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## Accident on bridge leaves truck hanging



A tractor trailer jumped the Jersey Barrier on the Fairhaven/New Bedford Bridge on Monday 1/14/13 at approximately 1:30 p.m., spilling fuel from its diesel tanks. Fairhaven Fire assisted New Bedford Fire with the incident. Traffic on the bridge had to be detoured for several hours while the truck was removed and the fuel was cleaned up. No injuries were reported. *Photo submitted by the Fairhaven Fire Department. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Sometimes I don't know whether to laugh or cry. Case in point (with apologies to Rod Serling): Everett, Massachusetts, home of the two most colossal idiots of our time in secondary education.

Meet Everett High School principal Erick Naumann, who calls himself the "Naumannator," and Roy Barrows, technology teacher extraordinaire.

These two creative geniuses crafted a video to introduce the new principal, who has been teaching in the Everett school district for 15 years. It's a spoof on the "Terminator" movies. When Mr. Barrows can't find any students in the building, the "Naumannator" tells him that the students were "Naumannated."

"Is he here to save us or destroy us," asks the voice-over as a woman screams and crawls backwards in the hall away from him. Of course, it wouldn't be complete without the school burning and a figure obscured in the flames. Many people are in an uproar over the violent imagery of the burning school and the missing students, especially "in the wake of Newtown."

Lots of other people say it's no big deal; it's all in good fun; leave the guy alone; get a sense of humor.

Oh, how I wish I could...really.

Is his video funny? The concept is, but the burning school and the terrorized woman...not so much.

First, let's put something to rest: I am totally in Mr. Naumann's corner that he has a right to his own creative process and to exercise his First Amendment rights. No one is saying the guy should get charged with anything. And, if he were in a real movie or a play, I'd say leave him alone, he's just play acting.

But this little gem came out of his own brain, and, to top it off, this Everett High School alum played the video during school, during morning announcements, FORCING all the students to watch it.

He is, after all, the principal. He can do that.

I'm sure all the girls appreciated seeing yet another nauseating image of a woman squirming away in terror at the hands of an all-powerful male, especially since building principals really are as close as it gets to being God in this day and age in the educationally enlightened Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

What were you thinking, oh Brain Trust of the Everett School System?

Even without being "in the wake of" all the school shootings and other school violence, this video would be on my list of "ways to get yourself fired from a principal's job." If only.

Forget about school violence. Where is the anger about the image of violence against women? Why is that okay? Why is that funny?

Now, again, Mr. Naumann has every right to show his creative chops, but he'd better be willing to face the consequences. The rest of us have to; his students would have to. Imagine if a student had published that video.

A shaky-voiced Mr. Naumann told reporters it was just a mistake, bad judgment. His lawyer said they won't fight the two-day suspension without pay. Two whole days. I couldn't find his salary online, but I'm willing to bet that a two-day suspension won't exactly be a hardship.

This was not a mistake or just bad judgement, as our two stellar educators would have us believe. What these men did (and the adult woman who played in it, too) was well thought out, scripted, acted, taped, edited and then shown to the whole school. A "mistake" or "bad judgement" is a slip of the tongue, saying something like: "I hate this school and wish everyone in it would die."

And that, ironically, is enough for a student to get expelled.

Y'know, now I'm thinking that all principals should be forced to make a video to introduce themselves to students. And they should be encouraged to get as creative as possible, to "connect" with students. Then we'd learn quickly who should be trusted to mold young minds and teach them how to treat each other.

I know it taught me a thing or two about Mr. Naumann. And I can tell you this: I don't share his humor, not one bit.

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Oh, no! One little letter makes it just the opposite meaaing. Gulp.... In our notice last week on the snow removal bylaw, we meant to say that residents "shall NOT" allow snow to accumulate. But you knew that, right? We are sorry if our error caused any confusion.

# Jake's Diner celebrates one year under new management

By Beth David  
Editor

It's still called Jake's Diner, and it's still got a lot of your old favorites, but there are also some changes to the authentic diner near the corner of Bridge Street and Alden Road in Fairhaven.

It has been just a about a year since Matt Gamache, owner of the Courtyard Restaurant, also in Fairhaven, bought Jake's Diner. And, although he made some changes to put his mark on the place, he also decided not to make the changes too drastic. He didn't want to lose that diner feel.

Mr. Gamache said he bought the business when he found out it was for sale because he just likes diner food.

"I've always been a fan of the diner concept," said Mr. Gamache, adding that diner food is, simply "home cooking."

"When we think of diner food, we think of home cooking, what mom cooked, what [grandma] made, what auntie made. You think of comfort food," he said.

So Jake's has all the usual favorites with a touch of local flair, too: a big burger, fries, fish cakes, quahogs, scallops, baked scrod, cacoila, linguica, sweet bread, and specials.

Mr. Gamache said he tried to make things a little different by using different hams and bacons.

"There are a hundreds types of hams and a hundred types of bacons," he said.

The building is an authentic diner that was moved from Springfield about 25 years ago by John Kalife, owner of Fairhaven Lumber, just a hop away on Alden Road. About 10 years ago, Tom Guard bought it and



Jake's Diner (above) has been under new management for a year. Owner Matt Gamache believes the building is one of only a handful of authentic diners of this size and style still operating as diners. **BELOW LEFT:** Cook Mark Fareas talks to some customers from across the counter and under a big spoon. **BELOW RIGHT, L-R:** Waiters Nicole Fleurent and Donna Beaulieu under the big fork. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

still owns the property.

Mr. Gamache said it is one of only six buildings of that style to be still used as a diner.

"The customers have been wonderful, the old and the new customers just discovering it," said Mr. Gamache.

He said the diner held a fund-raiser for the Neediest Families Fund and raised \$3,700 with a spaghetti supper and donations.

"People were just walking in and putting money in the fish bowl," said Mr. Gamache. "It was just real, real fun night. It was just absolutely wonderful."

A far cry from the first few months.

"The first three months were a real struggle," said Mr. Gamache, adding that he renovated the entire inside. "But then people started discovering it."

Ruth Costa of Mattapoisett didn't have to discover it, though. She was a regular when her nephew owned it, before Mr. Gamache.

"I came because of the girls," said Ms. Costa. "There are good waitresses in here. They're very friendly and they care about you. Let's put that way."

Mr. Gamache said he kept as many of the previous staff as he could. Sue Barrows is the general manager and she handles just about everything.

David and Lisa Sylvia are occasional customers who go to different restaurants around the area.

"They have good lunches here," said Mr. Sylvia. "And the waitresses are nice."

"That's enough of a reason," said Ms. Sylvia.

Linda Maxwell of Middleboro and Violette Robert of Acushnet started going to Jake's after Ms. Robert got a coupon.

"The coffee is excellent here," said Ms. Maxwell. "It's all about the coffee."

"Coffee is very important," said Ms. Robert, who is Ms. Maxwell's mother.

And, of course, the food is good, too, added Ms. Maxwell.

The women said they start out their day with breakfast at Jake's and then move onto shopping and the other errands of the day.

Sounds like an authentic, home-cooked plan.

Jake's is open Mon.-Sat. from 6 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sundays until 1 p.m.



# Planning board will try to strictly control public

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

Those planning to attend the wind turbine bylaw public hearing at the 2/12 Fairhaven Planning Board meeting will have to adhere to a set of "rules of conduct" devised by Chairperson Wayne Hayward, and accepted by the board in a unanimous vote.

"Roberts Rules of Order will be in full effect," said Mr. Hayward during the 1/8 Planning Board meeting.

A police officer will stand guard in the Town Hall banquet room throughout the meeting that Mr. Hayward predicts will have a high turnout of people with strong opinions on the new bylaw.

"I don't want it getting out of hand," said Mr. Hayward. "I don't want anybody getting hurt." Mr. Hayward said that, in the past, there had been "a lot of attempts to complicate matters and I'm going to try to keep all that out."

In a letter to the board, Mr. Hayward wrote that the rules are intended to "prevent the process from turning into a circus and shouting match."

After a recommendation from new board member Kaisa Cripps, the board chose to reword the section that states "seating is limited" to "seating is limited to occupancy by law."

When asked if the chairperson would consider moving the hearing to the auditorium upstairs, Mr. Hayward said he had a problem with upstairs, and that it has never been established as a public meeting room so it was not going to be considered.

Personal video cameras will be limited to a designated area due to what the board expects will be a high turnout, and anticipated speakers giving testimonies will be given pre-assigned seating.

The time period for the hearing is limited to between the hours of 6:30 and 9:00p.m. Witness testimony will be limited to five minutes, with lengthy testimonies encouraged to be submitted in writing in advance for consideration from the board.

Those planning to give testimonies are required to register with the recording secretary and will be heard in the following order: town officials, expert witnesses, those representing

organizations, and then individuals.

Expert witnesses will be "who we concede as who are the experts," said Mr. Hayward.

Mr. Hayward stated that he would not allow board members to be questioned by those in attendance, saying, "It's not going to be an inquisition."

After the discussion on the WT bylaw hearing was over, Selectboard Member Bob Espindola, who was in attendance, exited the banquet room and the board dove into a discussion about the current draft of the new solar energy bylaw.

Director of Planning and Economic Development Bill Roth started things off saying, "The big issue that we have

via a special permit, and not as-of-right in compliance with the act.

Other significant bylaw issues discussed ranged from lot size and maximum power production to safety, setbacks, fencing, noise, and clear-cutting.

"What is it we're trying to protect and what is it we're trying to encourage?" Mr. Hayward asked the board.

The current draft requires a minimum lot size of five acres, which Ms. Cripps said was too little. She commented that the town currently requires ten acres for wind turbines so, perhaps, the town should make the minimum ten acres for solar farms.

"Should it be more than five acres?" Mr. Hayward asked the board.

"Yes," Board Member Rene Fluerent Jr. responded quickly.

Board Member Jeffrey Lucas said he thought five acres should be the maximum lot size, not the minimum. Ms. Cripps suggested a 50% lot coverage maximum

"This is a great discussion," said Mr. Hayward. "I would say not to form an opinion yet."

Mr. Fleurent stated that he was all for alternative energy, but would prefer to "preserve what we have here in town already."

"Is a ten-acre site more detrimental than two five-acre sites?" asked Mr. Lucas. "I don't know."

The board will continue to discuss issues such as fencing for screening as well as safety, and the prevention of vandalism in the following weeks.

"These are very dangerous once they are connected," said Mr. Hayward. He described the scenario of a child wandering onto a site and possibly touching a panel.

"If they interrupt that current they could lose a hand," he said.

Inverter noise was deemed to be of little significance, although the board agreed that they should not be installed near residences. As far as electromagnetic frequency (EMF), Mr. Hayward said it was not an issue.

The board is considering including language pertaining to a two-year moratorium on clear-cutting to deter property owners from cutting down forested areas for the purpose of

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to deal with is, do you want to comply with the Green Communities Act or not?"

As-of-right siting gives prospective developers the right to construct solar farms on a parcel of land which the Town cannot deny as long as the requirements of the bylaw are met.

Mr. Roth said Fairhaven is not a good candidate for the Green Communities Act because the Town has already taken measures to reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable energy. To comply with the Green Communities Act, a baseline must be established to gauge progress toward meeting the requirements.

After the anaerobic digester, wind turbines, solar panels, the combining of schools, and switching to LED streetlamps, among other things, already having been done, Mr. Roth said it would be extremely difficult to comply any further at this time.

The consensus among the board favored the regulating of solar farms



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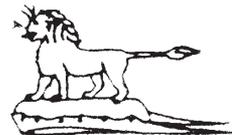
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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Discussion Group

A reading/discussion group open to the public will be held at the Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven, based on **Paul Krugman's book *The Conscience of a Liberal***. Paul Krugman is the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in Economics and is widely considered the leading progressive economist of his time. Group discussion meetings will take place each week starting on **Tuesday January 22**, at the Harrop Center at the Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven at 7:00 PM. Visit [www.uufairhaven.org](http://www.uufairhaven.org).

For further information contact Ken Pottel at 509-993-8157.

## FAME Coffeehouse

The 6th Annual F.A.M.E. Coffeehouse will be held on **Friday, January 25, at 7:00 p.m.** (Snow date Feb. 1), at the First Congregational Church, Babbitt Hall, 34 Center St., Fairhaven, (William St. entrance)

A casual evening of music and poetry offered by students, faculty and alumni of Fairhaven Public Schools. Benefits the Fairhaven Association for Music Education, Inc. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students. Refreshments available for sale. (If you are a student or an alumnus of FHS or HMS and would like to volunteer five minutes of your time to perform music or read poetry for this event, you are invited to participate. Accessible. For more information call 508-996-5176, email [essentialinfo@comcast.net](mailto:essentialinfo@comcast.net) or follow [famefairhaven](https://www.facebook.com/famefairhaven) on facebook.

## Super Sub Sunday

Music students in the Fairhaven Public Schools will be taking orders for Super Subs this week. **The deadline for orders is Fri., Jan. 25.** Contact a Fairhaven music student today!

The annual fundraiser supports music programs in all schools, at all levels, and all performing groups.

Volunteers, supervised by Steve and Sharon Dorian, Bill and Ellen Fields, will build fresh subs on Sunday, February 3, 2013 at Babbitt Hall in the First Congregational

Church of Fairhaven. Ingredients are: sliced ham, bologna and salami, provolone cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, red and green peppers, all mounted on a delicious 8" sub. Donation: \$5.

Support your Fairhaven music programs and your favorite football team on the same day! Buy a Super Sub!

## Fish Council Seats

The Commonwealth of Mass. is seeking interested individuals for nomination to open seats on the New England Fishery Management Council. Candidates, by reason of their occupational or other experience, scientific expertise, or training, must be knowledgeable and experienced in ways related to fishery resources of New England. Qualified female and minority candidates are encouraged to apply. The seats that will be open to nominations are:

An at-large seat currently held by Francis Blount, Jr. of Rhode Island, who is completing his second term and is eligible for re-nomination, and an at-large seat currently held by Colin "Rip" Cunningham, Jr. of Massachusetts, who is completing his third consecutive term and is thus ineligible for re-nomination in 2013.

The New England Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional councils that manage our nation's marine fisheries seaward of state territorial waters. Responsibilities include the development of fishery management plans that are submitted to the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Secretary of Commerce for approval and implementation. A Council appointment is for a 3-year term; nominees must be willing and able, barring unforeseen circumstances, to make the commitment to fully participate in Council business and related activities for the duration of the term.

Qualified individuals interested in being considered for nomination to the Council must contact and provide a resume to Shannon Davis (617-626-1621, [shannon.davis@state.ma.us](mailto:shannon.davis@state.ma.us)) by **Feb. 1, 2013**. Applicants will then be required to complete a comprehensive nomination kit that will be provided by Marine Fisheries and includes a philosophy statement and

financial disclosure statement. Additionally, the Commonwealth will conduct an initial background review.

For further information on the Council and the Council process, please visit [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org).

## Boat Safety Course

Flotilla 65 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary offers Boating and Sailing Safety and Seamanship Classes. Registration is online at <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info>. For those without internet access you may register from 6-7:00 PM Monday, January 28, and classes begin on Monday, January 28, from 7:00 to 9:00PM at the Flotilla's 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven location. The course fee of \$40, covering course books and charts, is collected at registration or the first class.

Whether you are considering buying a first boat or are an experienced boater, you are encouraged to attend this in-depth course which includes: boating terminology, boat equipment, boat handling, boat trailering, rules of the road, navigation, medical/safety awareness, weather, engines, radios, and how to read a chart, buying a boat, tie a knot, and even calling in a mayday. You will have more fun because you will have the confidence that comes with knowledge.

Participants are split into two classes: one emphasizes sailing and the other power boating. For those considering sail, specialized topics will also include: how a boat sails, basic sailboat maneuvering, rigging and boat handling, and engines for sailboats.

Successful course completion can result in boat insurance discounts and meets the boating safety course requirement for U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary membership.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is an all volunteer arm of the United States Coast Guard. The Auxiliary supports almost all Coast Guard missions, particularly Public Safety Education for recreational boating.

For additional information, please visit <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info/> or contact Flotilla Public Affairs Officer, Linda Meredith at [the-merediths@comcast.net](mailto:the-merediths@comcast.net) or at 508 542-1735.

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## MLK Celebration

Victoria Kennedy will be the keynote speaker at a celebration of the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech on Sunday at the Pilgrim United Church at 3 .m. See page 11 for details.

## Singers Needed

The Greater New Bedford Choral Society invites new singers to join them for their May Spring Concert.

Repertory: Hadyn "Te Deum Laudamus," the world premiere of "Lines from Milton's *Il Penseroso*" by Gerald Dyck, plus Civil War era songs (to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg).

New singers accepted on January 15 and 22 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, New Bedford. Call 508-644-2419 for information.

## YTI Play

"Woman in Mind," acclaimed as one of Alan Ayckbourn's most powerful plays, will be Your Theatre, Inc.'s January offering in its current 66th season of award-winning community theatre.

Delving deeply into middle class life, the play is about a housewife who experiences hilarious hallucinations in which her oppressive and boring everyday life is replaced by an ideal fantasy existence.

Noting that Ayckbourn, author of more than 70 successful stage plays, often uses his compassion for language subtly in "Woman in Mind," Critic Jeremy Osborne says the play "is an excellent way to spend a night out and cannot be recommended enough."

Sponsored in part by Bank Five, a Your Theatre, Inc. corporate sponsor, and Hawthorn Medical, the play will be directed by prominent Southcoast actor and stage Director Bob Gillet of Fall River.

**The show will run Thursdays to Saturdays January 17-19 and 24-26, at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees January 20 and 27, at 2:30 p.m.**

Performances will be held in the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Complex at St. Martin's Church, 136 Rivet St. at County St., New Bedford. Parking is free in the church lot on County St.

Ticket and other information about the production are available by

calling Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or by sending e-mail to [info@yourtheatre.org](mailto:info@yourtheatre.org). The theatre's web site is [www.yourtheatre.org](http://www.yourtheatre.org).

## Superintendent search

The New Bedford Superintendent Search Committee announced the availability of an online survey through which the public can weigh in on the selection criteria for the new superintendent of New Bedford Public Schools as well as share opinions and ideas regarding the future of the school district. The online survey allows each community member an opportunity to convey his or her opinions and ideas to the New Bedford School Committee.

Mayor Jon Mitchell explained that the Committee and the district will benefit from the public input and perspective. "I encourage New Bedford residents to participate in this online survey as it is an opportunity for the School Committee to learn the characteristics and qualities the public would like to see in the next Superintendent of New Bedford Public Schools as well as the district's strengths and shortcomings," he said.

The online survey is available at [www.newbedford.k12.ma.us](http://www.newbedford.k12.ma.us).

## Miss NB Teen

The Greater New Bedford Scholarship Foundation is proud to announce the 3rd annual **Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen Program on Sunday Jan. 20, 3PM at Keith Middle School**. There will be 13 young teens vying for the title of Miss NB Outstanding Teen and the opportunity to compete at the Miss Massachusetts Outstanding Teen Program in February. **Tickets are \$15 and be reserved by contacting [s2190am@hotmail.com](mailto:s2190am@hotmail.com)** This year's program features our reigning Teen and Miss Massachusetts Outstanding Teen Amy de Silva. Each contestant will compete in interview, physical fitness, talent, and evening wear.

Raegen Docca, age 16 years of Fairhaven will perform a dance for her talent. Her platform is "Serving Those who Served Us."

Meighread Dandeneau, age 14 years of Fairhaven will perform a

vocal presentation for her talent. Her platform is ROAD: "Reading Opens All Doors."

## Murder Mystery Comedy

The dining tables are set for a culinary feast and an evening of fatal fun when Holy Family Holy Name School presents the Laurel Tree Players in *Sam Club, Private Eye, and The Case of the Motorcoach Murder*, an audience participation murder mystery comedy dinner written by Tony Schwartz and Marylou Ambrose, and directed by Maurice Ouellette. The curtain rises on **Sat., Jan. 19 at Holy Family Holy Name**.

What can you expect from an audience participation murder mystery comedy? Fun the minute you walk in the door! As you enter our dining room you'll get a chance to mingle with Sam Club, a bumbling private eye; his mother Wilimena Club, a somewhat overbearing senior citizen, Minnie Cooper, a British cougar, and Cornelius Bellweather, a self-proclaimed authority in matters mechanical. As this quirky group mingles they will be dropping hints about themselves and the show, and give you a chance to ask questions. The cast features the talents of Matthew Huberman, Kathy DeFrias, Maureen Santos, and director Maurice Ouellette. You will feast on a delicious dinner of a fresh garden salad, tender roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, steamed vegetables, and dessert. The main show starts immediately after dinner.

The action of *The Case of the Motorcoach Murder* takes place at a resort where a senior group stops for the night after attending the famous Road Kill Falls Annual Barbecue. After a few false starts the murder mystery begins, but this murder mystery has a different twist. Instead of having someone die at the end, we bring in the dead body right in the beginning.

**Tickets are \$20.** This is a limited engagement of only one performance on **Saturday, January 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family Holy Name School located on North Street in New Bedford, MA.** For information and reservations, call 508-993-3547. Seating is very limited.

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Play Auditions

Buzzards Play productions is holding auditions for Tennessee Williams' *"The Glass Menagerie."* The new dates for auditions are Saturday, Jan. 19, from 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday & Wednesday, Jan. 22 & 23 from 6-8 p.m. Auditions will be held in the theatre at 3065 Cranberry Highway, E. Wareham (opposite Benny's). For private audition times and place call Santiago at 508-291-0865. Rehearsals will be held at the theatre starting in February. Production will take place March 28, 29, 30 and April 5, 6, 7, and April 12, 13, & 14.

*"The Glass Menagerie"* is a perennial favorite loved by many. It is a drama of great tenderness, charm and beauty. Tennessee Williams is one of the greatest of American playwrights. The cast of this play consists of two women and two men. Amanda Wingfield, an aging Southern belle, late 40s-mid 50s; Tom, her son, mid 20s-30s; Laura, her daughter, late teens; and James D. O'Connor, the gentleman caller, mid 20s. Come be part of this moving production.

## Health Van

The Southcoast™ Health Van and Blood Donor Van will be at the following locations. Free mobile health services available by the Southcoast Health Van staff include Cancer screenings & education, Blood pressure screening, Cholesterol screening, Teen resource information, Glucose (diabetes) screenings, Nutritional information and education, Health education services., Medical physician referral, Blood drives.

If you plan to donate blood, please remember to bring two forms of identification. For more information and to schedule free screenings please call Susan Oliveira, RN, at 508-679-3131 Ext. 2740 or email [oliveiras@southcoast.org](mailto:oliveiras@southcoast.org); to schedule a free blood drive please call Catherine Alegria, at 508-993-0430 or email at [alegriac@southcoast.org](mailto:alegriac@southcoast.org).

**WESTPORT:** Fri., Jan. 18, Lees Market, 796 Main Road, Blood Drive, Health Screenings & Vaccines, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**ACUSHNET:** Sunday, January 20, St. Francis Xavier Church, 133 Main St., Blood Drive, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**SWANSEA:** Tues., Jan. 22, Big Lots, 207 Swansea Mall Dr., Health Screenings & Vaccines, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**NEW BEDFORD:** Wed., Jan. 23, Presidential Heights, 159 Fillmore Street, Health Screenings & Vaccines, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Winter Seal Watch

Join the Bay Coalition for a winter adventure to look for harbor seals, one of Buzzards Bay's most popular winter visitors. The trip will begin at the Buzzards Bay Discovery Center in Woods Hole, where guests will examine a model of a harbor seal and learn about their life in Buzzards Bay and beyond. Then the group will board the M/V Richard Edwards to look for these playful mammals in Woods Hole Harbor. The boat is heated and we will provide binoculars.

Date: Saturday, January 19, 2013 (inclement weather date: Sunday, January 20, 2013); Time: 9-11 a.m. Location: Buzzards Bay Discover Center, 21 Luscombe Avenue, Woods Hole. Cost: \$30 for Bay Coalition members, \$40 for non-members, \$25 for children.

Reservations are required. To RSVP, contact Rob Hancock at [hancock@savebuzzardsbay.org](mailto:hancock@savebuzzardsbay.org) or 508.999.6363 x222. Visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/BayAdventures](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/BayAdventures)

## COA friends

You are invited to become an annual member of the Friends of the Elderly of Mattapoisett, Inc. We welcome everyone, 18 years or older, to join us in supporting the Mattapoisett Council on Aging and its programs. Your annual dues make up some of the funds that pay for the monthly mailing of Seasonings, our newsletter; the three free luncheons given each year; and supporting our outreach activities. Plan on supporting our Ballroom Dancing Gala fundraiser in April.

For your convenience, a membership form is available at [http://www.mattapoisett.net/Pages/Mattapoisett\\_MA\\_COA/Friends](http://www.mattapoisett.net/Pages/Mattapoisett_MA_COA/Friends). Download the PDF form by clicking on the Membership form link. Please check off as many volunteer boxes as you can.

Thank you for joining the Friends; we have been providing support to

the CoA since 1990!

## Weight Loss Info

Southcoast™ Center for Weight Loss will offer free informational sessions on the risks and benefits of weight loss surgery, also known as bariatric surgery, during the month of January.

The free informational sessions will be held on:

**Tuesday, January 22**, at 6:30 p.m., Tobey Hospital, Medical Library on the first floor, 43 High Street, Wareham

**Wednesday, January 23**, at 7 p.m., Benjamin's Restaurant, 698 Bay Street, Taunton

Millions of Americans fall into the category of clinically severe obesity. Weight loss surgery has been endorsed by a consensus panel convened by the National Institutes of Health as the only effective means of inducing significant long-term weight loss for the vast majority of patients with morbid obesity.

This community-based program is designed to incorporate a thorough approach to weight loss surgery utilizing a team comprised of dietitians, psychologists, nurses and surgeons to provide a safe and comprehensive surgical weight loss program. For more information or to register for a free seminar call 508-273-4900. For more information on the SC for Weight Loss visit [www.southcoast.org/weightloss/](http://www.southcoast.org/weightloss/).

## Free Movie

On **Tues., Jan. 29 at noon**, the Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly hosts a free showing of "The Odd Life of Timothy Green" at the Council on Aging. The movie is an inspiring, magical story about a happily married couple who can't wait to start a family; but they can only dream about what their child would be like. When young Timothy shows up on their doorstep one stormy night, they learn that sometimes the unexpected can bring some of life's greatest gifts.

**Pizza is available for \$2.00. Pizza requests must be paid by 3:00 PM on Mon., Jan. 28.** RVSP the Mattapoisett Council on Aging at the Center School on Barstow St. or call 508-758-4110, even if you're not having pizza, so we know how many seats to set up.

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## Recipe of the Week Tuna Patties

25 oz. cans of chunk light tuna  
drained  
1 tbsp lemon juice  
1/4 cup plain bread crumbs  
1 large egg  
1/4 cup chopped onions  
1/4 tsp black pepper

In a medium bowl, mix together all ingredients until blended; divide mixture into 4 parts; form into patties.

In a nonstick large skillet, coat bottom of pan with a little oil or cooking spray; head on medium-high. Gently place patties in skillet and cook 3-4 minutes on each side or until golden brown. Serve hot.

Serve patties on buns with lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise. Serve with vegetabales on a plate or salad.

By Andrea Moniz

## Rotary mini golf spectacular raises money for programs,



The Rotary Club of Fairhaven held its annual Mini-Golf Spectacular on October 21 at Cap'n Barnacle's Mini-Golf on David Drown Boulevard in Fairhaven. A good crowd of family groups joined us for a great afternoon of fun and prizes. The grand prize winner was Justina Viveiros and the second prize was Haley Moniz. The Rotary Club supports local and worldwide projects including those for children, the disabled and dispossessed. We also sponsor scholarships for local high school students. The Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at 12:15 at Atria Fairhaven on Alden Road. For more information, drop in at a meeting ABOVE: Haley Moniz with Rotary President Ivan Brito. Submitted photo. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

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### In Memoriam

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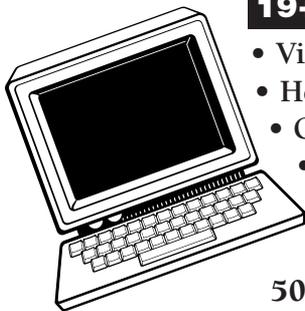
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# Victoria Kennedy to speak at MLK celebration in New Bedford

Press Release

Mayor Jon Mitchell is pleased to join with the Greater New Bedford Area Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee in welcoming the public to attend the "Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Remembrance Celebration." The celebration will be held on Sunday, January 20, 2012 at 3:00pm at the Pilgrim United Church, 635 Purchase Street, New Bedford.

"This is an important day for our city and I encourage everyone to attend the Celebration and take advantage of the opportunity to reflect on Dr. King's message of peace and unity," said New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell.

Dr. King was an integral part of the Civil Rights Movement which laid the foundation for the theory and practice of inclusion and diversity in American society and around the world. Though he was assassinated in 1968, Dr. King's dream lives on, touching the hearts and minds of

people throughout the world.

The theme for the 2013 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Remembrance Celebration is "I Have A Dream...50 years later." It was 50 years ago that Dr. King spoke those famous words. The 2013 program has been tailored to encourage reflection in those inspiring words and the progress the world has made toward becoming the world Dr. King envisioned.

The keynote speaker this year is Victoria Reggie Kennedy. The Kennedy family has played an important role in civil rights history in the 60s and beyond. With the loss of revered Senator Kennedy the planning committee thought Victoria Kennedy, given her broad experience in public service, would be a perfect voice to add to this reflective mood, stated 2013 Chairwoman, Marci Pina-Christian.

Other program highlights will include musical selections from the Carlos Pacheco School chorus, the

New Bedford Public Schools All City Jr. Show Choir and two special musical presentations from classical baritone and New Bedford native, Philip Lima, accompanied by William Merrill, one of New England's most highly respected collaborative pianists. The duo will perform an excerpt of Dr. King's I Have A Dream speech.

The Members of the New Bedford Area Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Planning Committee include representatives from: Baha'i Faith, United House of Prayer, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Pilgrim United Church, Grace Episcopal Church, The Interchurch Council, the New Bedford Branch of the NAACP, The Department of Community Services, & The Human Relations Commission.

For additional information, please visit the City website at [www.newbedford-ma.gov](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov) or contact Marci Pina-Christian at (508) 979-1464.

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solar farming. Mr. Hayward commented that clear-cutting would "defeat the purpose" of creating renewable energy.

Nothing was decided on proposed setbacks, but the board started with 10 feet from the front, 15 feet from the side, and 25 feet from the rear, all site-specific, relative to distance to residences.

"I think they're too little," said Ms. Cripps.

Mr. Roth said that Carver has a setback of 2,000 feet from residences, and Scituate is only 10 feet.

"So, as a board, do we want to encourage (solar farms) or prohibit them?" Mr. Hayward asked the board.

According to Mr. Roth, there has already been some interest in a 2 MW commercial solar facility in the fields owned by Philip Denormandie across from the AT&T building.

Mr. Roth clarified that these were very preliminary discussions, and the interested party was informed by Building Commissioner Wayne Fostin that the town was in the process of crafting a bylaw and no solar farms would be built until the bylaw was adopted.

This prompted a discussion about including a protective clause specifying a date when the bylaw would take effect which would give the town some wiggle room should

any part of the bylaw be rejected by the attorney general. Otherwise, the bylaw would take effect the date that Town Meeting approves it.

Also at the meeting, the board approved their fiscal year 2014 budget for submission, requesting a level-funded budget.

"And we will limp along at that rate. Hopefully we can make it till the end of 2014," said Mr. Hayward. "It's gonna be tight."

Mr. Lucas asked if the board would request more funding should the budget not stretch until the end of 2014.

"No more meetings. That's what we'll do," said Mr. Hayward jokingly.

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# Fairhaven Militia to hold winter encampment

*Press Release*

The Revolutionary War era will come to life again in Fairhaven at a historical winter encampment scheduled for Saturday, February 2, 2013, at the Academy Building, 141 Main Street, just off Route 6 on the west lawn of Fairhaven High School.

Throughout the day members of the Fairhaven Village Militia will live in an authentic period camp the same way it was done more than 230 years ago. Men, women and children dressed in period clothing will reenact camp life in the 1770s and talk about the town's Revolutionary War history. They will also be demonstrating campfire cooking, fire starting with flint and steel, military drilling, loading and firing flintlock muskets and rifles, 18th-century dentistry and medicine, cannon firing

and more.

The Fairhaven Village Militia, which is sponsoring the event along with the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, is made up of members who are interested in local history of the Revolutionary War period. They hold historical encampments in Fairhaven and nearby communities and host educational programs. The group's commander, Ellsworth Sylvaria Jr., is a descendant of Bartholomew West, whose home was burned by the British in 1778. Member Wayne Oliveira was originally a member of the Fourth Old Dartmouth Militia group that was started by the late Donald R. Bernard before the nation's Bicentennial. Other members have served as volunteer guides at the fort for the Office of Tourism.

"This is the first time the Militia

will be holding a winter camp," says Tourism Director Christopher Richard. "The group has held encampments at Fort Phoenix since 2003. Those are held in the spring and fall. Several of the members have wanted to try a winter camp. Since the Office of Tourism has completed its move to the Academy Building, the Militia decided to set up a camp there this year."

Some militia members will be sleeping overnight at the camp, but the area will only be open to the public during the day on Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. until dusk. The Visitors Center inside the Academy Building will be open as well.

For more information, call the Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085 or email [Fairhaventours@aol.com](mailto:Fairhaventours@aol.com)

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## Piping Plover plan finalized 10 years after Bouchard

*Press Release*

The Natural Resource Damages Trustee Council for the Bouchard Barge 120 oil spill released on January 11 a final restoration plan and environmental assessment for state and federally threatened piping plovers impacted by the 2003 spill in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The plan describes the injuries resulting from the 98,000-gallon spill that oiled roughly 100 miles of shoreline, including beaches where piping plovers feed and nest. Five chicks and 12 adults were estimated to have been killed.

"The Bouchard B-120 oil spill devastated natural resources within Buzzards Bay and injured numerous species of birds, including the delicate piping plover," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rick Sullivan, who serves as Massachusetts' trustee for natural resources. "Since Massachusetts supports the largest breeding population of piping plovers along the Atlantic coast, this plan will protect that threatened species and help to restore the population to a more healthy level."

To help restore piping plovers, the trustees will use \$715,000 from the settlement to implement an enhanced management program at selected breeding sites on private and public land in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The program consists of a three-part approach, including

targeted predator management, increased enforcement of local beach ordinances on plover-nesting beaches, and public outreach and education. Sites will be chosen based on landowner interest and permission, benefits to piping plovers, proximity to the spill location and other criteria.

"Settlement funds from the oil spill will provide landowners an important and much-needed opportunity to improve their beach conditions for threatened piping plovers," said Tom Chapman, the New England Field Office supervisor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "We look forward to working with them and other partners to both reduce threats to nesting birds and to help regain losses for the birds killed by the oil spill."

The piping plover restoration plan is the first of three anticipated plans to restore Buzzards Bay and nearby sites in order to compensate for natural resource injuries and the lost use of areas affected by the Bouchard B-120 Oil Spill. The development and implementation of the restoration plans are funded by a \$6 million natural resource damages settlement between the Bouchard Transportation Co., Inc. and the trustees.

Landowners and beach managers interested in receiving funds to implement restoration projects are encouraged to apply online at <http://www.grants.gov> or to contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

directly for more information. The trustees expect to award restoration funds within the next few months.

To review the plan, visit <http://www.fws.gov/newengland>. For more information or to obtain a hard copy, please contact Molly Spurduto at (603) 223-2541 or [molly\\_spurduto@fws.gov](mailto:molly_spurduto@fws.gov).

For the Bouchard Barge 120 settlement, the Trustee Council is composed of representatives from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, representing the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management; United States Fish and Wildlife Service, representing the U.S. Department of Interior; and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, representing the U.S. Department of Commerce. The spill also affected tribal resources: the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head previously settled separately with Bouchard.

If we don't believe in  
freedom of expression for  
people we despise, we  
don't believe in it at all.

Noam Chomsky

## From our readers

### Souza won't pay for easement

I want to thank all the people in Fairhaven who have supported me through this nightmare and I want to thank all the Town Meeting members for voting for me to receive an easement. I also want to thank Charles Murphy for trying to do the right thing, but little did we know the rest of the selectmen don't follow protocol and made up their own rules behind closed doors. Very deceitful don't you think.

My main concern is that the Board of Selectmen voted to waive the fees at the meeting that was held on November 26, 2012, after Charles stated to the Selectmen that they should reverse their decision in the interest of fairness about me paying

for any fees. Mr Murphy also stated that we don't charge people for legal fees or for liquor licenses or anything else. So they all voted to waive the fees except for the recording fee which is \$75.00.

My question is why AGAIN are they targeting me with attorney fees and want me to pay to have that little piece of land in front of my home appraised at my cost.

I have paid my attorney, why should I have to pay the Town's attorney. I am being singled out by the town and I want to know why.

In the research of the property at 188 Green Street it is recorded at the registry of deeds that the land in front of my home belongs to the Town NOT the park. The town took over that section by eminent domain to fill in what was then a stream. Check

with Mike Silvia he will confirm this.

Now after two months the Selectmen now say that the legislature requested that the small piece of land in front of my home has to be appraised but did not say at my cost. I called a local appraiser and he never heard of such a thing. This house has been sold at least seven times and why now after 80 years is this all falling on my lap at my expense?

This problem should have been grandfathered in years ago or better yet this house should have never been built on this property. We have to remember the person who built this home built it on town property who was the fire Chief of New Bedford in the early 1920's. Like anything else in life it's all about who you know.

*Brad Souza, Fairhaven*

## Krystal Almeida earns Atria's Employee Mentor Award

### Press Release

From the first day that Krystal Almeida joined our community at Atria Fairhaven, she has been a leader in the making. The best word to use describe Krystal would be a sponge. She is always willing and eager to learn new ideas and expand her job knowledge. Krystal has held every position in the kitchen area of our community and is now a chef manager.

Krystal is the Chair of the Mission Council in which she inspires our staff to make a true difference in our community. Whenever the residents see Krystal they light up with enjoyment as she is always looking for ways to make their day!

Krystal can't be kept away from our community; it has become her second home as she can be found visiting on her days off with the residents. Krystal was our community representative in 2011 for the Employee Leadership Summit Award and she continues each day to display this leadership. Krystal has a true passion for food and the joy that it brings to our residents. She is also an excellent sales person for our community with her outreach efforts.

Krystal's recipe was the recipe that we served at the Annual Chowder Festival Competition in 2011. Krystal displays her talents at our Atria Road Shows and even takes on cooking demonstrations with local vendors to

showcase Atria.

Purpose is not something that you can create; it is something that is within your being to fulfill every day, Krystal's purpose is clearly the passion to serve older adults and to live the mission of our company.

Purpose can be defined as that which a person sets before himself as an object to be reached or accomplished. That could not define Krystal more, she has set goals and milestones that she has achieved and exceed here at our Community. Krystal's purpose is to create a five-star dining experience for our residents and their families that display true passion; it is to lead the culinary team to greatness, to lead the Mission Council to success and to support Atria 110% in every endeavor that we engage.

That's why she has been chosen as our winner of the Employee Service Mentor Award.



Krystal Almeida is winner of the Employee Service Mentor Award. at Atria Fairhaven. Submitted photo. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

How can a society that exists on instant mashed potatoes, packaged cake mixes, frozen dinners, and instant cameras teach patience to its young?

*Paul Sweeney*

# Fairhaven Recreation Center

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## Kool Kids

### February Vacation

This four-day program is a great opportunity to make new friends while participating in fun group activities, like basketball, dodge ball, tag and hockey. Kids need to bring lunch and a snack for the first 3 days of the program, Friday a pizza lunch will be served. Sneakers and active clothing must be worn each day of the program.

Session starts: Tuesday February 19; Time: 7:45-3:00pm; Cost 100.00 for members/\$125.00 for non-members

## 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, first aid for choking and safety measures. Pizza will also be provided. Space is limited... sign up soon.

Ages: 9-11 Date: January 28th  
Instructor: Beth Oleson Time:  
5:30-8 p.m. Cost \$40 members/\$45 non-members

## RI Flower Show

The Rhode Island Flower show attracts more than 30,000 attendees annually, showcasing garden displays and 250 larger-than-life garden marketplace vendors. Come think Spring!!!

Leave Center 9am, Return 5pm  
Date: Sat. Feb. 23rd, Cost \$30.

## Mohegan Sun

March 4, Leave Rec 8am, Return to Rec 6:30 pm. Cost \$20.00 casino package included \$15 Meal credit \$10 bet coupon

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## Mall Trips

1/23: Hyannis Mall, Xmas Tree Shop and Trader Joe's

1/30: Emerald Sq. Mall, No. Attleboro

## Entertainment

Every Thursday. This week: Dancing with Reminiscing Rawd

## Special Activities

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# Acushnet firefighters recognized

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

The appreciation and pride for the three young firefighters being honored at the 1/14 Acushnet Selectboard meeting was palpable. Parents and friends sat in attendance to watch their boys receive a citation from the Selectboard recognizing their bravery and courage for risking their own safety to follow cries for help from a bathroom in a burning building on Coulombe Street.

"It's a real proud moment here for the Town of Acushnet," said Chief Kevin Gallagher from the podium at the front of the meeting room. He welcomed the family, friends, and proud parents of Adam Hebert, Paul Frysinger, and Thomas Farland to "savor this moment" before retelling the events that transpired on the night of 1/6 that brought them all there that evening.

"I am a personal believer in the phrase 'It takes a village,'" said Chief Gallagher. What he also believes strongly, the chief said, is the notion that "it takes a team to save a life."

Chief Gallagher called 19-year-old firefighter Adam Hebert "the darling of Acushnet," before summarizing the young man's career which is essentially in its first chapter since joining the department only six months ago. This was Adam's first significant fire.

Selectperson Leslie Dakin said, when he was a teen, he called the fire department in an emergency situation. He said ever since then, every time he hears the siren of a fire truck, he thinks, "Here come the angels of mercy. And that's exactly what you were."

Chairperson David Wojar said

Adam has renewed his hope for the next generation of young people, and Selectperson Kevin Gaspar expressed how proud he was and thanked the three men for their bravery.

The board presented each firefighter with a certificate acknowledging their bravery before shifting gears into a PowerPoint presentation on the status of the Town's master plan given by Special Projects

Manager Henry Young. Mr. Young highlighted recent accomplishments toward the fulfillment of the master plan in key areas such as land use, housing, natural and cultural resources, and recreation.

From solar panels atop the fire station, which was determined to be one of the worst offenders of excessive energy use, to the rezoning and development of the 40 acres at the Titleist site, Mr. Young revealed how much closer the town is to reaching its vision.

"The list is getting longer and longer of our accomplishments," he said.

So far, two solar farms have been approved in Acushnet, with one near completion. Mr. Young said the solar farms will add to and diversify the



L-R: Acushnet Firefighters Adam Hebert, Paul Frysinger, and Thomas Farland receive citations from the Acushnet selectboard on Monday, 1/14. The three rescued 52-year-old Karen Szymczyk from her burning home on Jan. 6. Photo by Jean Perry. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

Town's tax base.

"This is a passive use of land, but a valuable use of land," said Mr. Young, adding that Acushnet is taking the lead in developing the process and the siting for alternative energy projects. "It's where we want to be - leading the pack."

Housing projects include "right sizing" of lots in the historic village district, which aims to restore residential lot sizes to what they were historically when the Town was settled.

Mr. Young said with the help of the Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust, White's Factory has been linked to whaling history which could open up future opportunities pertaining to the New Bedford Whaling

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National Historical Park.

The Planning Board is proposing new industrial use zoning for the Acushnet Quarry, which is currently zoned as residential use. Mr. Young said rezoning will "enable flexibility in revenue assessment."

"In the end, five years ago...the Acushnet Planning Board was a long way from where it is today, said Mr. Young. "This town is on a roll."

"It's an incredibly exciting time to be in this town," said Mr. Wojnar.

Mr. Young requested the board vote to form a committee for the Slocum Street project, which the board approved. The Town received a \$19,000 grant to fund the project which is geared toward infrastructure upgrades in the Slocum Street corridor.

The board also approved the six articles for the 2/11 Special Town Meeting warrant, which features a Prop 2½ debt exclusion for the \$6 million Library/Community Center project. About half the cost, \$3.2 million, will be funded by a grant, leaving \$3 million to be requested at Town Meeting. The Friends of the Acushnet Public Library and the

Board of Trustees have donated \$126,000 in private cash toward the project.

The other five articles on the warrant include the funding of three union contracts for the fire department, EMS, and police, a sick-time buy back in the Finance Department, and approval for relocating the Severance building in order to move forward with selling the property on which it currently stands.

An article for the establishment of a Capital Fund from solar farm revenues is also on the warrant, which will be limited to the funding of infrastructure and capital projects.

Town Meeting members will also vote on an exemption from the CPC surcharge on property taxes for low-income residents and senior citizens making less than \$48,000. If approved, taxpayers meeting the criteria will have to apply for the tax break. The article also requests extending the tax exemption of the first \$100,000 of property value to commercial properties.

Also at the meeting, the board appointed Alan Amaral to the Public Safety Building Committee. •••

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## Press Release

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Each of the 33 Rocky's Ace Hardware stores partnered with an area Humane Society or Shelter to collect food this Holiday Season for the much forgotten and unfortunate animals in our own community.

"The outpouring from our customers was truly heartwarming. The collection total well surpassed our expectations. All of us at Rocky's extend sincere thanks to our neighbors who gave so generously" said Rocco Falcone, president and CEO.

"In fact this year's total was simply amazing!" said Geoffrey Webb, Director of Marketing and Advertising. "Together we were able to donate sixty-four percent more food and accessories than last year;

the efforts of our store team members in rallying behind this worthy cause along with the outstanding generosity of our customers resulted in an unprecedented overall donation to local, community based shelters and humane societies."

The program supported thirty organizations that provide shelter, veterinary care and comfort for homeless animals in five states.

Here is how the program worked: Customers and Rocky's employees alike made donations of much needed pet food at their local Rocky's Ace Hardware store. The store teams also worked with their neighborhood shelters to collect cleaning supplies, leashes, beds and other items on their wish lists. The stores collected all donations and drove them to their locally chosen charity. Nutro Pet Foods helped kick-start the program with a donation of \$1,500 worth of premium dog and cat food. Donations were delivered directly to the Shelter or Humane Society on or about December 24, 2012.

"Our team members really got behind this worthwhile campaign,

encouraging our customers to support the drive. The numbers speak for themselves; our neighbors truly care for the homeless and abandoned animals in their community. We are honored to be a catalyst in achieving these outstanding results" added Rocco Falcone.

The Fairhaven Animal Shelter received four or five bags of donations, according to Animal Control Officer Cat Mindlin.

Rocky's Ace Hardware, headquartered in Springfield, MA; operates 33 stores in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Florida. The neighborhood paint, hardware, garden center and pet store chain has been in continuous operation, under the same family ownership, since the first store opened in Springfield, MA in 1926. For more information, please visit [www.rockys.com](http://www.rockys.com).

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## Roth winds HM geography bee



For the second year in the row, seventh grader Savannah Roth is Hasting Middle School National Geographic Geography Bee winner. She was one of 10 finalist during the competition held on Friday, January 11. The second place finalist was eighth grader Jeffrey Szynal. The competition was held in the library and run by seventh grade history teacher Dan Marshall. All of the contestants are to be congratulated for their time and participation. The complete list of finalists is: Savannah Roth, Jeffrey Szynal, Jacob Ashworth, Sean Michael Downey, Morgan Elliott, Emma Flanagan, Kaitlyn Frietas, Luke Hebert, Erik Normand, and Liam Sheehan. Savannah has taken the written test and it was mailed to Washington D.C. to be entered into the state finals. We will find out soon if she qualified for the state geography bee. *Submitted photo.*



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# State proposes regionalizing housing authorities

*Governore's Office Press Release*

On January 10, Governor Deval Patrick filed legislation that will professionalize, modernize and regionalize the operations and financial management of the Commonwealth's housing authorities. The proposals will change the governance structure of the housing authority system in order to protect the safety net that public housing provides for the Commonwealth's most vulnerable families, seniors and persons with disabilities and builds on the Administration's unprecedented commitment to public housing.

"This bill will simplify and professionalize our public housing system, improving transparency and accountability," said Gov. Patrick. "We owe the residents and the public no less."

The legislation consolidates the state's 240 housing authorities into six regional housing authorities and builds on the steps the Patrick-Murray Administration has taken to increase transparency, accountability, performance, efficiency, innovation and cost savings in the state's public housing system. The reforms, part of a series of reforms the Governor is proposing to make government work better, are the latest step in the Administration's efforts to upgrade oversight and management at local housing authorities, and address issues that plague some authorities while also providing another opportunity for municipalities to regionalize certain services.

The six regional housing authorities will take over ownership, and fiscal and operational management of all public housing in the Commonwealth.

Regional Housing Authorities (RHAs) will have professional senior leadership and centralize the Information Technology, Human Resources, administrative, accounting, procurement, and regional technical assistance functions — producing cost savings and increased efficiency to the state and to taxpayers. The new system will take effect in July 2014.

The state's public housing portfolio is distributed across 242 cities and towns. Under the reformed system, each regional housing authority will consist of one executive director, a governing board, and central and

regional management staff and local site managers. Current housing authority staff will have the opportunity to transition to positions within the regional authorities.

Underscoring the critical role that local communities play in supporting public housing, the legislation allows communities to retain control over land use and significant redevelopment decisions including change of use, ownership or the financing structure of an existing building or vacant land. RHAs will also be required to seek local input into an annual plan that outlines projected capital and operating expenditures and tenant participation activities.

Through the regional housing authority system, local site managers and maintenance staff will effectively provide for the needs of the property and its residents. Tenants and com-

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[Jeffrey Sacks, Newton HA]

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munities will find significant increases in operational capacity through the addition of regional staff and centralized back-office operations, including regional property managers, resident service coordinators, capital planning and project management staff and maintenance professionals with work crews. In addition, central staff will include senior managers, finance staff and functions such as human resources, accounting, and application and wait-list operations.

Each RHA will be accountable to its local communities, tenants and the Department of Community of Housing and Development through a governing board, which will include nine unpaid members to be appointed by the Governor. Six members will be housing professionals, three of which will be nominated by local governments from the region, two will be tenants and one union representative.

Staff at the Department of Housing and Community Development will continue to dedicate their attention to oversight of housing authorities, supporting innovation and best practices. This includes a robust process for tracking and monitoring reporting requirements, including a system of regular review of local housing authority operations.

The reforms announced by Governor Patrick follow a series of immediate changes made by the Patrick-Murray Administration last year to improve management at local housing authorities.

"The way the system is currently being managed is not cost effective," said Alexa Daily of the Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc. "The goal reform is transparency, economic efficiency and ultimately improved housing for our residents. As private property management of affordable housing has taught us the cost per unit reduces as the size of the entity increases."

"The system we have right now was a great system at the time of the New Deal," said Jeffrey Sacks, Commissioner of the Newton Housing Authority. "The laws, the federal and state public housing system we have, came out of the New Deal and the 240 housing authorities were necessary at that time to create the thousands of units which were developed at that time.

Today, the challenge is management of our approximately 80,000 unit portfolio and the system we have is completely antiquated and needs to change dramatically."

Maintaining and strengthening the state's public housing system is part of the Patrick-Murray Administration's comprehensive effort to provide quality housing to everyone in the Commonwealth. This includes maintaining the nation's strongest emergency housing safety net while increasing investments in homelessness prevention and permanent housing solutions, and creating new housing in areas near public transportation that is attractive and accessible to families and individuals. It also furthers the Administration's goal of ensuring that municipalities have the ability to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local services through regionalization.●●●

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## Legal Notices/ Public Hearings Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

- Petitioner: Kathleen M. Gallant for Lydon Family Trust**, 48 Bellevue Street; Plat 24, Lot 45, Book 9945 and Page 170; Special Permit required for continued use of a non-conforming use.
- Petitioner: Kathleen Melanson**, 87 Green Street, Plat 8, Lot 56; Book 2692 and Page 150; Special Permit is required for a Home Occupation in the Building Trades.

*Peter DeTerra, Chairman*

## Towns of Fairhaven (Lead) & Middleborough Notice of Public Hearing. FY13 Community Development Block Grant Application

The Towns of Fairhaven (lead) and Middleborough will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 PM on January 22, 2013, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The purpose of the hearing is to seek public comment on the Towns' FY 2013 joint CDBG application. The Towns propose to operate a Housing Rehabilitation Program in both communities and to reconstruct two streets: Elliot Lane in Fairhaven and sections of Sproat and Park Streets in Middleborough. The Towns intend to apply for up to \$1,000,000 for these projects and general administration. The grant will be administered by town employees and private consultants.

Any persons and organizations are encouraged to attend and will be given the opportunity to be heard. Previous year's CDBG projects may be discussed. The meeting room is handicapped accessible and the Town of Middleborough will make reasonable accommodations for the disabled with prior notice to the Selectmen's Office.

*Boards of Selectmen*

*Towns of Fairhaven and Middleborough*

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 2/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Thurs., 1/17, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### CDBG Hearing

Tues., 1/22, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Community Preservation

Thurs., 1/17, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 1/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Dept. of Revenue

Thurs. 1/24, Fhvn. Town Hall, 2 p.m.

### Finance Committee

Thurs., 1/17, BPW/Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 1/24, BPW/Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Planning Board

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

### School Building Study Com

Wed., 1/16, Oxford School, 6 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 1/23, FHS Media Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Thurs., 1/16, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

(To discuss DOR Report)

Thurs., 1/17, Police Sta., 6 p.m.

(Interviewing police candidates)

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

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 1/28, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Wed., 1/23, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Planning Commission

Thurs., 1/17, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 1/28, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### Special Town Meeting

Mon., 2/11, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

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*Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
Strength to Love, 1963*

# State takes aim at Cape waterways nitrogen pollution

## Press Release

The Patrick-Murray Administration along with State Treasurer Steven Grossman's office recommended the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust (the Trust) vote to appropriate \$3.35 million to develop a comprehensive water quality management plan to reduce nutrient pollution of Cape Cod waterways to meet state and federal water quality standards. A vote could take place as early as next week.

Extensive studies show that Cape Cod bays, rivers and streams face significant water quality contamination due to excessive nutrients, such as nitrogen, emanating from septic systems and other sources. Excess nitrogen accelerates the growth of nuisance plants, weeds, and algae, destroying the habitat that supports native finfish, shellfish, and plants, as well as making the water unsuitable for human recreation. Nutrient pollution not only causes environmental harm, but has serious potential economic impacts, including a decline in fishing, shell-fishing, tourism and property values.

With the upcoming vote, the Trust, administered jointly by the State Treasurer's Office, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and the Office of Administration and Finance, would grant these funds to the Cape Cod Commission (CCC) to develop a regional management plan, under the supervision of the MassDEP.

"Addressing the Cape's wastewater crisis is a crucial challenge we must face for the sake of our economy, as well as our environment," said Governor Deval Patrick. "The Commonwealth stands ready to be a strong partner in that effort."

"As a homeowner on Cape Cod for almost 30 years, I have seen firsthand how this crisis can impact the environment, tourism, and our economic future," said State Treasurer Steven Grossman. "As Chairman of the Trust I am delighted to recommend funding this potentially transformational plan."

Nitrogen loading in watersheds is a Cape-wide problem, as two-thirds of the Cape's watersheds cross municipal boundaries. Cost estimates

for implementing a solution range from \$3 to \$8 billion; the lower range depends upon achieving a locally driven regional approach built on communities partnering around shared watersheds.

"Nitrogen is a serious threat to the environment and the economy of Cape Cod, and will be a very challenging problem to address," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rick Sullivan. "From both an environmental and cost perspective, the most effective approach is the watershed-based, region-wide solution being pursued by Barnstable County. Funding for a management plan is a critical first step in developing locally based, but regional solutions that are cost-effective and will work."

A Cape Cod regional water quality management plan was developed in

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Due to rapid population growth, every bay is affected by nitrogen from septic systems and other sources, diminishing the overall quality of the bays [Senate President Therese Murray]

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1978 under the federal Clean Water Act, but has not been updated since then. In conjunction with this \$3.35 million funding, MassDEP would direct the CCC to update the plan. The CCC would use \$3 million to develop a plan to:

- Prioritize water resources, identifying the most impaired or endangered, and the actions selected locally to achieve water quality goals as quickly as possible;
- Limit the amount of infrastructure needed by prioritizing those areas requiring "shared" systems to restore water quality;
- Provide an opportunity to more fully evaluate decentralized and innovative approaches, as well as the continued use of conventional septic systems where appropriate;
- Identify preferred solutions for nutrient management in nitrogen

sensitive watersheds;

- Achieve greatest economies of scale, and identify methods to equitably share costs among all parties benefitting from the improvements;
- Feature a robust public participation process, including a facilitated outreach effort, watershed level advisory committees, and extensive public input opportunities to fully consider all views and input, and to build consensus for identified solutions; and
- Identify funding and implementation options.

Once the plan is finalized and certified by Governor Patrick, it will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

The remaining \$350,000 appropriated by the Trust would be used to build a Cape Cod Wastewater "SmartMap" and cost model. This tool, which would be available to the public through a web-mapping application, would link land use data with newly developed scientific and financial planning data to help Cape communities identify environmentally appropriate and affordable wastewater infrastructure solutions.

"Due to rapid population growth, every bay is affected by nitrogen from septic systems and other sources, diminishing the overall quality of the bays and threatening the vibrant tourist economy in our region....This funding would allow the Cape to take the next step in securing our water future," said Senate President Therese Murray.

"This is great news. Many people who enjoy the Cape as permanent residents or just those that spend their summers there, do so because of simple pleasures such as fishing, clamming, or scalloping in our pristine waters — all things that I know I enjoy," said Rep. Timothy Madden. "It is our responsibility to ensure that the continued quality of these waters is a priority, not only of the communities, but also of the Commonwealth."

For more information on water quality issues for Cape Cod, visit [www.capekeepers.org](http://www.capekeepers.org) or [www.capecodcommission.org](http://www.capecodcommission.org)

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