesy of Shawntee Paris.*

Fletcher and Daniel Perry, who needed a way to get some real world experience.

“We have seen the immense growth in Danny and Erin not only in their interaction with the animals but also with their interaction with the public,” wrote Mr. Cripps “They also take the initiative when they come to the shelter and get started on the dishes and mopping without any direction. We appreciate everything they have done for us in the last year and a half and we would always be open if you would ever like to expand the program.”

Because of their exceptional dedication, Mr. Cripps, the Fairhaven Police Department, and the school conspired to surprise the two with certificates of appreciation, and presented them on December 3, 2018, with the police chief and other members of law enforcement, and school officials present.

The students perform duties that any other part time employee would help



with, including keeping the shelter clean, interacting with the public and socializing the animals.

To learn more about the Fairhaven Animal Shelter at 200 Bridge Street, call 508-979-4028. ●●●

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Fifteen vie for Miss New Bedford Outstanding Teen

Press Release

On Saturday January 19th, 15 young women will compete to become the next Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen. The pageant will take place at 6:00 p.m. at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, located at 1121 Ashley Boulevard in New Bedford.

A local preliminary competition to the Miss Massachusetts' Outstanding Teen and Miss America's Outstanding Teen scholarship programs, the pageant offers scholarships, plus leadership and service opportunities to those who participate. The winner will receive a \$500 educational scholarship, hundreds of dollars in additional prizes, and entry into the state pageant. Runners-up and special awards winners will also receive scholarship money and awards.

Contestants compete in five stages of scored competition: a private six-minute Interview, Talent, Physical Fitness, Evening Wear, and On-Stage Question. Each contestant is expected to demonstrate confidence and drive, academic excellence, and a commitment to service. Further, each contestant has chosen her own personal 'platform,' or cause, which she will promote and advance during her year.

The reigning Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen is Victoria Kalisz. During her year, Victoria made more than 220 appearances throughout the community. Her year of service was devoted to her personal platform, "Rise Up: You Are Stronger Than You Think," inspired by her own personal journey of strength, self-discovery, and success out of challenge and adversity.

Her platform allowed her to serve as a role model to persons of all ages, while donating countless hours of

volunteer service to communities throughout Greater New Bedford. She also raised monies throughout her year to benefit Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Victoria also represented New Bedford in the Miss Massachusetts' Outstanding Teen pageant where she placed as third runner-up.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children/seniors. At the door, all tickets for patrons of all ages will be a flat rate of \$20. You may reserve tickets by contacting tickets@missnewbedford.org or 508-971-9564.

This year's contestants are:

Marcie Araujo, a 14-year-old eighth grader at Normandin Middle School. She will sing for her talent and her platform is titled "Read... Lead... Succeed!!!" promoting the importance of books in a digital world.

Emma Boudreau, a 16-year-old junior at Apponequet Regional High School. She will perform a contemporary dance for her talent and her platform is titled, "This is Me: Understanding and Coming to Terms with Teenage Mental Health Issues."

Ericka Correia, a 15-year-old freshman at Apponequet Regional High School. She will tap dance for her talent, and her platform is titled, "Next Stop, Broadway," emphasizing the performing arts to build self-esteem and confidence.

Alyssa Costa, a 14-year-old eighth grader at Hastings Middle School. She will sing for her talent and her platform focuses on preventing animal cruelty and abuse.

Emma Gendreau, a 14-year-old freshman at New Bedford High School. Her talent is a musical theatre dance performance and her platform is titled, "Needs in Action," providing

opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Victoria Fernandes, a 15-year-old sophomore at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. She will tap dance for her talent and her platform is titled, "Unification Through Beautification," promoting the importance of taking care of our environment.

Kieyana Fleming, a 15-year-old freshman at New Bedford High School. She will perform a contemporary dance for her talent and her platform is titled, "Love the Skin You're In," promoting a positive body image.

Lilly LaFountain, a 13-year-old eighth grader at Ford Middle School. She will sing for her talent and her platform encourages others to get involved in their communities and embrace the values of volunteerism.

Hannah Lima, a 14-year-old eighth grader at St. James St. John School. She will sing for her talent and her platform is titled, "Volunteerism — Building Strong Communities by Offering the Gift of Time."

Samantha Masse, a 17-year-old junior at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. She will sing for her talent and her platform is titled, "Embrace Me," which focuses on teaching young girls to love who they are, inside and out.

Victoria Perry, a 14-year-old freshman at Old Rochester Regional High School. She will sing for her talent and her platform is titled, "Don't Get Ticked," promoting Lyme Disease education.

Emma Pimental, a 17-year-old junior at Bishop Stang High School. She will sing for her talent and her

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Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Greater New Bedford invites participants, survivors, and team captains to the **monthly team meetings on Jan. 16, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 17, May 15, and Jun. 12. All meetings will be held at the Whaler Inn and Suites at 500 Hathaway Road, New Bedford at 6:30PM.**

The monthly meeting provides event updates and allows teams and participants to interact with the event leadership team, share their fundraising progress and successes, ask questions, learn how the community benefits from funds raised, and learn how cancer survivors and caregivers will be honored.

The Relay For Life movement unites communities across the globe to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action for lifesaving change. Teams participant in fundraising in the months leading up to the event.

The Relay For Life movement is the world's largest fundraising event to fight every cancer in every community. The Relay For Life of Greater New Bedford is celebrating 25 years on June 21, 2019. Join us today in leading the fight for a world without cancer.

For more information on the Relay For Life event or team captain meetings, visit RelayForLife.org/gtrnewbedfordma or contact Taylor Wright at taylor.wright@cancer.org for more information.

Pruning Day

Winter is the best time to prune your trees and shrubs. This task gets us gardeners outside and ready for the upcoming spring.

Join a group of professional horticulturists on a winter's day and learn some new pruning tips. **Wed., 1/16, 10 a.m. to noon. at Haskell Public Gardens, 787 Shawmut Ave., NB. FREE**

For questions please e-mail Horticulturist Kristin McCullin kmccullin@thetrustees.org

Miss NB Teen

The Miss New Bedford Outstanding Teen pageant will take place on **Sat., 1/19, at 6:00 p.m. at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational**

Technical High School, 1121 Ashley Boulevard in New Bedford.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children/seniors. At the door, all tickets for patrons of all ages will be a flat rate of \$20. You may reserve tickets by contacting tickets@missnewbedford.org or 508-971-9564.

"Harvey" at YTI

YTI Director Suzanne J. Houbre of New Bedford, MA. has cast twelve Southcoast area actors to take the stage in the hit Pulitzer Prize-winning Broadway and Hollywood comedy *Harvey* by Mary Chase, the fourth major attraction of Your Theatre, Inc.'s 72nd season.

The cast includes Peter Ashworth, Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr. and Al Vitale of New Bedford, Mellanie Crowther of Fairhaven, Stephen R. Kay and Megan McCaughey of Swansea, Susan Wing Markson of Lakeville, Camerin Bennett and Susan B., Sullivan of Mattapoisett, Susie Kokkins of Marion, Bob Goodwin of Bristol, RI and Dennis J. Smith of Tiverton, RI. The production is stage managed by Mellanie Crowther of Fairhaven. Costumes are by Mark P. Fuller, Set and Lighting design by Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr., both of New Bedford with sound design by William Smith of Dartmouth.

A Hilarious Whirlwind Of Confusion

This comedy pulls laughter out of the hat at every turn. Elwood P. Dowd is charming and kind with one character flaw: an unwavering friendship with a 6-foot-tall, invisible white rabbit named Harvey. When Elwood starts to introduce his friend to guests at a society party, his sister Veta can't take it anymore. In order to save the family's social reputation, Elwood's sister takes him to the local sanatorium. But when the doctor mistakenly commits his anxiety-ridden sister, Elwood and Harvey slip out of the hospital unbothered, setting off a hilarious whirlwind of confusion and chaos as everyone in town tries to catch a man and his invisible rabbit. Everyone needs a best friend, and ours is Harvey!

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

The play opens on January 10,

2019 and runs for two Thursdays through Sundays. Performance dates are January 10, 11, 12, 13 and 17, 18, 19, 20, 2019. Curtain time is 7:30 PM for all performances except the 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinees. Performances are 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.

Tickets are \$18 general admission, \$13 for season subscribers (three show minimum), 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.

Women's Rights March & Forum

Sat., 1/19, beginning at Custom House Square, downtown New Bedford. Pre-March Rally begins at 12 noon. Anniversary of the Women's March in downtown New Bedford. Starting at Custom House Square. Open to all! Children and families welcome. Singers include Miss New Bedford 2018 and Showstoppers Performing Arts, Inc. Speakers include Dr. Kim Holland, Poet Laureate Patricia Gomes.

Statement of March Values: In all areas, ATMA and all March affiliates stand for equal rights, religious tolerance, freedom of the press, science, inclusivity, social justice, economic freedom, and fundamental human decency.

Affiliated and Partner organizations: Action Together Massachusetts, Women's Fund of Southeastern Massachusetts, YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts, Human Relations Commission, Martha Briggs, A's before J's Program, Coalition for Social Justice, We Won't Go Back/New Bedford, New Bedford Harbor Hotel, Slainte Irish Pub, Plum Direct Marketing, Foxx and Luna

Find info on the whole Weekend of Women at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2067228159962412/> including a Women's Forum and lunch before the march.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Seal Watch Cruise

Look for seals and wintering seabirds on a heated boat tour across Buzzards Bay to beautiful Cuttyhunk Island! Join the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Cuttyhunk Ferry Company for this exciting **winter cruise on Sat., 1/19 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Departing New Bedford's State Pier aboard the M/V Cuttyhunk, the cruise will first venture to Gull Island, where participants will be able to photograph and observe unusual northern birds alongside gray, harbor, and harp seals that have ventured south from cold northern latitudes. Buzzards Bay is an important stopover location for overwintering marine wildlife, most notably seals of the Northeast region.

Next the group will go ashore at beautiful and unique Cuttyhunk Island, where you can walk up Lookout Hill to enjoy phenomenal 360-degree views of Block Island Sound, Buzzards Bay, Vineyard Sound, Martha's Vineyard and the Elizabeth Islands.

Tickets are \$30 for Buzzards Bay Coalition members, \$20 for children of members, \$45 for nonmembers and \$25 for children of nonmembers. Advanced registration is required. Tickets include lunch of clam chowder, drinks, hot dogs, and chips served aboard the boat.

Due to the booking requirements of Cuttyhunk Ferry Company, online registration for this event will close at 6pm on Wednesday, January 16.

To buy tickets online, visit <https://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/seal-seabird-cruise-cuttyhunk-jan-19-2019/> or contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at (508) 999-6363 ext. 219 or email bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org.

This is the first of several Seal and Seabird Watches the Coalition will host this winter. The next cruise will be a seal and seabird boat tour around Woods Hole on January 26.

Long Dam Walk

Have you been sticking with your New Year's resolution to get more exercise? Join DNRT for a challenging hike! On Monday, January 21, Mike Labossiere and a group of DNRT staff and volunteers will lead a 6.5 mile

walk through several properties, including DNRT's Ridge Hill Reserve, the Southeastern MA Bioreserve, and Copicut Woods. Attendees will also be able to walk across the Copicut Reservoir Dam, which is not normally open to the public! Prepare for uneven terrain; wet, rocky, and rooty areas; as well as inclines. This walk takes approximately 3.5-4 hours.

Space is limited and pre-registration required. Sign up at dnrt.org/events or by calling DNRT at (508) 991-2289. Meeting location and details will be emailed to registrants before walk. Sorry, dogs not allowed on this hike!

At Southeastern MA Bioreserve, Dartmouth, MA 02747; Monday, January 21, 10:00 AM. **Free for DNRT Members, \$5 Non-Members**

Women's Hike

Ladies, nervous to hike alone? Looking for some company on DNRT trails? Leah Howard, DNRT Land Steward, will lead a group through the land trust's largest property, Destruction Brook Woods. The property includes miles of walking trails, mature woodlands that include American Beech and Atlantic White Cedar, unusual rock ledges covered with many interesting ferns and lichens, and Destruction Brook itself, once a major source of power for the mills of Russell's Mills.

Come get some exercise, enjoy the scenery, and meet new friends!

Women's Walks will take place the second Sunday of each month at a new location each time.

Meet at **Destruction Brook Woods, Slades Corner Rd, Dartmouth, MA 02748; Sun., 1/13, 10:00 a.m. FREE!**

Auditions

Theatre By The Sea announces Equity and Non-Equity Adult Auditions for its 2019 Summer Season. Seeking strong actors, dancers and singers. Performers must be available for all rehearsal and performance dates. Local talent is strongly encouraged to audition. All roles are open for the following productions:

Love and Other Fables to be presented from May 29 - June 16

Singin' in the Rain to be presented from June 19 - July 13

Disney's Newsies to be presented from July 17 - August 10

Saturday Night Fever to be presented from August 14 - September 8

Auditions will be held on Saturday, January 26 and Sunday, January 27, 2019 at: URI - Fine Arts Building, 105 Upper College Rd, Kingston, RI 02881

Parking and entrance behind building.

The schedule for both days will be as follows:

9:00 am - Sign-in begins

10:00 am - 3:00 pm - Open Call

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Dance callbacks

Additional information and character breakdowns are available at www.TheatreByTheSea.com. Please email Matthew Chappell, Casting Director, with any questions at mchappell@nsmt.org

Performers of all ethnicities and backgrounds are strongly encouraged to attend this audition.

Owl Prowls

Scouting for Snowy Owls, Sundays Jan 6th and Jan 13th 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. Join us as we search for the beautiful and elusive snowy owl, migrants to our sanctuary each year. We will travel along the beach loop trail and onto private land during this walk, which covers approximately 2.5 miles of uneven terrain. Program meets at the Field Station Parking area at 1280 Horseneck Road, Westport. Dress for an outdoor winter hike. Registration limited to 12 adults. **Members \$10 Nonmem. \$12**

Please register on-line at <http://swww.massaudubon.org> or call 508-636-2437, as these programs have limited space and are weather-dependent.

Bike Transpo Plan

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation's (MassDOT) Draft Mass. Bicycle Transportation Plan is now available for public comment. Members of the public may review the plan and provide feedback online at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/bicycle-plan>

MassDOT is focused on making the Commonwealth's transportation system more sustainable - to make it safe for people to choose to walk, bike, and take transit for more of their daily trips.

Recipe of the Week Cranberry Popcorn Balls

2 cups sugar
1 cup whole berry cranberry sauce, slightly mashed
1 tablespoon grated orange peel
1/2 cup cranberry juice
1/2 cup light corn syrup
1 teaspoon vinegar
1/2 teaspoon salt
5 quarts unsalted popped popcorn

Combine all ingredients, except popcorn, in a heavy saucepan.

Bring to a boil; lower heat and cook to 250 degrees Fahrenheit on a candy thermometer.

Mixture will bubble up in pan, so watch to keep from boiling over.

Pour slowly onto hot popcorn and mix until well-coated. Let stand 5 minutes or until mixture can easily be formed into balls.

Butter hands and form into 3-inch balls.

From The Popcorn Board

BOH: Free well evaluations available

Press Release

The Fairhaven Health Department would like to notify all homeowners, as RCAP Solutions, Inc. is currently seeking local homeowners who are interested in learning more about the quality of their water and the condition of their well. Unlike public drinking water systems, private wells do not have experts regularly checking the water's source and its quality before it is sent to the tap. Households that use private wells must take special precautions to ensure the safety of their drinking water.

RCAP Solutions can provide local well owners the opportunity to have a free, on-site professional review of their well head and the recharge area, and determine well maintenance needs. Well vulnerabilities will be evaluated based on well specifications, nearby environmental threats, geology, and contamination issues in the area.

For more information, or if you are interested in participating in the complimentary private well assess-

ment program, please contact Jim Starbard at (978) 502-0227 or email Jstarbard@rcapsolutions.org to schedule a consultation. Additional information is also available at privatewellassess.org.

RCAP Solutions, Inc., is a not for profit organization comprised of health professionals, geologists, chemists, engineers, and licensed water operators that are part of a larger network of ground water and drinking water professionals available to provide the necessary resources for participants.

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Getting comfortable with a good book

By Beth David
Editor

There's nothing like settling into a comfy spot for a long period of reading a good book. And books do not get much better than *Moby-Dick*.

So hundreds of people settled in to listen as close to 170 people took turns reading portions of the favorite American classic about a the quest of a whaleboat that set sail from New Bedford Harbor (on the Fairhaven side, I might add...ahem).

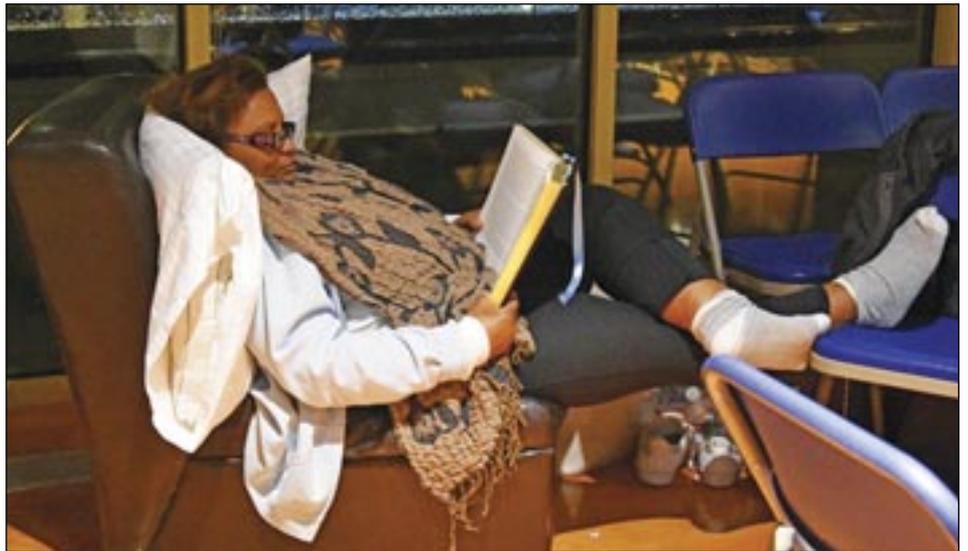
The 23rd annual marathon reading of one of America's most beloved classics took place at the New Bedford Whaling Museum this weekend, with one portion held at the famed Seamen's Bethel. And Culture*Park performers acted out Chapter 40 in the Whaling Museum theater on Saturday night.

Famous readers and regular folk, Melville Aficionados, veteran readers, and newbies, 168 according to the list, read for a few minutes each. The reading started at noon on Saturday with Jim Braude and Margery Eagan, Co-Hosts of Boston Public Radio jostling to be the one to say the famous first line: "Call me Ishmael."

Jim won that tussle.



ABOVE: Sarah Robbins and Frank Curren, of Providence, RI, follow along during the Moby-Dick Marathon at the New Bedford Whaling Museum just after midnight on Sunday, 1/6/19. RIGHT: Reading from Chapter 54 Catherine Gees got to yell, "The White Whale! The White Whale!" at about 11:40 p.m. on Saturday, 1/5/19. Photos by Beth David.



Patricia Andrade makes herself comfortable as she follows along at the Moby-Dick Marathon at the New Bedford Whaling Museum at about 11:15 p.m. on Saturday, 1/5/19. Photo by Beth David.

Late into Saturday night, as the clock ticked closer and closer to midnight, there were still about 50 people following along.

Patricia Andrade grabbed one of the few soft chairs, put her feet up, her head on a pillow and a warm wrap around her neck to follow along.

She said she goes every year for at

least part of the time. This was the first year she was trying to stay through the whole thing, including through the night. She said she has done the beginning, the middle, and the end.

"I never did the whole thing," she said.

She has also read before, but not this year, unless they need her to.

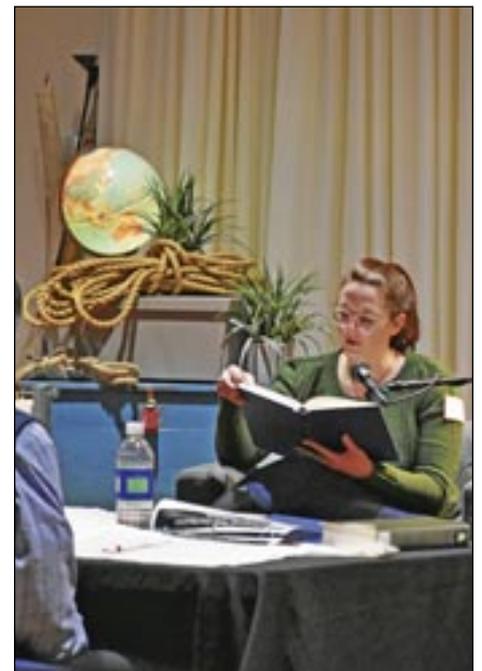
Logan Rockefeller lives in California now, but grew up in Arlington, Mass. She said she comes back for the holidays and extends her stay a bit to catch the marathon.

"I really love it," said Ms. Rockefeller, adding that she read it with her book club a few years ago with a very dear friend. "So it's very dear to me."

She admits that she usually manages to sleep, but "not much."

Sarah Robbins and Frank Curren traveled from Providence for the marathon. Mr. Curren, listed in the program as an Melville Aficionado, read earlier on Saturday afternoon. It was the first time for both of them.

"It's *Moby-Dick*," said Ms. Robbins when asked why they were there. "We love the book." ●●●



More from the *Moby-Dick* Marathon



The New Bedford Whaling Museum held the 23rd annual *Moby-Dick* marathon this weekend. The reading started at noon on Saturday and went through to about 1 p.m. on Sunday. One portion was read in the Seamen's Bethel, and Culture*Park performers acted out Chapter 40 in the Whaling Museum theater. See page 12 for story. ABOVE LEFT: Logan Rockefeller knits as she follows along during the *Moby-Dick* Marathon at about 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, 1/5/19. She's not alone as another woman also knits (ABOVE RIGHT) at the same time. BELOW LEFT: Jim Yarin, author of "Rope Walker," reads from Chapter 55 at about 11:55 p.m. on Saturday. BOTTOM LEFT: Angus Warren, from Middlebury College, passes over the midnight hour reading from chapters 55 and 56 during the *Moby-Dick* Marathon at the New Bedford Whaling Museum on Saturday and Sunday, 1/5-6/19. Photos by Beth David



ABOVE: Even after midnight on Sunday, 1/6/19, people follow along during the *Moby-Dick* Marathon at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. LEFT: A poster in the lobby of the Whaling Museum welcoming visitors to the 23rd annual *Moby-Dick* Marathon Sunday, 1/6/19. Photos by Beth David.

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Grades: K-5. Dates: 2/19/19 - 2/22/19. Drop off between 8-8:15, pick up by 3 p.m. Instructors: Staff
Cost: Member \$100; Non Member \$125

Home Alone Safety Class

This course is designed to encourage children to be more independent. Topics covered will be basic first aid, door and telephone protocol, accident prevention, and first aid for choking and safety measures. Pizza will also be provided. Space is limited... sign up soon!!

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Southcoast VNA and Hospice

Grief Support Group, 1st Tuesday of the month Widows and Widowers Grief Support Group 5:00-6:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday of the month General Loss Grief Support Group 5:00-6:30 p.m. Join Nancy Arnold as she provides the support you need to get through these difficult times. Call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up at 508-979-4029.

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., Jan. 7, 14; and Thursdays 5:45-8 p.m., Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 31. Call 508-979-4029 for additional dates.

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Looking for something to do this summer? Sharing the Harvest Community Farm is looking for green thumbs of every skill level who can help during the harvesting season. All produce from the farm is donated to those in need throughout the South Coast. Email sharingtheharvest@ymcasc.org for more information

Computer Technology for Seniors

9-10:00 a.m. Participants must sign up at the main desk at the Senior Center. Bring your own laptops. The first 8 to sign up will be accepted. Remaining dates: Jan. 14, 16, 18.

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Acushnet Selectboard looks at budgets, will add heavy trash day

By Beth David
Editor

The budget process has begun, with the Acushnet Selectboard hearing from the Conservation Agent, Council on Aging Director, and the Department of Public Works Director on Tuesday, 1/8.

Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly asked the board for an additional \$5,000 for part time person to help in the pollinator garden. Ms. Kelly has planted an organic flower garden to be a safe habitat area for pollinators such as butterflies and bees.

The extra money will be used for a part time person, approximately 10 hours a week for the season.

In a follow-up phone interviews, Ms. Kelly said she simply cannot keep up with the weeds by herself. She said the garden is important because it is organic, so it is a safe place for pollinators.

"Because pollinators are in real trouble," she said.

Ms. Kelly is also hoping to buy a plotter, a large-format printer so the department can print out its own maps and plans.

Town Administrator Brian Noble said he was hoping to find a used one for around \$2,000, and it could be used by other departments.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar chided Ms. Kelly, saying her numbers in the payroll column were wrong.

She explained that part of her salary comes from the Planning Department, but Mr. Gaspar did not give in, saying it was a waste of time to go over numbers that were not correct.

He said he did not want to have to go over budgets two or three times because things were being left out.

"I don't like to play that game," he said.

Ms. Kelly will make some changes and present to the board at a future meeting.

Council on Aging Director Heather Sylvia also asked for a \$12,000 increase her in payroll account for additional receptionist coverage.

She told the board that the building is too large for one person to be there alone. Some of the receptionist positions are grant-funded, and have been for years, she

said, but she needs to have coverage for all the hours that the building is open to the public.

The building is open for 40 hours a week, but reception is only covered for 20 hours.

The energy line item also has an increase, of \$1,000 she said.

Other increases are due to regularly scheduled raises.

Dan Menard, the Director of the Department of Public Works spent by far the most time going over his budget. He admitted that he was asking for a lot of money compared to the two smaller departments that preceded him.

His biggest increase, he said was in the Highway Department, because he is planning a lot of new road projects that will require more asphalt, fill, guard-rails and other road materials.

He is hoping to tackle drainage problems on Mendal Road and Hamil Street, which will require extensive work to the catch basins and where they drain.

Mr. Menard is also looking to hire another Water Department worker.

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| The West Island 5K | The New Bedford Whaling Museum |
| The Turkey Trot | Theater One |
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platform focuses on emphasizing mental health education and awareness in teens.

Juliette Simmons, a 16-year-old junior at Fairhaven High School. She will perform a contemporary dance for her talent and her platform is titled "Healing Emotions Through ARTS (HeARTS)," promoting individuality through creative self-expression.

Alexandra Soares, a 16-year-old junior at New Bedford High School. She will perform a contemporary dance for her talent and her platform is titled, "Dance to Enhance: Creating a Better Version of Yourself Through the Performing Arts."

Abigail Souza, a 14-year-old freshman at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. She will sing for her talent, and her platform is titled, "Hypertension Awareness in Today's Youth: Educate, Diagnose, Conquer!" ●●●



Fifteen teens will vie for the title of Miss New Bedford Outstanding Teen on 1/19/19, from L-R, TOP TO BOTTOM: Marcie Araujo, Emma Boudreau, Ericka Correia, Alyssa Costa, Victoria Fernandes, Kieyana Fleming, Emma Gendreau, Lilly LaFountain, Samantha Masse, Emma Pimentel, Victoria Perry, Juliette Simmons, Alexandra Soares, Abigail Sousa. Photos courtesy Andrew Gallagher Studios.

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SMCU announces new management team

Press Release

Southern Mass Credit Union (SMCU) CEO Carmen Sylvester is pleased to introduce the organization's new senior management team:

Michael Gago, Chief Lending Officer, came to Southern Mass Credit Union in June of 2018 from Centerville Bank with an extensive background in various aspects of consumer, residential, wholesale, and commercial lending; financial management; asset management; and financial analysis. As Chief Lending Officer for SMCU, he develops and implements products and services for Commercial, Residential, and Retail Lending and maximizes portfolio growth through effective planning, development, and implementation of lending strategies. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Bryant University and an MS in Accounting and an MBA in Finance from Bentley University.

Jackie Bobola, Chief Financial Officer, has primary oversight responsibility for Accounting, Financial Management and Reporting, Asset Liability Management, Investments, and Facilities. Jackie joined the SMCU team in 2018, bringing with her more than 15 years of accounting and leadership experience, most recently as Controller at Direct Federal Credit Union in Needham. Jackie is a bottom line-focused financial leader who ensures the safeguarding of assets through the development, implementation and monitoring of proper internal controls, risk management, and asset/liability management. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Stonehill College.

Debra Tower, Vice President Branch Administration, has been part of the SMCU team for more than 20 years. Her most recent experience prior to joining the senior management team was as Member Services Manager. In her current position, she is responsible for the operation and facilitation of front-line products and services, including the School Savings Program, and directs the operations and staff of five full-service and school branches. She has served as financial counsel, facilitator, and volunteer for several community organizations.

Susan St. Pierre, Vice President Information Technology, joined SMCU's senior management team in



The Southern Mass Credit Union Senior Management Team, FRONT, L-F: Carmen Sylvester, President and CEO; Kimberly Trahan, Vice President Human Resources; Stephanie Medeiros, Vice President Operations. BACK, L-R: Jackie Bobola, Chief Financial Officer; Debra Tower, Vice President Branch Administration; Suzanne Catraio, Vice President Marketing; Michael Gago, Chief Lending Officer; Susan St.Pierre, Vice President Information Technology. *Submitted photo.*

July 2018 from HarborOne Bank with 29 years of experience in the financial industry, focused on information technology, risk management, and vendor direction. She is tasked with managing the Information Security and Enterprise Risk function of SMCU. In this critical role, she implements and maintains policies and goals that support the organization's IT needs and ensures the proper functioning of the information processing system with the primary goal of safeguarding sensitive data.

Stephanie Medeiros, Vice President Operations, ensures the optimal performance of SMCU's operations. Previously with Fall River Municipal Credit Union, Stephanie has 16 years of experience in the financial industry. In her new senior management role, Stephanie is responsible for the daily management of retail loan servicing and deposit services, and is instrumental in developing new products and services for the Credit Union. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Operations Management and Master of Public Policy degree from the University of Mass. Dartmouth.

Kimberly Trahan, Vice President Human Resources, joined the senior management team at SMCU in August 2018. Kim has 22 years of Human Resource experience in the financial services industry having previously

been with Fall River Municipal Credit Union and Bank Five. She is well equipped to manage all aspects of SMCU's Human Resource Department, including benefits administration, hiring, payroll administration, compensation programs, training, and development. Kim has an Associate Degree from Bristol Community College and a Certificate from Babson School for Financial Services.

Suzanne Catraio, Vice President Marketing, came to SMCU in September 2018 from Bridgewater Savings Bank with a strong background in advertising, public relations, and strategic planning, including more than 18 years' marketing experience for financial institutions. Her academic credentials include a Master of Business Administration degree from Bryant University and Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

Established in 1922, SMCU is celebrating nearly ninety-seven years of service excellence and financially sound operations. The Credit Union has assets of over \$200 million and provides banking services to more than 15,000 members. The main office is in Fairhaven, with branch offices in Fall River, New Bedford, and Plymouth. To learn more, visit www.southernmass.com. ●●●

ACUSHNET: cont'd from page 16

Increases in water payments to New Bedford also contributed to his larger numbers, he said.

Mr. Menard told the board that there has been a "huge increase" in the cost of road materials, but he has not gotten more money in many years.

The board went through some of the line items, such as fuel for vehicles, overtime and other payroll costs.

Mr. Menard said he was told to put together a "reality budget." He said he would adjust his projects according to what he got.

Materials keep going up he said, using fire hydrants as an example, saying they cost nearly \$1000 now.

Recycling showed the biggest increase, reflecting the same problems that all towns are having with the changes in the rules.

Education of town residents has paid off, however, with the town increasingly getting a "B" rating from the hauler, instead of all those "C's" they were getting.

With a "B" rating, the town pays \$108 per ton; with a "C" they pay \$150, so there is incentive for taxpayers to recycle properly.

Board members, led by Mr. Gaspar, did ask about having a special heavy item pickup day, instead of having

people go to the town barn.

Mr. Menard said the problem with one-day event is that people from out of town take advantage of it.

He said it was "crazy" the amount of stuff that was outside of single homes. The dumpster at the town yard is cheaper and more efficient. People have to show proof of residency to use it.

But the board insisted, and Mr. Menard will include it in his numbers for the next time he meets with the board.

Mr. Menard also asked for money to upgrade some equipment.

He will also crunch the numbers on using overtime instead of hiring new workers.

Mr. Menard asked to hire two new water department workers, saying he has enough projects to keep them busy. Two workers will be retiring in 5-7 years, which Mr. Gaspar said was a long time out.

Mr. Menard will rework some numbers and appear before the board at a future meeting to discuss the numbers in more detail.

The board also voted to accept the recommendations from Mr. Noble on fees for entertainment licenses for various establishments, such as bars with jukeboxes or live entertainment.

"I didn't think it was necessary to

gouge," said Mr. Noble.

The fees are based on categories created by the state. The list is available on the town's website on the Selectboard page.

Mr. Noble announced that the town received a \$6,000 grant for rear-view cameras to be installed on town vehicles. The first will be the COA vans, then the fire engines, then DPW vehicles depending on how far the grant money goes.

In another matter, the board appointed Lisa Leonard to the Community Preservation Committee.

The board also convened in executive session for two matters. One was to discuss strategy in preparation for negotiation with non-union personnel.

The other was written as: "Executive Session under G.L. c30A § 21 (a) (1) to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. If the chair so declares and not to return to public session." Board members would not say which department was involved or answer other questions on the matter.

ELECTIONS: cont'd from page 3

papers for that seat.

In Acushnet, only Thomas Fortin, Board of Health member, has taken out nomination papers for his three-year seat.

For other races, all three-year terms: Selectboard member Michael Cioper is up for re-election; Board of Assessors member Liberio DaSilva

Soares is up for re-election; Sarah Gomes and Jennifer Downing are up for re-election for their seats on the School Committee; Commissioner of Trust Funds Marc Laplante is up for re-election; two Trustees of the Free Public Library, Kristen Leotti and Nancy Francis have terms expiring this year; the Cemetery Board's

Charlene Fortin is up for re-election; and Park Commissioner Christopher Anderson is up for re-election.

The Acushnet Housing Authority has one five-year seat on the ballot, currently held by Andrew Gomes. Planning Commissioner Richard Ellis is also up for re-election to a five-year term.



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Planning Board

Tues., 1/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 2/6, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 1/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Assessors

Tues., 1/29, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

School Council

Wed., 1/16, Element. Library, 4 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 1/22, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

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| Saturday | 12 | ---- | 1213 | 0447 | 1712 |
| Sunday | 13 | 0046 | 1304 | 0542 | 1805 |
| Monday | 14 | 0135 | 1354 | 0648 | 1905 |
| Tuesday | 15 | 0226 | 1448 | 0751 | 2000 |
| Wednesday | 16 | 0323 | 1551 | 0851 | 2056* |
| Thursday | 17 | 0424 | 1652 | 0956 | 2156* |
| Friday | 18 | 0518 | 1743 | 1057* | 2255* |
| Saturday | 19 | 0606 | 1830 | 1151* | 2350* |
| Sunday | 20 | 0653 | 1919 | ---- | 1243* |
| Monday | 21 | 0742 | 2011 | 0045* | 1338* |
| Tuesday | 22 | 0834 | 2104 | 0145* | 1432* |
| Wednesday | 23 | 0926 | 2155 | 0242* | 1518* |
| Thursday | 24 | 1017 | 2249 | 0333* | 1600* |
| Friday | 25 | 1111 | 2345 | 0421* | 1644* |
| Saturday | 26 | ---- | 1208 | 0516* | 1737* |
| Sunday | 27 | 0043 | 1305 | 0644 | 1849* |
| Monday | 28 | 0138 | 1401 | 0849 | 2008 |
| Tuesday | 29 | 0234 | 1459 | 1013 | 2206 |
| Wednesday | 30 | 0336 | 1606 | 1116 | 2314 |
| Thursday | 31 | 0438 | 1705 | ---- | 1208 |

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS Fairhaven Planning Board

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

- 1) PLN-19-013 20 Yankee Lane Special Permit Amendment application filed by Clean Energy Collective LLC on behalf of Fairhaven MA 2 LLC, pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Section 198-29.6, Solar

Photovoltaic Energy Facilities (SPEF), for a proposal to add an energy storage system at two locations within the previously approved solar array at the property located at 20 Yankee Lane, Assessors Map 39, Parcels 16, 23 & 30, in the Rural Residential Zoning District.

2. PLN-19-014 279 & 287 Mill Road Special Permit Amendment application filed by Clean Energy Collective LLC on behalf of the Antone Jr & Carol A Deterra Revocable Trust, pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Section 198-29.6, Solar Photovoltaic Energy Facilities (SPEF), for a proposal to add an energy storage system at two locations within the previously

approved solar array at the property located at 279 & 287 Mill Road, Assessors Maps 38 & 39, Parcels 5, 6 & 32, in the Rural Residential Zoning District.

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, Director
Department of Planning & Economic Development
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From our readers

Thank-you to those who contributed to food drive

This letter of thanks goes out to all the generous people who contributed money and/or non-perishable food to the 15th annual Shepherd's Pantry holiday fundraiser. With a monthly expenditure of around \$6,000.00 used to purchase food that is either running low or out of completely, monetary donations are necessary to keep the pantry running smoothly. Blanche Pepin, the pantry's administrator, and all of the hard working and dedicated volunteers, handed out thousands of food items to over 6,000 families during this past year. Broken down, that's over 16,000 individuals helped; with 33% of this total going to children and an average of over 95 families that come looking for help each Saturday between the hours of 9 and 11 AM.

A BIG thank you for this year's success goes to the much needed and appreciated newspaper articles from The Standard-Times, The Fairhaven/Acushnet Advocate and the Fairhaven Neighborhood News. Also, a BIG thank you to some of the area's businesses, churches, schools and non-profit groups and organizations

that have donated their time and money towards our yearly venture. I'd also like to acknowledge the donors who have visited our web site: shepherdspantry.org and felt inspired to help our cause.

Another big contributor this year was both The Greater New Bedford Track Club and Union Running from Fairhaven for their hard work of promoting and running our annual Turkey Trot road race. This annual Thanksgiving morning event brought in over 600 registered runners. After expenses, over \$14,000 and over 3,000 lbs. of food were donated to help out the Shepherd's Pantry.

Another notable contributor was Fairhaven Stop & Shop Manager, Kim Cordeiro, and Asst. Manager Tom Rodrigues who made sure that the pantry received over 250, \$10.00 boxes of donated non-perishable food that was purchased by their generous customers. Also, a big thank you to the friendly bakery workers, at this same store, who hand me outdated bread and pastries each Friday to be given out the next morning to the needy who frequent the pantry.

And finally, the food bin located at the Millicent Library, and Stop & Shop Supermarket, both located in

Fairhaven, where generous people have dropped off thousands of pounds of non-perishable food this past year, will continue. If you

have any questions about the pantry located at the Long Plain United Methodist Church at 1215 Main St. in Acushnet, please call 508-763-9289.

Gerry Payette, Holiday fund raiser
coordinator and Executive Director

Humane Society Exceeds 2018 Adoption Goal

The Humane Society & Shelter is proud to announce that their goal of 725 adoptions was exceeded when they reached 738 adoptions on December 31, 2018! In January of 2018 they set their goal to 725 adoptions by the end of the year, knowing this was a very high number.

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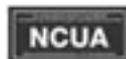
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Gary started his career in 1982 working with Benco Security in Acushnet MA. In 1986 he joined All Security Company Inc. as an installer/technician. Gary began moving up within the organization and was the General Manager when All Security was sold in November 2015. In January 2018 Gary joined Wayne Electric & Alarms and has quickly become an invaluable asset to our organization. His vast knowledge and superb customer service skills have exceeded our expectations.

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.

Wayne Electric & Alarms looks forward to the opportunity to provide you with the professional customer service you have come to expect. Please contact us at 508-997-5600 or info@walarms.com to discuss your security system needs.

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