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## Stamp Out Hunger drive sends food to pantries



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Volunteer Hank Krossschell organizes the food packages received during the Postal Carriers' Annual Food Drive, "Stamp Out Hunger," held Saturday, May 11, 2013. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Jim Mahaney. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com) Visit <http://jimmahaneyphotography.smugmug.com> for more of Jim's photography*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Another week, another \$2.50. Life is good as summer rolls in...oh, wait, rolls out, oh wait...what the heck is going on out there? Geesh. I love New England, but this is ridiculous.

We have lots of good stuff in here this week. The Stamp Out Hunger food drive was 2,000 pounds less than last year. Of course, you'll never hear Gerry Payette complain about it, he just says "thank you" to the people who did give. It looks like donations are down nationwide, though, definitely regionally. Not sure what that's about, but it's okay, folks, you can still help. Just send a few bucks to the pantry directly (see page 12).

We also have a new feature this week. I'm going to be doing some day trips and telling you all about it. Well, mostly about it. I'll be running a short article in the paper here and running an expanded piece as an eBook on Nook and Kindle. It's an experiment, we'll see how it goes. Meanwhile, I'm going to have fun with it. See page 13 for the first in the series, Martha's Vineyard. It's a quick one-hour ride from the State Pier in New Bedford on the fast ferry. What fun it is, too.

The funny thing is, when the boat pulled away from New Bedford and I started taking pictures of the port, I thought: "Why am I leaving?"

New Bedford has so many great places to see, and so walkable downtown, too. So, I guess I'll have to do a day trip to the other side of the river.

Hopefully, I'll be going to Nantucket, Cuttyhunk, the Boston Harbor Islands; Newport, RI; Mystic, CT; some stops in New Hampshire and Maine, and, well....I'm open to suggestions.

We have some meeting coverage for you this week (page 16 for Acushnet and 4 & 22 for Fairhaven), as well as some letters to the editor (page 17) and a play review (page 20).

The outdoor activities are starting to gear up (see pages 6, 7 & 8), and Memorial Day is right around the corner, so save the date for the parade on Monday, 5/27.

## Poison Pen Letter update.

Just so you know, my dear readers, the *Neighb News* has received \$175 as a direct result of our Poison Penpal, and we are extremely grateful for the show of support. I'd also like to thank the many people who have called, emailed, or sent Facebook messages of support after reading the article on the hate letter. I rather think that our Poison Penpal did not expect that result.

I'd also like to send a personal message to every single youngster out there struggling with his or her sexuality, or struggling with any of the many difficulties and obstacles facing teens and young adults today: See the previous paragraph, because for every idiot out there, you will find at least two good people to counteract the idiocy. This I promise you. All you have to do is look.

Until next week then...

See ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Well, we had it correct on our cover, but we goofed on the inside coverage. In our Blessings of the Bikes story in last week's issue, we incorrectly stated the sponsor and benefactor of the event. It is St. Joseph's School, not church. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

# Moderator looking for government study committee applicants

Press Release

Fairhaven Town Moderator Mark Sylvia announced on May 9 the appointment process for the selection of seven (7) citizens to serve as members of the Town of Fairhaven Government Study Committee.

On May 4, 2013, Special Town Meeting authorized the establishment of a Town Government Study Committee and directed the Town Moderator to appoint the seven citizens to serve as members of the Town Government Study Committee.

The purpose of the Town Government Study Committee is to:

*Review all aspects of local government organization and structure, including, without limitation, regional relationships and the operation of all Town departments, boards, committees and commissions, elected and appointed, and recommend changes in such organization and structure, consonant with the traditional values of the Town, and designed to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness in*

*the delivery of government services; which recommendations shall be made in form suitable for consideration at the next Annual Town Meeting, or subsequent Town Meeting*

Citizens interested in being considered for appointment to the Town Government Study committee must submit a letter of interest to the Town Moderator.

Letters of Interest should include, name and precinct, contact information (telephone number, email address and mailing address) along with an explanation of why you are interested in serving on the Town Government Committee, what qualifications you may bring to the Committee and how you are knowledgeable in Town affairs.

Letters of interested should be addressed to Town Moderator, Mark Sylvia and submitted as follows:

**Via Mail:** Town Government Study Committee, Attention: Anne Kakley, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

**Via Email:** msylvia11@comcast.net,

**Submissions are due by June 7, 2013 by 4:30PM**

Town Moderator Mark Sylvia encourages any citizen interested in serving on the Town Government Study Committee to apply.

“The Town Government Study Committee will play an important role in engaging the public in a discussion about how town government should be structured in the future,” Sylvia said — He added, “It is important that the citizens of Fairhaven periodically evaluate the structure of its government and identify ways to enhance the delivery of services and opportunities for public engagement.”

For more information go to the Town Government Study Committee page on the Town of Fairhaven website at: [http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/fairhavenma\\_bcomm/TownGov](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/fairhavenma_bcomm/TownGov) or contact Town Moderator Sylvia by telephone at (508) 858-7123 or via email at [msylvia11@comcast.net](mailto:msylvia11@comcast.net)

## 2013 Fairhaven Guide books available

Press Release

Newly revised for 2013, the 24-page Fairhaven Visitors Guide book is now available at the town’s Visitors Center and is being distributed to locations throughout the area. The full-color publication, created by Tourism Director Christopher Richard, is filled with useful information about Fairhaven’s accommodations, attractions, beaches, churches, marinas, annual events, history and more. It contains articles with photos and maps to help visitors guide themselves on tours of Fairhaven Center and historical Poverty Point. The guide book contains no paid advertising. It is available free of charge.

The Office of Tourism printed 5,000 copies of the booklet for distribution from now through the fall. Besides being available locally, it is the primary piece that is mailed to out-of-

towners who request information about visiting Fairhaven.

The Fairhaven Visitors Center is located at the Academy Building, 141 Main Street, next door to Fairhaven High School. The summer hours for the center are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Additionally the Office of Tourism opens the Old Stone Schoolhouse on Saturday afternoons from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. and general visitor information is available there as well.

Guides books will also be available in the Selectmen’s Office at Town Hall, at the Millicent Library, the town’s hotels and at visitors centers in New Bedford, including at the ferry terminal on State Pier.

An electronic version is available for download from <http://FairhavenTours.blogspot.com>.

## Little League Standings

These are the Fairhaven Acushnet Little League Standings as of 5/14. Up-to-date standings and schedule available at [fairhavenacushnetll.com](http://fairhavenacushnetll.com)

<b>Junior League</b>	Costa’s Ins. 1-4
Atria 3-0	<b>Minors</b>
Pro Con 2-1	Acushnet
Livesey Club 2-2	Company 5-0
Southern MA	Elias Plastering
Credit 2-2	5-1
Fhvn Police 0-4	J&R Plastics 4-1
<b>Major League</b>	Deterra
Knox Electric 6-0	Excavating 3-2
Century House	PJ Keating 2-2
3-1	Oceans Fleet 2-3
Superior Logo 3-2	Fairhaven Lumber
Elf’s Landscaping	2-3
2-2	Ray & Mike’s 1-4
Roland’s Tire 2-3	Fairhaven
Acush. Police 2-3	Excavating 1-5
Lions Club 1-3	Whaling City Sea-
Steven’s Home	food Display 0-4
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# Appeals denies use of property for contractor business

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

Someone filed a complaint accusing owners of the Ford Family Real Estate Trust property of 293 Mill Road of running a contractor yard from the property without a license. The owners filed an administrative appeal which the Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously denied during the 5/7 meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson Peter DeTerra recused himself on 5/7 from the public hearing as an abutter, taking a seat to the rear of the room.

Mr. Ford's attorney Shepard Johnson said he filed a Freedom of Information Act request to find out the name of the person who made the complaint, but said he has received no response so far.

"Let's deal with THIS," responded Vice-Chairperson Francis Cox.

Building Inspector Wayne Fostin said he saw heavy trucks and machines on the property during an inspection that allegedly are used on-site and off-site for purposes such as excavating and other construction activities. He maintained that the owners were in violation of the bylaw regulating contractor yards.

Mr. Johnson tried to convince the board to overturn Mr. Fostin's findings that the owners were not in compliance and engaged the board in a lengthy discussion about ownership, usage, and whether the property was exempted under the new bylaw for continued use.

Ms. Johnson said, since the World War II era, the Ford family has consistently and continually used the property in the same exact way, and even some of the original machines and equipment remain on the property.

The board argued that because the property briefly changed hands in 1991 and then switched back into Ford Family ownership in 1993, the property was now subject to adherence of the bylaw that deems the storage of heavy trucks and machinery meets the general definition of a contractor yard.

Mr. Shepard argued that use of the property determines whether the property is "grandfathered," not ownership.

"I'm not gonna argue that point," said Mr. Cox in his usual loud voice, making Mr. Shepard wonder out loud why Mr. Cox was getting "so upset."

Mr. Shepard also stated that many of the machines the family considers "hobby vehicles," and went further to say that the bylaw's interpretation of a contractor yard is very vague.

Mr. Fostin challenged Mr. Shepard to go online and search the keywords "Ford Construction," and see that the business is listed at 293 Mill Road, the property in question.

Again, Mr. Shepard insisted that

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the property was grandfathered as a prior non-conforming use.

Gary Ford was present and explained to the board the transfer of the property in 1991 and then the recovery of the property in 1993. He said an associate agreed to help Mr. Ford financially secure the property while Mr. Ford finished building a house, and if Mr. Ford went into default he would take ownership of the property. Mr. Ford said he stayed in the house during that time and continued to use the property in the same exact manner.

No abutters spoke in favor or against the Ford Family, except Richard Souza of 290 Mill Road, who questioned whether there would be any expansion that would affect

traffic on the narrow road. Mr. Ford assured him that there would be no change from the current situation.

Also at the meeting, the board gave Keri Dias Thatcher of 9 Blackburn Street approval for a 24- by 27-foot addition to their house to add a bedroom to accommodate their growing family.

Jon DaRosa of 14 Fisherman Road was approved to tear down a shed and build a single-story garage.

Leo Tremblay of 6 Karen Avenue was approved to build a house on his 12,000 square-foot property, which is 3,000 square feet short of the required 15,000.

David and Sandra Teves of 3 Judson Drive received approval to build a house on their under-sized irregularly-shaped lot. The Teveses have already gone before the Planning Board and needed the variance before moving forward with their plans.

A representative for Ed and Connie Martin requested a new hearing after the ZBA denied their application back on 3/5 when the applicant failed to show up for the hearing. They claim that they never received notification of the hearing date and the appeal is now pending in Superior Court.

Mr. DeTerra told the representative that the applicants can either wait two years to resubmit or submit plans to build a smaller house.

The Martins would have to begin the process from the start and go before the Planning Board.

Dan Gibbs, who bought 58 Ocean Avenue from James Gilbert, asked the board to allow him to resume constructing the house, but with changes. He wanted to add a basement; the original plans called for the house to be built on a slab. The board said he would have to re-file.

"I'm sorry. It's out of our hands," said Mr. DeTerra.

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Abraham Lincoln



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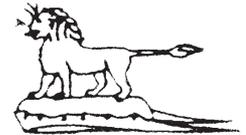
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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Save the Date

Fairhaven's Memorial Day parade will step off from the corner of Main and Center Streets on Monday, 4/27, at 8:30 a.m. sharp. More next week!

## 5 School Track Meet

The Catholic Schools of St. Joseph's in Fairhaven, St. Francis Xavier in Acushnet, Holy Family Holy Name, St. James St. John and All Saints, all of New Bedford, will hold the third annual Greater New Bedford Catholic Schools Track Meet at Cushman Park in Fairhaven on May 19 at 1:00 p.m.

The meet is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Greg Centeio at [gcenteio2@comcast.net](mailto:gcenteio2@comcast.net)

## 2 Bike Rides

The Fairhaven Bike Way committee in celebration of National Bike Week will be hosting two bike rides **from Fort Phoenix on Saturday May 18. Both Rides will start at 9:00 AM.** One ride is a family ride and is approximately 7 miles long. The second ride is approximately 28 miles long and will include the Phoenix Bike Path, West Island and Mattapoissett. Both rides will leave from Fort Phoenix and return to Fort Phoenix. Music and light refreshments will be provided. An historical tour of Fort Phoenix by local historian Chris Richard will take place at 11:00 AM. Free t-shirts will be given out to the first 75 who register. Bike Helmets are required.

Anyone who wants to be put on the Friends of the Fairhaven Bikeway List should send name and an e-mail to [K\\_pottel@hotmail.com](mailto:K_pottel@hotmail.com) If you are on the Friends List you will get updates on bike rides in the town and in the surrounding area.

To register for your free t-shirts for the May 18th ride visit <http://www.southcoastbikeway.com/calendar-events.html>

## Book Signing

**"Last of the Fairhaven Coasters," Friday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 19, at 2:00 p.m., at the Northeast Maritime Institute, 32 Washington Street, Fairhaven**

Authors Donald Tucker and Robert Demanche will host an even to launch the publication of their book on

coastal schooners. Each event begins with a 20-minute talk featuring stories and vintage photographs followed by a book signing. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at \$19.99 each. For further information, call Donald Tucker at 508-993-9667.

## "B Strong, B Beautiful!"

That's the message at Art on Center this **Sunday, May 19th.** The non-profit art center has organized a fundraiser to benefit the OneFundBoston. Local artists and businesses are donating their talents and services, offering a variety of services to choose from, including face painting, chair massages, makeup and manicures, a photo booth, tarot readings, raffles and more.

In response to the tragedy of the bombing, Kelly Smith, an artist member of Art on Center, and Stacey Frates, the executive director, were asking "what can we do to help?" They brainstormed and put together this "B Strong, B Beautiful!" event.

Come show your support and have fun! All services are reasonably priced and 100% of the proceeds go to [www.onefundboston.org](http://www.onefundboston.org) (Art on Center accepts Visa and Mastercard as well as cash and personal checks.) Art on Center is located at 15 Center Street, Fairhaven. The event runs from 11 AM to 5 PM, Sunday May 19. For more information, email [info@artoncenter.org](mailto:info@artoncenter.org) or call 774-206-1709.

## Riverside Tour

Fairhaven's lovely **Riverside Cemetery is the setting of an Office of Tourism walking tour on Sunday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m.** It begins inside the cemetery's entrance at 274 Main Street. Fairhaven tourism director Christopher Richard will act as guide.

The cemetery was created in 1850, on land donated by Warren Delano II, grandfather of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. It is considered to be one of the most beautiful rural-style burial grounds in the region.

The walking tour route traces the quiet winding paths past the final resting places of some of the town's most famous residents, including the Delano family tomb designed by Richard Morris Hunt, the H.H. Rogers

mausoleum designed by Charles Brigham, and the grave sites of Captain William H. Whitfield, artist William Bradford, William F. Nye, John I. Bryant, and others. At each site, the guide discusses some of the history connected with those buried there.

Nature lovers will see a wide variety of trees such as beech, black tupelo, birch, holly, cherry, dogwood, weeping willow, ash, sugar maple and more. Those interested in tombstone art will find fine examples of monuments and early slate markers bearing carvings of angels, willow trees, urns and other traditional symbols.

Copies of the new 8-page Riverside Cemetery booklet created by the Office of Tourism will be available for free to all walkers.

The tour is free of charge and lasts about 90 minutes. There is no need for advance reservations. Walkers are urged to wear comfortable shoes and to be prepared for some hills and uneven ground. The tour will be cancelled in the event of rain. For more information, call 508-979-4085 or email [Fairhaventours@aol.com](mailto:Fairhaventours@aol.com).

## Whitfield-Manjiro Guides

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society is seeking volunteer tour guides for this summer season.

Although we do tours by appointment all year long we have an increased need in the summer when we open on Sat. & Sun. from noon to 4:00 PM. We are seeking to augment our tour guide group and would like you to consider becoming part of the demonstration of this local history.

Did you know that Manjiro made the unbelievable transition from peasant to samurai? Also that he was the first Japanese person to live in the USA (at 11 Cherry Street, Fairhaven)? There's a lot more to the story.

Training sessions will be in the afternoon as well as the evening. Uniform and script provided. Come and get acquainted with the Whitfield-Manjiro story and be able to pass it on to many visitors from Japan and many other foreign countries as well as the USA (more than 2,400 to date). If you wish to volunteer or get more info, call Gerry Rooney at 508-995-1219.

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Hazelwood 5K

The Greater New Bedford Track Club is excited to announce the running of its 34th Annual Hazelwood Women's 5K Run/Walk on **Sunday, May 19, at 10 a.m. at Hazelwood Park (553 Brock Ave.)** in New Bedford to benefit The Women's Center. A fun run for children 10 and under will begin at 9:15. The 5K race will be professionally timed by RaceMenu. Prizes will be available for participants in the Kids' Run and to 5K runners and walkers.

The Women's Center is the preeminent organization in the region offering comprehensive FREE and confidential services to all victims (men, women, and children) of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child trauma. The Women's Center provides advocacy, counseling, education, outreach, referrals and resources to its clients.

Registration is \$25 per person. There is no fee for participation in the Kids' Fun Run. For more information and to register, visit [www.rungnbtc.com](http://www.rungnbtc.com) or email questions to [Hazelwood5k@rungnbtc.com](mailto:Hazelwood5k@rungnbtc.com).

## Zany comedy at YTI

A rollicking Southern comedy, "The Hallelujah Girls," will cap Your Theatre, Inc.'s 66th season of award-winning community theatre entertainment (see page 20 for review), **Thursdays through Saturday evenings May 16-18, at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinee May 19, 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).

## Scrimshaw Weekend

The New Bedford Whaling Museum holds its **24th annual Scrimshaw Weekend on May 17, 18, and 19**. This year's special events are a classic swap meet and Nautical Antiques Show on Friday afternoon, and an optional fieldtrip "behind the scenes"

to Mystic Seaport on the Sunday.

Scrimshaw Weekend tuition is \$335; \$330 for Museum members. Tickets to Saturday's banquet only may be purchased for \$75 each. Call to reserve seats for the optional fieldtrip to Mystic on Sunday, May 19.

For more information or to register, please contact visitor services at (508) 997-0046, ext. 100 or email: [frontdesk@whalingmuseum.org](mailto:frontdesk@whalingmuseum.org). For full schedule of events and updates, visit [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org).

## Pet Fest

The Coalition for Animals will hold the 14th Annual Pet Fest and Walk for Animals at Buttonwood Park, 745 Rockdale Ave., New Bedford, on Sunday, May 19 (rain or shine), from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. We need your help to raise money for the benefit of injured, sick, homeless, abandoned and neglected animals.

This is our largest fundraiser and it gets bigger every year! Attended by over 600 people and 300 dogs! Great prizes for people raising the most money, contests, demonstrations, 50+ vendors, music, food and free face painting! Come have a great day with your dog and help us raise money for our newest program, Pets Beside Vets, in which we pay the adoption fee for a war veteran to adopt an animal from a local participating shelter! Walkers without dogs welcome!

For more information contact the Coalition for Animals 834 Kempton St. New Bedford, MA 02740; 508-991-6366; <http://www.coalitionforanimals.com/>

## Free Films

**Friday May 17: Film Screening: *In Altro Mare*, National Park, 33 William Street, NB, 7:00 PM**

Gloucester, Massachusetts is home to over 6,000 residents of Sicilian origin, many of them from the town of Terrasini, near Palermo. *In Altro Mare* looks at fishermen, their families, and the community established by the Italian Americans of Gloucester. Director and anthropologist Franco La Cecla interweaves the stories of Gloucester Sicilians with those of immigrants who returned to live and work in Terrasini, suggesting a diasporic experience of being caught between two worlds. The film pays particular attention to changes in the

fishing industry that have challenged the viability of smaller-scale independent fishing in Gloucester, such as environmental regulation and globalization. The film will be followed by a discussion about the historical and present role of immigrants on the waterfront.

For more information Navigate to us at [www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org](http://www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org).

## Basketball Sign-ups

The City of New Bedford Parks Recreation & Beaches Department and New Bedford Youth United have joined forces to offer an annual youth summer basketball league that will travel throughout city parks. Open registration and try-out dates for the Youth United Summer Basketball League will be held on **May 18th & 19th and May 25th & 26th from 10:00 am-12:00 pm each day at the Buttonwood Park Basketball Courts.**

The total registration cost to participate in the league is \$25. All youth will receive a t-shirt; both girls and boys are encouraged to participate. If you would like to pre-register, you can do so at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center on 181 Hillman St. For more information and to register your child as a participant please call the Administrative Offices of Parks, Recreation and Beaches at (508) 961-3015 or email [info@prb@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:info@prb@newbedford-ma.gov).

## Auditions

Director Stephen R. Kay will audition actors for John Belluso's drama "Henry Flamethrower" **on Tues. and Wed., 5/21 & 22, at 7:30 p.m.**

Tryouts for the two male and one female roles will be held in the handicap accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Performance Complex at St. Martin's Church, 136 Rivet St. at County St., New Bedford.

Acting experience is not necessary, but role seekers should have a desire to share the experience of live theatre and the enjoyment of collaborating with other talented individuals.

Further information about the audition is 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).

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Live Bird Show

On Sunday, May 19, the Paskamanasett Bird Club will commemorate its 50th anniversary with an exciting display of avian raptors — hawks, falcons, eagles and owls. The presentation is free, and all are welcome. **It will be held at the So. Dartmouth YMCA, 276 Gulf Rd., Dartmouth MA, at 2 p.m. Bring the family for this unusual event.**

Johnathan Wood's Raptor Project is an outstanding array of "Birds of Prey" - eagles, hawks, falcons and owls - displayed in an exquisite natural habitat. The Raptor project is both entertaining and exciting and has won the attention and hearts of millions of captivated audiences throughout the nation.

Many of the birds in The Raptor Project have permanent handicaps and have been donated to his project by crowded wildlife centers around the country because they were unable to be re-introduced to the wild. Some faced euthanization and now have been tamed and trained to educate the public as charming ambassadors of their species and the environments they inhabit. Jonathan and Susan Wood and their staff operate the organization from a beautiful 14 acre, private facility in New York's Catskill Mountains. All birds are housed, exercised and cared for in spacious, state-of-the-art aviaries.

This event is made possible by the United Way of Greater New Bedford Community Building Mini-Grants Program, for which the Paskamanasett Bird Club is very grateful.

## Democratic Comm.

**The Wareham Democratic Town Committee will hold its Annual Spring Breakfast on Sun., 5/19, from 9:30-11:30 at Lindsey's Restaurant, Cranberry Highway, Wareham.**

Congressman William Keating will be the guest speaker and give an update on a variety of issues being dealt with by Congress. The breakfast is a buffet and will feature French toast casserole, sausage and bacon, scrambled eggs toast, juice and tea or coffee. Open to the public. Tickets are \$25 and are available from any member of the town committee or by calling Jane Donahue at 508-295-1544.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet and speak to your Congressman while enjoying a fantastic Lindsey's breakfast.

## Bird-A-Thon

Hundreds of birding enthusiasts on 30 teams will compete across the state to spot the most species in a 24-hour period during Mass Audubon's annual Bird-a-thon fundraiser **May 17-18**. The highly anticipated event will start at 6 pm on Friday, May 17, and end at 5:59 pm on Saturday, the 18th. Marking its 30th anniversary, Bird-a-thon has become a popular celebration of birdlife for Mass Audubon members and other visitors of Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary.

To join a team, make a donation, see the list of prizes, or get more information, visit [www.massaudubon.org/birdathon](http://www.massaudubon.org/birdathon).

## Walk For Adoption

Jordan's Furniture, a long-time champion for children in state foster care, is hosting the Walk for Adoption **Sunday, May 19 at the Jordan's Furniture's Taunton facility, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.**

The Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE), in partnership with Jordan's Furniture, is organizing the 4th annual Walk for Adoption to benefit its work to recruit adoptive parents for children and teens in state foster care. Over 600 local children are currently growing up in temporary foster care while waiting for permanent, loving homes.

The Walk for Adoption is a fun-filled celebration of adoption, featuring a 5K (or shorter) non-competitive walk. The post-walk party includes face painting, balloon twisting, spin art and other crafts, James Photobooth, the National Black Doll Museum, raffles, Dave & Buster's Prize Wheel, and refreshments.

Teams of adoptive families, friends, coworkers, students, and social workers are forming now. Walk participants can register online at [www.FirstGiving.com/MARE](http://www.FirstGiving.com/MARE). Over 500 participated in last year's Walk, and raised \$80,000 to help children join adoptive families.

For more information on MARE's

Walk for Adoption, or to learn about adoption from foster care, contact MARE at 800-882-1176, 617-54-ADOPT, or visit [www.MAREinc.org](http://www.MAREinc.org).

MARE is a private, non-profit organization, working since 1957 to find a "permanent place to call home" for youth in foster care. Because every child deserves a "forever family."

## Golf Tourney

SouthCoast golfers have a unique opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of golf at a championship golf course while also helping to clean up nitrogen pollution in New Bedford Harbor. The Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Bay Club at Mattapoisett are partnering to host a Golf Outing on **Tuesday, May 28**. All proceeds from the golf outing will go into a dedicated fund to support projects that stop nitrogen pollution — Buzzards Bay's largest pollutant — from reaching New Bedford Harbor.

**For golfers, it's a rare opportunity to enjoy the private Bay Club's parkland-style 7,100 yard course,** designed by PGA Tour professional Brad Faxon in conjunction with golf course architect Brad Booth. The golf outing uses a "best ball of foursome" format, so golfers of all abilities are welcome to participate.

Golfers can register online, individually or as a foursome, at [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/golf](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/golf) through May 22.

**Not a golfer?** You can still enjoy the festivities and show your support for clean water by attending the cocktail party reception, which will begin at 5 p.m. after the conclusion of play.

## Golf Scramble

The Fairhaven Acushnet Little League is holding its 2nd Annual Golf Scramble/Dinner at Allendale Country Club on Saturday June 1st at 12:30. Fee is \$125 which includes 18 holes with cart, Titleist hat, goody bag, and a Surf and Turf dinner following @ 6 PM. "Dinner only"

option is available for \$37.50. Information is available by visting our Facebook page, visting our website at [fairhavenacushnetll.com](http://fairhavenacushnetll.com), or by contacting Eric Tveit at 508-965-5900 or [tveit1@comcast.net](mailto:tveit1@comcast.net).

# *An invitation to all veterans and those who support veterans*

Please join us in Fairhaven for our Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies

Show your support for those who have served and sacrificed.

**PARADE:** Monday, 5/27, steps off at 8:30 a.m. from the corner of Main and Center Streets, along Main to Riverside Cemetery



*All gave  
some, and  
some gave all.*

## ***Flag Raising***

**On Mon., 5/27, at Fort Phoenix, Fort Street, Fairhaven**

**at 7 a.m.** The Memorial Day flag raising ceremony at the fort is sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association with the Fairhaven Boy Scouts. The flag will be raised in memory of William Gallagher. The flag will be lowered at 7 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

Veterans are asked to gather at South and Main Streets no later than 8 a.m. Veterans and active military personnel who wish join the parade but are not able to walk, should call Gerry Payette to arrange a ride, 1-508-237-4282. The parade will conclude at Riverside Cemetery where a ceremony will be held. Organizers are asking spectators to line Main Street and wave small flags as the parade passes. Home owners on Main Street are asked to place flags out front to show support.

**From  
George  
Brownell,  
Vietnam War  
Veteran**

# Recipe of the Week

## Linguine Salad

- 1 box linguine
- 1 16 oz. bottle Zesty Italian dressing
- 1 2.62 oz. McCormick Salad Supreme (found in spice aisle)

Cook linguine and then mix with dressing and Salad Supreme seasoning. Cover and set at least 4 hours, mixing occasionally.

## Peanut Butter Cookies

Mix together:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg.

Drop by spoonfuls onto UnGreased cookie sheet. Lightly press and criss-cross top with a fork.

- Bake at 350 for 12 mins.
- Makes 2.5 dozen.

## Honey Mustard

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
  - 2 tbsp honey
  - 1 tbsp prepared mustard
- Mix well

*This week's recipes submitted by  
Janice Rose*

## To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to [neighbnews@comcast.net](mailto:neighbnews@comcast.net)

# Little League weekly update

## Minor League Division

### Deterra Excavating 2, Ray & Mike's 1

Niko Tavares pitched 4 strong innings striking out 11 and scored the game winning run. Ryan Hartman pitched 2 solid innings striking out 5 for Deterra Excavating. Cameron Hodziewick had 2 hits and 2 RBI's which secured the win for Deterra Exc. Danny Staler, Nate Gamache, and Dylan Branco all did an excellent job behind the plate sharing the catching responsibilities.

### Ocean's Fleet 6, Fhvn Excavating 2

Ocean's Fleet pitchers Mason Tolman & Aiden Hassey combined for the win. Offensively Scotty Joseph Jr. (1 for 1 with 2 BBs & 2 RS), Aiden Hassey (1 for 2, 2RS) while DeVaughn Goncalves-Barrett, Sara Leclair, Jadin DeSouza & Evan Souza all had a base hit.

### Deterra Exc. 6 vs. Ocean's Fleet 5

Tyler Furtado (1st hit), Evan Souza (1 for 1, 1BB, 1RS & 1B) & Mason Tolman led a 5 run 6th inning for Ocean's. Defensive stars were Evan Souza, Sara Leclair & Scott Joseph Jr. Niko Tavares pitched excellent throwing 3 solid innings striking out 9 and walking 3. Ryan Hartman pitched 2 good innings striking out 6 and walking 3. Ocean Fleet mounted a strong 5 run 6th inning rally but came up short due to the combined pitching by Nate Gamache and Danny Staler. Solid hitting was provided by Hugo Supranault, Alex Macaroco, Niko Tavares for DeTerra.

### Acushnet Co. 13, Whaling City Seafood 5

Acushnet Co got the win with Ben DaCosta going 2 for 2 with a double and Julius Ramalho was 2 for 3 with 2 doubles. Luke Morrison & Dario St. James both had 2 hits and 3 RBI's each. Seth Sylvia and Mason Forcier had two hits each for Whaling City

Seafood.

### Elias Plastering 12, Ray & Mike's 4

Aidan Milton and Cameron Sauve had stellar pitching performances for Elias Plastering and both contributed with great at-bats to help propel Elias for the win over Ray and Mike's. Gabe Monroe pitched a solid 3 2/3rd innings for Ray and Mike's and contributed with a hit and RBI to help his team.

## Major League Division

### Costa's Ins. 6, Stevens Home Imp. 5

Ben Mayer and Dave Lawrence pitched great for Costa's, Nathan Matias and Griffin Henriques had key hits. Ben Davignon and Devin Amaro each scored 2-runs and Ethan Henriques led the defense. Stevens was led by the pitching and hitting of Scott Francis and Shane Almeida

### Century House 6, Costa's Ins. 2

Cade Genard and Nate Figueiredo shared the pitching duties for the win. The offense was led by Brady Bennett 3 for 3 with 2 runs, Genard went 3 for 3, and Jack Wethington went 1 for 2 with a run scored. Costa's offense was led by Nathan Matias. Will Benoit, David Lawrence and Devin Champagne made some terrific defensive plays.

### Steven's Home Improvement 7, Superior Logo 1

Nate Pinard silenced the Superior Logo bats with 10 strikeouts, allowing only 2 hits. Stevens offense was led by Drew Moniz with 3 hits, Nathan Tripanier and Jacob Constant had 2 hits each.

### Century House 11, Roland's Tire 3

Brady Bennett pitched 5-1/3 innings for the win. Century House's hitting was led by Brady Bennett 3 for 3 with 3 runs, Mitchell Dasilva 2 for 3, Cade Genard 2 for 3 with 2 runs, Bryce Duprey 2 for 3 with 3 runs, and

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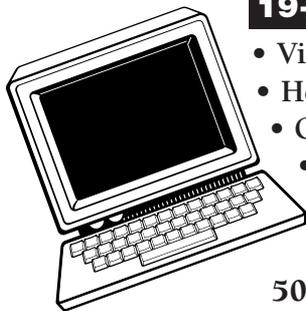
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# Postal customers donate 4,660 pounds in NALC food drive

By Beth David  
Editor

This year, the annual “Stamp Out Hunger” food drive in Fairhaven organized by the National Association of Letter Carriers collected 4,660 pounds for the Shepherd’s Pantry in Acushnet and Damien’s Pantry in Wareham. Last year, volunteers collected 6,660 pounds.

The NALC drive is the largest one-day food drive in the country. Postal customers leave nonperishable food items on or around their mailboxes on the second Saturday in May. Letter carriers and volunteers collect the food and distribute it to local pantries.

The annual event is in its 21st year, and reports nationwide have shown a decrease in the amount collected. Regionally, area towns showed a

decrease from 40,000 pounds last year to 31,900 this year.

Local coordinator Gerry Payette said he was grateful for the food donated.

“I’d like to tell everyone who donated ‘thank you very much,’” said Mr. Payette. “And I’d like to thank everyone who volunteered.”

He said the food drive is a big effort; without the volunteers to help letter carriers pick up food, pack vehicles, and deliver food to the pantries, the drive could not take place.

According to the NALC website, the national food drive gathered more than 70 million pounds of food last year, bringing the grand total to 1.2 billion pounds. This year’s numbers were not yet available.

For more information on the national effort visit [www.nalc.org/commun/fooddrive/](http://www.nalc.org/commun/fooddrive/)

The Shepherd’s Food Pantry, located at the Long Plain United Methodist Church at 1215 Main Street in Acushnet, serves about 120 families a week and spends about \$5,500 per month on food. Food is distributed on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

For more information on the Shepherd’s Food Pantry in Acushnet, visit [www.shepherdspantry.org](http://www.shepherdspantry.org) or call 508-763-9289.

To donate money, mail to The Shepherd’s Food Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. The Shepherd’s Food Pantry is run entirely by volunteers; 100% of the money donated goes directly to the purchase of food.



TOP LEFT: Mary Pyatte sends a box of food down the chute to Cullen Littlewood at the Long Plain United Methodist Church in Acushnet, home to the Shepherd’s Pantry, on Saturday, 5/11 after the 21st annual National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive. TOP RIGHT: Volunteers receive packages at the Shepherd’s Pantry. Unloading some of the 4,660 pounds of food collected by Fairhaven Postal Workers are (L-R) Del Moreau, Cristina Goff and Blanche Pepin. BOTTOM LEFT: Volunteer Nathan Rodriguez hefts a food package up to the collection truck. BOTTOM RIGHT: Volunteers unload a letter carrier’s truck while Hank Krossschell awaits the container carried by Postal worker Gerry Payette (foreground). Rob Shields and Jim Cunha (background) gather the next batch. *Photos by Jim Mahaney.*

# Travel Log: Martha's Vineyard is quick trip from NB



By Beth David  
Editor

*The first in an occasional series on one-day trips from Fairhaven.*

They tell me you can see it

from Hoppy's Landing, but I've never been able to distinguish Martha's Vineyard from the Elizabeth Islands in front of it.

Just one-hour from New Bedford's State Pier on the fast ferry, Martha's Vineyard is a great one-day excursion for beach-goers, boaters, bicyclists, shoppers, or anyone who wants to escape for just a day and feel like you've been on vacation.

It's still the "shoulder season" on the island, that time on either side of the busy summer season when most things are open, but the crowds haven't yet begun to arrive.

The "Seastreak," the fast ferry from New Bedford, is not running at full schedule yet, but in some ways that's better. You have to catch the 6 a.m. on weekdays, putting you in Vineyard Haven at 7 a.m.; the perfect time to get a good breakfast on Main Street and watch the town wake up.

The fast ferry runs more often on weekends, and will add trips starting 5/24. It will be running full tilt starting 7/1. Trips to Oak Bluffs start on 5/24.

The fast ferry is pricier than its Steamship Authority counterpart, which leaves out of Woods Hole in Falmouth. But

the \$68 price tag for round trip is well worth it to those who don't plan on taking a car and don't want to fight the traffic over the bridge. The SSA boat is \$8 round trip, and you can still make it a day trip.

However you get there (you can fly out of New Bedford, too), if you go on a Friday, be sure to go to Grace Church (508-693-0332) between 4 & 7:30 p.m. It's just a 10-minute walk from the Vineyard Haven ferry. They have a great lobster roll and it's for a good cause: \$17 for a super-stuffed hot dog roll. It was perfect, not too much mayonnaise, and had big chunks of lobster. I guarantee it will satisfy even the most discerning Fairhaven lobster lover.

It is, after all, an island.

On Saturday, 5/11, it rained, so instead of renting a bicycle, I took the 2 1/2 hour tour (\$33) with Martha's Vineyard Sightseeing (508-627-8687). You can catch their big blue bus right outside the ferry building. The tour takes you to all six towns on the island and even stops at the Gay Head cliffs. I learned that Gay Head is now called Aquinnah, but it seemed to me that people still said "Gay Head," the name I remember from when I was a teenager and took frequent excursions to the island.

Tony, our driver, regaled us with stories of his life and many jobs on the island, and stories of the many rich and famous residents.

But, if you prefer to go your own way, the Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority (VTH) buses are only \$1, and you can buy an unlimited day pass for \$7.

On Saturday, I just happened upon a book signing by historian Thomas Dresser

(www.tomdresser.com), who was promoting his

new book *Women of Martha's Vineyard*. I grabbed one for me and one for mom for Mother's Day. Mr. Dresser also wrote (among other titles) *Disaster off Martha's Vineyard*, about the sinking of the "City of Columbus" in 1884. The first chapter prominently features a Fairhaven resident, Eric Takakjian, who discovered the wreck in 2000.

The little bookstore, Bunch of Grapes on Main Street, often features author events. As far back as I can remember, Martha's Vineyard has always been home to writers, both famous and aspiring. And why wouldn't it be? It's an island, and that in and of itself is enough to draw creative minds. It is a place of isolation and close community existing simultaneously in the same space, with places of solitude and natural beauty, quirky characters both local and transient, and a hardscrabble history born of the Atlantic Ocean, that only island life can explain.

## Helpful Contacts

- Fast Ferry: [www.seastreak.com](http://www.seastreak.com), 1-800-BOATRIDE (1-800-262-8743); Email: [contact@seastreak.com](mailto:contact@seastreak.com)
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TOP: The sign in front of the ferry terminal at Vineyard Haven on Martha's Vineyard. TOP RIGHT: Main Street in Vineyard Haven on a quiet Friday afternoon during the "shoulder season," before the summer season really kicks in. ABOVE LEFT: The cliffs at Gay Head, also known as Aquinnah, on the western tip of the island. ABOVE RIGHT: Author Thomas Dresser at a book signing for his new book, "Women of Martha's Vineyard," at independent bookstore Bunch of Grapes on Main Street. Mr. Dresser ([www.TomDresser.com](http://www.TomDresser.com)) held his book signing on Saturday, 5/11, right before Mother's Day. A draw for creative minds, the island has many events highlighting artists and authors. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at [www.Neighbnews.com](http://www.Neighbnews.com)

*This story is an excerpt from a longer piece that will be available for Nook and Kindle on or around Sunday, 5/19. For direct links to Beth David's Nook and Kindle pages, visit [www.Zorena.com](http://www.Zorena.com) or [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*

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Session 9: August 19-23

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# Acushnet hires new police officer, SRO position reinstated

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

The deal is sealed for reinstating the Acushnet School Resource Officer position after Acushnet Selectboard members accepted the appointment of a new police officer on 5/8.

Full time officer Paul Mello will transition into the school officer position while Phil Adams is promoted from part time to full time and will enter the police academy later in the year.

Chief Michael Alves introduced Mr. Adams, a life-long resident, to the board and told of how just recently Mr. Adams, along with other officers, helped deliver a baby girl.

Mr. Adams said he hoped that over the years he will rise through the ranks, and joked that soon Chief Alves's position might be vacant.

"We've had the good fortune to watch Phil's progress throughout the years," said Selectboard member David Wojnar. "I'd be more than honored to appoint Mr. Adams."

Mr. Adams graduated from the University of Connecticut in 2009 and began his career as a part-time officer in Wareham. He was hired by the Acushnet Police department in 2011. He is currently finishing his master's degree in criminal justice.

With no formal swearing-in ceremony in place, Mr. Wojnar asked Chief Alves to come up with ideas to establish one "that really honors and recognizes the importance of the position."

In another matter, the board received a letter from the Acushnet Library Board of Trustee Chairperson Kristen Leotti about the success of the citizen-driven petition to include the library/community center

appropriation article on the 5/20 Special Town Meeting Warrant. She said she hope that, if it passes, the Town could include on the 6/25 Special Senate Election ballot a debt exclusion question for the library/community center project.

Mr. Dakin said, although it is a reasonable request, the logistics will not be discussed until after the article on the warrant actually passes.

Alan Coutinho, Acushnet town administrator, announced during the meeting that billing for water usage will shift to quarterly billing.

"The users would really suffer come July first," if some measure were not taken to mitigate the result of a water rate increase.

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In addition, Mr. Coutinho spoke about setting a water rate for a six month period rather than a year-long period to avoid being locked into a rate.

He said there are "major discrepancies between purchased and billed water rates."

Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly gave a brief presentation of the annual storm water report, telling the board that the Town is now up for its ten-year storm water management and quality permit renewal. She said the Town has met the requirements of the permit currently in place.

The new permit now requires

adhering to stricter standards in a variety of areas such as training Department of Public Works employees on how to respond to violations, stricter requirements for erosion control in subdivision developments, and water quality monitoring of the Acushnet River.

Also during the meeting, the board took a step forward in addressing concerns over the safety of the intersection of South Main Street and Slocum Avenue. Board members recalled an accident when a vehicle crashed into the Captain's Place restaurant situated on that corner.

Unfortunately, though, Chairperson Leslie Dakin pointed out that the state owns South Main Street "so our hands are tied" when it comes to the ability of the Town be as proactive as it would like.

The board will initiate a formal request and sent a letter to the Mass. Department of Transportation Highway Division, and also inform businesses at that street corner that the board is taking action towards improving the safety of the intersection.

The board appointed David Souza to the Park Department, and appointed Christopher Green to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Green is the principal at the Ford Middle School.

In other business, the board approved two Chapter 90 reimbursements for storm-related work that is eligible for 100 percent reimbursement. One was for over \$278,000 and the other was for about \$152,400.

Mr. Coutinho announced that the 2013 Annual Acushnet Car Cruise will happen on 8/29 from 5-8:30 p.m. with a rain date of 8/30. The center of Town will be closed off for the event.

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Leo Rousseau  
Former Acushnet Selectman

# Letters from our readers

## Teen has used community center since a toddler

If you look beyond the tree groves and farmlands of Acushnet, you'll find a tight-knit group of people who have grown to love and adore our small town. The Acushnet Community Center is held highly responsible for the strong Acushnet spirit. For many years, the Community Center has generously accommodated the school dances, free tutoring, self-defense classes, scrapbooking workshops, cooking classes, bingo nights, sports registration, and so much more.

Personally, the Community Center became an important part of my life when my mom started taking my brother, sister, and me to Play Group, an opportunity for young children to build friendships and social skills with other kids. Every week we'd excitedly head off to Play Group, eager to spend time with the other children. To this day, almost fifteen years later, I still have strong friendships with a few of the kids I met there.

Without the Community Center, it would not have been possible for my family, along with a few others that we met through Play Group, to annually hold our own Alex's Lemonade Stand. Throughout the years, thousands of dollars have been raised to go toward the inspiring cause. Each year, the residents of Acushnet graciously gather to contribute toward the cause by donating to find a cure for Leukemia.

I hope that the Community Center will continue running so the younger generations will be given the opportunity to fully enjoy the pleasures of being a child from Acushnet.

*Emma Pacheco, 15, Acushnet*

## Committees need volunteers

Would you be interested in planting flowers along the Bike Path in Fairhaven or at one of the Welcome signs at our Town border? Do you have an interest in restoring Fine Art, or setting up Art Exhibits. Would you be interested in learning more about the Town of Fairhaven's rich history and then passing along what you learn to others, or in helping to create more tourism (and corresponding revenue for the town)?

Would you like to help preserve

our open space and ensure that our environmentally sensitive areas are properly cared for? Would you like to help determine the best use of the Rogers and Oxford Schools when they become vacant next year?

Would you be interested in helping expand our bicycle path, make bike path crossing safer or work to add bike lanes to some of our roads?

Would you like to see open Cable Access Programming or to be involved in what direction the town moves when it is time to renew our cable contract? How about helping the Town plan for emergencies, like Hurricanes and Blizzards — would that interest you?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, or you can think of some other way you can help improve our town, I would encourage you to take a look at the Town's Annual Report to see all the volunteer committees that have openings for appointments starting in June, for 2013.

See [http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/FairhavenMA\\_BOS/Fhvn,%20report%202012.pdf](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/FairhavenMA_BOS/Fhvn,%20report%202012.pdf) or read in hard copy form at the Town Hall.

The type of work that volunteers can do was in full view last year when a group of volunteers masterfully orchestrated event after event during our Bicentennial Year. We all enjoyed the special events, parades, the moving wall tribute, etc., right down the closing ceremonies and the time capsule.

None of these things would have been possible without the many hours of dedication that it took to pull them off. I don't think people realize, though, that there are many other volunteer organizations that support the town every year, and they deserve recognition as well. I would encourage you to look at the Town's Annual report to see how many of people you already know who are involved. You may be surprised!

Several of these volunteer committees are running shorthanded, though and, as a result, have been relatively stagnant in recent months or recent years. Those committees need an infusion of new people to help them get going again, to set some new goals and accomplish them. You can provide a much needed boost.

So I ask that you consider donating some of your time or talent to any area you are passionate about or that

you just think the town could use some improvement in. Take this opportunity to meet some new people, form some new friendships and leave a lasting mark on the Town that you can feel proud of.

If these words caught your attention, I hope you will consider submitting a letter of interest for appointment in 2013 to one of the many boards, committees and commissions with openings for 2013.

The Annual Report contains a complete listing of all the openings, a description of what each committee does. You can also call the Selectmen's office if you have any questions.

*Bob Espindola, Fairhaven*

*Editor's note: Mr. Espindola is a Fairhaven Selectboard member, but writes his letter as a Fairhaven resident and not as a representative of the board.*

## WI 5K says "Thank you"

I would like to thank the race committee volunteers, local businesses, and of course, the runners and walkers that came together for another picture-perfect West Island 5K. I am still amazed how far we have taken this event in only two years.

This year we saw an additional 183 participants register for the event bringing the grand total to 858. Altogether we raised \$11,700. That by itself is an incredible feat!

As I made my way through the crowd before and after the race, I was moved by the positive feedback and enthusiasm exhibited by everyone I encountered. Most notably, the participants and spectators commented on the professionalism and positive attitude of all the volunteers.

It was especially touching to hear Fairhaven High School freshman, Kennedy Ryan, perform a heartfelt version of the National Anthem and have the crowd join her for the last few lines.

It was great to see some incredible team support from the Band of Brothers (BoBs), Sole Sisters, West Island Massage Therapy and Howe Allen 5K Team, Team Alexah, Greater New Bedford Track Club, Team Owen, Chuggin' for Blake, Family Steps, Bay State Gymnastics Academy, and all those running and walking in honor of the people killed or injured at the

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Boston Marathon.

As we saw the numbers increase, we knew we needed to take the event to the next level and make it even better. I truly believe the improvements we made to the event will pay big dividends in the future. By certifying the course with USA Track & Field and adding prize money, we attracted another sector of the running community. I asked each one of the top three overall male and female finishers about the race and they were all impressed with its smooth execution and the incredible race venue.

Adding more parking and a shuttle service was a must. I am grateful to the Hebert family for allowing us to use their property on Sconticut Neck Road for additional parking. We had a great team running the entire parking and shuttle service. The professional service provided by Ed Pacheco at Places To Go Transportation, Anne Silvia at the Fairhaven Senior Center, and Keith Amarin at Tremblay's Bus Company made our new parking plan a great addition to the race.

For our second year, we received our super race shirts from The Shirt Shack in Wareham. This year we decided to purchase more shirts for the participants. While this is our single largest expense, it allowed all the 5K runners to have a great race keepsake, while thanking our sponsors for their very generous support.

Lastly, we really put a focused effort on advertising. We added the services of Mike Silvia at the New Bedford Guide and Kevin Balance at Level Renner. This allowed our brand name to move beyond the local community and spread throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

I am confident that over the next

few years, we will become the largest and remain the most professionally run 5K in southeastern Massachusetts.

We received great coverage from Beth David at the Fairhaven Neighborhood News, Peggy Aulisio at The Advocate, and Bob Hanna at the Standard-Times.

Be sure to check out their race articles.

For the second year, Jim Mahaney has served as our "official" photographer. I say that because he has been kind enough to provide his services free of charge. His pictures capture the true spirit of this event from beginning to end.

I also want to recognize Dr. Tom Crabbe at Crabbe Chiropractic and his team and Westport Chiropractic for generously providing their services at this year's race.

We had some great post-race refreshments sponsored by Stop & Shop, Shaw's Supermarket, Ninety-Nine Restaurants, and Ocean Spray. The crowd favorite was the clam chowda' sponsored by Northeast Maritime Institute and provided by Mac's Soda Bar.

Once again, John Braun and his team at JB's Road Race Management provided a first-class timing service. It is no wonder why he is the first choice for all the local up-and-coming races.

Without fail, the Fairhaven Police Department, EMTs, and Emergency Management Agency teams ensured we had another safe event for all to enjoy.

Finally, as many of you know, the reason for starting this race was to sustain the FHS Cross Country program. The program will be entering its 28th year in the 2013 school year. However, over the past three years, the program has not been funded by the Athletic Department. Last year, we used the race proceeds to fund the program

and improve its quality by purchasing warm-up suits for all the team members and a travel tent.

Over the past year, participation on both the boys and girls teams almost doubled, the girls team finished second at the South Coast Conference Championships, and Bay Gammons (Class of 2014) was selected as the girls Standard-Times Runner of the Year.

We are hopeful and fully expecting the Athletic Department will now fully fund the program and pay the coach this year. Our intent was always to bridge the funding gap and enhance the program but not become its sole source of survival. We believe the school department has that responsibility. If they decide not to meet that obligation, in addition to providing scholarships to the seven graduating cross country seniors and starting the Crispin Demers Memorial Scholarship Fund, we will fully fund the program and pay the coach.

While this is certainly NOT the correct solution, we will do what is in the best interest of the students and ensure this sport is available to those interested in growing and learning from this worthwhile program.

One again, I can't say this enough... THANK YOU for all your energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to this event and the causes we support. We hope to see you all next year at the 3rd Annual West Island 5K on Sunday, April 27, 2014!

*Lyle K. Drew, Race Director,  
West Island 5K, FHS Class of 1990*

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time.

*John Lubbock*

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# Hilarity abounds with "Hallelujah Girls"

*"The Hallelujah Girls"*

**Reviewed by Tony Annicone  
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Your Theatre's current show is "The Hallelujah Girls" by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten. Hilarity abounds when the feisty females of Eden Falls, Georgia, decide to shake up their lives. The action in this rollicking Southern comedy takes place in the spa where a group of friends gathers every Friday afternoon. After the loss of a dear friend the women realize time is precious, and if they are going to achieve their dreams, they have to get on it now. Sugar Lee has her hands full trying to keep the women motivated.

Carlene's given up on romance, having buried three husbands. Nita's a nervous wreck from her problematic son and his probation officer. Mavis' marriage is so stagnant, she's wondering how she can fake her death to get out of it. Crystal just wants to celebrate the nearest holiday.

Comic tension mounts when Sugar Lee's sexy ex-boyfriend, Bobby Dwayne, shows up unexpectedly and when her arch rival Bunny vows that she will stop at nothing to steal the spa away from her. Add a mama's boy mailman, Porter Padgett, to the mix and you have the ingredients for this well written and directed comedy.

Director Trudi Miller casts these 8 roles wonderfully and obtains top-notch work from her hard working cast. She gives each of them a chance

to shine in their roles. The former dilapidated church is turned into a beauty spa, Spa-Dee-Dah by Sugar Lee and the gals. The show is reminiscent of "Steel Magnolias" and is a strong ensemble piece. It takes place during several holiday seasons.

Stage manager Elena Murphy keeps the scene changes brisk, keeping the momentum of the show going. The spa is where Sugar Lee and the girls spend quality time together. The gals all trade wisecracks and heartache, wisdom, gossip and gibes. It also contains a great deal of Golden Girls type humor like the authors other show "Dixie Swim Club." It has a lot of witty banter running through it, too. Becky Minard stars as Sugar Lee. She has a good rapport with the other performers and has many funny lines including "Go braless it will take the wrinkles out of your face."

All her cohorts do a marvelous job in their roles. Trudi makes the girls different than each other so you can easily tell them apart. I don't want to give away too many details of the show to spoil it for the audience. Elizabeth Rapoza is Carlene, the manicurist. She is down on men after her three marriages and considers herself the black widow even though the others hoist Porter on her. Her funniest line is "why does a married woman get fat? Because she sees her husband and thinks of food."

Marilyn Duquette is hilarious as Crystal who constantly changes cos-

tumes with the holidays. She sings marvelous songs entrancing the audience. Crystal also saves the day later on in the show with her coconut cookies.

Valerie Reynolds is fabulous as Mavis. She has many funny lines as this crotchety woman and makes them all hit pay dirt. She has a fantastic drunk scene that will leave you speechless as she tells the other gals to lower their voices when they aren't even talking.

Susan Massey is Nita who works at the county courthouse and sells Avon on the side. She does a wonderful job as this long suffering woman with a pain in the ass son. Susan's character loves these crazy romance novels and she acts each one of them out.

Cheryl Day is Bunny, the wealthiest woman in town. She is a bitch on wheels as this deliciously evil character. Cheryl leaves the audience in stitches especially in her last scene when she rolls her tongue, making faces while unable to speak.

Mark Fuller as Bobby Dwayne has a secret past with Sugar Lee. All the women whistle at him. He also designed the lovely set for the show. Robert Duquette shines as Porter who kisses Carlene under the mistletoe and crows like a rooster. His laughter is infectious.

So for a fun filled rollicking show, be sure to catch "The Hallelujah Girls" at Your Theatre this weekend. See page 7 for schedule and ticket info

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## Public Hearings/ Legal Notices

### Zoning Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

- Petitioner: Ed Ducary for Bob Aubin**, 36 Hacker Street, Plat 28A, Lot 81, Book 6705 and Page 148; 198-18: Short 8' of the required 20' front setback in a RA District.
- Petitioner: Sara L. Ziobro for Clement & JoAnn Beaulieu**, 346 Scoticut Neck Road, Plat 29A, Lot 379, Book 3206 and Page 174; 198-23B: Beauty Salon requires a Special Permit for a Home Occupation.

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*John Steinbeck*

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Jack Wethington 2 for 3 with 1 run. Jarod Laroque and Payton Demanche each went 2 for 3 with a run scored in providing the offense for Roland's.

### Superior Logo 6, Lions Club 4

Sven Tveit picked up the win for Superior, striking out 8 in 4.1 innings. Ryan Robichaud held Lions scoreless for the save. The Lions fought hard in the loss. Offensively led by Zach Soucy, Evan Ferro each going 2-3. Collin Roderiques, and Sam Horsfall each had a hit.

### Elf's Landscaping 7, Lion's Club 3

Elf's pitching was led by Troy Lopes with 5 scoreless innings. Johnathan Parquette had 4 hits, Logan Berube and Ryan Larivere had 2 hits. Thomas Bedard and Boston Rodrigues contributed with hits. Strong defense was key for Elf's win with Logan Berube behind the dish and Boston Rodrigues at second base with key inning ending plays. Andrew chase pitched a good game despite the loss. Offensively the lions were led by Zach Soucy 2-3 with 2 RBI, and Sam Horsfall, Ian Golas, and Andrew Chase each had a hit.

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 6/4, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Commission of Trusts

Fri., 5/17, Town Hall, 3 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 5/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### DEP Sound Study mtg

Tues. 5/21, Town hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Personnel Board

Mon., 5/20, Town Hall, 3 p.m.

### Planning Board

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

### School Committee

Wed., 5/29, FHS Media Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 5/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Conservation Comm

Wed., 5/22, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Finance Committee

Mon., 5/20, Ford MS, 6:00 p.m.

### Historical Commission

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

### Planning Commission

Thurs., 5/16, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Thurs., 5/30, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### Town Meeting

Mon., 5/20, Ford Middle Sch., 7 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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

	May, 2013	HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.	
Thursday	16	0028 1313	0615 1823	
Friday	17	0114 1400	0705 1924	
Saturday	18	0203 1450	0805 2037	
Sunday	19	0259 1544	0907 2149	
Monday	20	0358 1640	1001 2249	
Tuesday	21	0500 1736	1049 2341	
Wednesday	22	0600 1830	1136* ---	
Thursday	23	0655 1922	0033* 1224*	
Friday	24	0747 2013	0124* 1313*	
Saturday	25	0839 2104	0217* 1404*	
Sunday	26	0931 2157	0309* 1456*	

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# Board of Health back in business

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

After winning re-election to the Fairhaven Board of Health by the skin of his teeth, Peter DeTerra opened the first BOH meeting on 5/8 since confirmation of his defeat over John Wetherington by one vote.

The drama of the election may be over, but a series of other BOH-related dramas were briefly introduced — that is, after Mr. DeTerra was elected once again as Chairperson and the board breezed through some routine “clean-up” of items that had been piling up during the weeks that BOH meetings were suspended while votes were recounted and a winner was pronounced.

The Middle Street residents with complaints about paint fumes, dust particles, and noise coming from the Fairhaven Shipyard on Water Street will have their chance to speak to the

board as the matter has been placed on the agenda for the 5/22 meeting.

Health Agent Pat Fowle ran down some details about the situation to the board, telling them that the residents send “very descriptive” complaints to her via email “pretty much daily.”

She said the residents need to express how they feel directly to the board saying, “It would be of great value for the horse to speak.” The proverbial one, that is.

Ms. Fowle did say, about the Fairhaven Shipyard, “[They] are trying in a business sense to conduct business but tone it down a bit.”

She said the Shipyard is willing to comply with the Department of Environmental Protection recommendations.

Currently, though, according to Ms. Fowle, there are no measurable and enforceable standards by which to regulate and monitor the emitting of

chemicals that may be causing the fumes reaching residents’ properties.

There is no plan to move toward an online complaint form like the wind turbine complaint form. Ms. Fowle said the majority of complaints are filed during the day while staff is available at Town Hall to address the complaints, unlike wind turbine-related complaints that are often filed during the evening hours.

Another Fairhaven resident is keeping chickens on her property without a permit. This time it is Judith McFee of 46 Gilbert who has already gotten rid of some turkeys and a rooster, but kept six chickens that neighbors have been complaining about. The neighbors will have their chance to ask the BOH to take action and Ms. McFee will have a chance to defend her chickens at a public hearing the board scheduled for 5/22. •••

## Police nab two in Kenny’s B&E

Press Release

Fairhaven Police Detectives Jerald Bettencourt and Scott Gordon, along with members of the Bristol County Sheriffs Department South Coast Anti Crime Task Force, arrested two suspects for their connections with a breaking and entering that occurred at Kenny’s Farm Stand, located at 325 Huttleston Avenue in Fairhaven. During the break, which was discovered on the morning of April 8th, a large safe containing over \$10,000.00 in cash was taken from the building.

Investigators launched a month long investigation and diligently followed up on all leads that led to the identification and eventual arrests of two suspects, identified as 29 year old Diana Fedora and 28 year

old Robert Mills, both of New Bedford. Fedora was arrested on May 8th and Mills was arrested May 10th. Both suspects were taken into custody without incident.

Mills was charged with breaking

and entering in the nighttime with intent to commit a felony, larceny from a building and vandalism. Fedora was charged with intimidation of a witness for misleading investigators. Neither the safe nor the money was recovered.



Robert Mills and Diana Fedora, both of New Bedford, were arrested and charged in connection with the theft of a safe containing more than \$10,000 from Kenny’s Farm Stand in Fairhaven. Police photos

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