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## Biking for health, fun, and future bikers



A group of about 80 riders sets out from Ft. Phoenix in Fairhaven for a bike ride on Saturday, 5/18. The course included a family/beginner route and an advanced route. The totally free event was organized to increase awareness of the bike routes and bike paths in place as well as to promote the construction of the South Coast Bikeway, a plan to map a route from Fall River to Wareham. Fairhaven's Phoenix Bike Trail and the Mattapoisett Rail Trail are both part of the proposed route. More on page 16. *Photo by Beth. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com) Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Ugh, flying through the letter. Got another extension from my printer. God bless 'em!

I wonder if I can print it a day late and ... no wait, time is linear in this dimension. #\$\$%^\*.

So much to write about and no time to do it.

Local chiropractor Gary Alves was the subject of a massive search this weekend. See page 17 for details. ML Baron, who apparently does not sleep, was on the scene at Hoppy's Landing when Mr. Alves was found. Of course, I took many pictures during the search on Friday, but who wants to look at those? ML got mug shots of the man of the hour...or 12 hours, actually.

I have a sneaking suspicion that we'll be hearing more about this story before long.

The Wind Turbines are NOT in compliance (see page 13), which means we're in for some fun stuff there, too...oh wait, we already had a wild and crazy meeting on Tuesday. Jean Perry's story does a good job of capturing it, but really folks, take the time to watch it on TV or online. Pop some popcorn, grab your favorite movie candy and pull up a chair. It just doesn't get any better than this. Be sure to visit us on Facebook for mucho many pictures of all our favorite local characters.

I apologize to my Acushnet readers. Something had to give and it ended up being the Town Meeting story. I'll run it next week. Just couldn't get it in here this week, but I did manage to tell everyone that the library/ community center project passed...again. See page 12 for that.

It's Memorial Day weekend, folks. Please make sure you get out to a parade, or parades, or flag raising, or something. See pages 3 and 7 for events.

No real update on my Poison Penpal. Well, I do have stuff to say, but no time and no room this week. I'll take care of that next week, okay? Meanwhile, I will tell you this: the envelopes were handwritten (hee hee). You can tell the writer tried to disguise the handwriting, but...hey, that never works. Anyway, I'm going to run copies of the envelopes for all to see. I'll be asking my readers to tell me if they recognize the handwriting. Then I'll have some names to work with. Anonymous tips will be gladly accepted.

Okay, until next week then...please go to a parade this weekend. It's fun, it's solemn, it's important to recognize those who have died in service to this great place we call home.

See ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Oops! In our story about traveling to Martha's Vineyard made a mistake in the cost of the Steamship Authority ferry ride. It is \$16 round trip and \$8 each way. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

# Memorial Day events include parade, flag raising, encampment

Fairhaven will hold several events this weekend to commemorate Memorial Day. The public is encouraged to participate. See page 6 for information on the Fairhaven Militia's Encampment. See page 7 for New Bedford activities.

## Parade & Ceremony

The parade will step off at 8:30 a.m. sharp from the corner of Main and South Streets near Fairhaven's Center on Monday, 5/27. Marchers will proceed along Main Street to Riverside Cemetery. When they reach the high school, the parade will stop for the raising of the big flag by the FHS class of 1961. Also at the high school, Mark Sylvia will announce the groups of marchers as they pass.

Anyone who wants to march

should 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. Services include the reading of General Logan's Orders, which created Memorial Day; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address; a reading of Legion, VFW and town honor rolls; music and singing by the First Congregational Church and High School band; salute to the dead by the Fairhaven Village Militia; taps; remarks by the commanders of the American Legion Post #166 and VFW Fairhaven Post 2892; opening and

closing prayers.

Parade participants include veterans and active military personnel from all branches of the military; police and fire color guards; local and state officials; Scout units; elementary, middle school and high school bands; cheerleaders; local organizations; sports teams and many others.

## Public Participation

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 their support.

Call Post 166 with questions, 508-993-0046.

Refreshments will be served at Post 166, 54 Main St., Fairhaven, after the ceremonies.

# Flag raising at Fort will be in honor of William Gallagher

By Kevin Kobza

## Special to the Neighbor News

The American Flag will be raised this Memorial Day at the Fort Phoenix sunrise service (7 a.m.) in memory of my grandfather, William Gallagher. The flag, which will be raised by the Fairhaven Boy Scouts, adorned his casket when he passed away on June 21, 1991. It is also the same flag that flew above Fairhaven High School on the very first Independence Day of the new millennium. The big flag that customarily flies was unavailable that day, which prompted my father and me to fly his flag in its place.

William Gallagher graduated from Fairhaven High School in 1930 during the early years of the Great Depression. He was inducted into the army in 1942 at the age of 31 after the United States entered World War II. He rose to the rank of sergeant and served in the 75th Infantry Division in major campaigns throughout Europe.

In November of 1944, my grandfather steamed from New York to South Wales where his division spent a month preparing for deployment. The 75th was transported across the English Channel and landed in France in December of 1944 at the same time the Germans launched a major offensive into Belgium which began the infamous Battle of the Bulge.

In January of 1945, he was transported with his division to the Ardennes Forest in Belgium where they broke through the German lines.

After their success in the

Ardennes, the 75th travelled to Alsace Lorraine where they managed to push back a second bulge in the German offensive. They battled the cold as much as the Germans. Frostbite and trench foot was as much an adversary as the enemy soldiers committed to destroying them. Despite the hardship of the brutal winter, short supplies and poor clothing, the 75th carried out their missions with due diligence and efficiency. They are credited with winning two major campaigns in seven weeks.

In February of 1945, my grandfather and his fellow infantrymen were shipped to Holland where they were tasked with preventing the Germans from crossing the Maas River. The following month, in March of 1945, they laid down artillery fire to allow the 30th and 79th Infantry Divisions to cross the Rhine into Germany.

During the push, hundreds of thousands of slave laborers and POW's were released. Major factories and refineries supporting Hitler's war machine were seized. By March 6, 1945, they had the major city of Dortmund completely surrounded.

Two months later, on May 8, 1945, the allies secured Germany's unconditional surrender!

My grandfather earned the Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Croix de Guerre with Palm and Forregere, European African Middle Eastern Europe Theater Campaign Ribbon and American Theater

Campaign Ribbon.

After completing his service with the United States Army, my grandfather quietly returned home. He traded in his rucksack for a mail sack and went to work for the U.S. Postal Service as a letter carrier until his retirement in 1973. He lived a peaceful life, raising his family and helping to build the greatest of nations as a member of what Tom Brokaw dubbed "The Greatest Generation."



Cecile and William Gallagher

# Round Cove staying closed, Bella Vista owner to blame

Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

Round Cove off West Island is now closed to shellfishing because of pollution caused by run-off and poor water flow, quite possibly the result of the causeway leading to Bella Vista Island and its lack of proper maintenance.

"It (cove seawater) just doesn't seem to be flushing," said Harbor-master David Darmofal during the 5/20 Fairhaven Selectboard meeting. He called the situation a huge dilemma that will affect this summer's recreational quahogging.

The earliest Round Cove could be re-opened for shellfishing would be October, but only if the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife gets the testing done sooner rather than later and the results of the analysis do not take too long.

The board offered to write a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency to inquire about the situation.

Mr. Darmofal said Round Cove has lost about 75 percent of its flow allegedly because the causeway to Bella Vista Island has not been dredged and maintained at the proper depth, a condition of the permit, according to Mr. Darmofal.

Some ideas were tossed around about how to best handle the situation, including seeking Community Preservation Committee funding for creating better and quicker access to the water.

Other ideas included opening Senior Cove up to everyone and going from three to two weekends open for shellfishing with a one-peck limit. Selectboard Member Geoff Haworth said that would probably result in an overcrowding and flooding of people on the two open weekends.

He suggested perhaps allowing license holders with either even or odd numbers alternate weekends and maybe keep the cove open for four weeks, while maintaining the one-peck limit.

Frank Coelho, who lives on West Island, said he was there to represent the senior citizens and asked the board to help find a solution. Mr. Coelho pointed out that the Town has a Shellfish Advisory Committee that is defunct and never holds meetings.

"Maybe if we had a committee we'd

have some recommendations by now," said Mr. Coelho, adding that access to the water for the elderly and disabled is extremely limited and residents are often harassed by the owner of Bella Vista Island.

Conservation Commission Chairperson Joe Taylor arrived at the meeting later and, when asked to chime in, stated that he could comment as a resident but not as a ConCom member because the matter is currently not before ConCom. There was no vote taken at the meeting.

In another matter, the Selectboard, some members of the Planning Board, Anne Sylvia of the Senior Center, and Council on Aging Board of Trustees Chairperson Joan Mello honored Albert Borges for his many years of service to the Town, most notably his 43 years on the Planning Board and his contributions to the Senior

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Center.

Planning Board Chairperson Wayne Hayward said Mr. Borges was one of the best members he has ever served with on the board. He said Mr. Borges did not speak much, but was always present at meetings and whenever asked to give his opinion, always had something wise to say.

"I was amazed to see the impact that he has on the Senior Center," said Ms. Sylvia, recalling when she first started working at the center.

Ms. Mello said Mr. Borges always made people feel comfortable, especially people who would come to the Senior Center for the first time. "That's what he brings us, comfort," she said.

"I've spent many hours here," said Mr. Borges. "My family thought I lived here."

Mr. Hayward presented Mr. Borges with a plaque and those in attendance

gave Mr. Borges a standing ovation.

In other matters, Cathy Melanson, president of the Fairhaven Business Association, briefly spoke to the board about the poison pen letters that were sent to *Neighb News* advertisers, explaining how the anonymous sender signed the letters as "Fairhaven Business Associates."

She wanted to be clear to the board and to residents that the letters were in no way related to the real FBA.

The board approved a liquor license transfer from the old Mermaids restaurant to the Fish House, but denied expanding the license to include liquor consumption in the outside patio area because the premises lacks the double fence required by the Town's bylaw.

Executive Secretary to the Selectboard Jeffrey Osuch told the Fish House Manager John Murray that the existing fence is not high enough to stop patrons from passing alcoholic beverages to people outside the contained area.

Director of Planning and Economic Development Bill Roth offered Mr. Murray the suggestion of adding black mesh fencing to the wrought iron fence that exists there now for aesthetic purposes.

Planning Board member Francis Budryk, already present to honor Mr. Borges, told the board there are restaurants all over in other cities and towns that serve liquor outdoors and do not have a double fence.

"I don't know if it's totally necessary," said Mr. Budryk. "Is that really necessary?"

After approving the license transfer, the board agreed to hold another public hearing in the future for the patio area after Mr. Murray makes the appropriate alterations.

The board also discussed the process for hiring a new assessor. They received 21 applications for the position.

After lengthy discussion about qualifications, salary, and a host of other issues, Selectboard member Geoffrey Haworth said it was time to make a decision.

"This process has been drawn out since I've been on this board," said Mr. Haworth who was elected on April 1. "We've got to make a decision.

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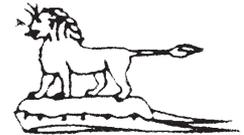
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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Mem. Day Parade

On Monday, 4/27. See page 3.

## Save the date

Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" will be performed in Fairhaven **June 7 & 8 at 7 PM and June 9 at 2 PM in Fairhaven Town Hall Theater.** Admission: Suggested \$5 donation to Dana Farber

Save the date, details will follow.

## Talk for Seniors

South Coast Senior Resource Association Presents A Special Spring Educational Event for seniors: "How to Maintain Your Independence"

Are you overwhelmed with major decisions needed to maintain your independence and don't know where to turn? Would it be helpful to have access to professional expertise and guidance?

Come meet with a panel of speakers from the Senior Resource Association on **May 29, from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm**, at the Fairhaven Council on Aging, 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven. RSVP at 508-994-9238 by May 23. Refreshments will be served. Raffle. Visit [www.southcoastSRA.com](http://www.southcoastSRA.com)

## Golden Agers

The Fairhaven Golden Agers Club will hold an open house on **Wed., 5/29 in the Oxford Terrace Community Room, 275 Main St., Fairhaven**, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Accessible. All ages, 18+ are welcome to the Open House. Do come by to see how to spend a pleasant afternoon.

On Open House day, membership is not required to take part in club activities, including: Bingo, 25 cents/card; 10 different games including dogs (\$1/ball) and a chance to win \$5 if you're a dog winner.

Raffle of household items (tickets 4 for \$1), food, refreshments, coffee, cake and door prizes (free).

Call Dot for more information, 508-991-5936.

## Solar Challenge

The Town of Fairhaven will be hosting a public event to celebrate its newly formed partnership with the SouthCoast Energy Challenge and Next Step Living LLC for the Fairhaven Solar Challenge. **The kick-**

**off will be Wednesday, May 29th at 1pm-2pm on the South facing steps of Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St, Fairhaven.**

The Energy Challenge is a region-wide energy efficiency campaign to mobilize 35,000 SouthCoast households. The goal is to help residents take action in their daily lives that will save money, promote our local economy, and limit harmful CO2 emissions. The "Fairhaven Solar Challenge" is a 6-month campaign focused on educating residents about solar photovoltaic (PV) technology as part of the Energy Challenge's goal of reducing the energy consumption of the SouthCoast by 15% in three years.

## Save the Dates

**Two free Solar workshops are scheduled, one on Sat., June 1st and one on for Wed., June 5th. Stay tuned for more information.**

## Encampment

The Revolutionary War era will come to life again in Fairhaven during a **two-day historical encampment scheduled for Sat. and Sun., 5/25 & 26, at Fort Phoenix.** Members of the Fairhaven Village Militia and the Fairhaven Office of Tourism will live in an authentic period camp the same way it was done more than 230 years ago. The highlight of the weekend will be the **firing of the fort's five large cannons, scheduled for dusk, approximately 7:45 p.m., on Saturday.** When fired near sundown, the cannons' plumes of flames and smoke make a spectacular sight.

Heavy rain cancels. Weather permitting, the militia's camp will open to the public from 9:00 until sunset on Saturday and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday.

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

## Rogers Logo Wear

Rogers School will be closing in June! If you were a student or teacher at Rogers School, and would love to own a piece of Rogers logo wear or an ornament, we have them available for sale: \$15 for the shirts and the ornaments. We have adult size shirts in Small, Large, and XLarge. Please contact Shelley Alger, 508-992-0346.

## 12 & Under Tennis

The Fairhaven Tennis Association is offering tennis lessons for juniors who are Twelve and Under. We encourage parents from communities on the South Coast to register their child. Our courts have blended lines for 10 and Under and for 8 and Under Players which allows them to play on a smaller court. We also use a compressed tennis ball which is the same size as a regular tennis ball but slower. Our emphasis is on developing skills and having fun. For our Twelve and Under we use a full size court and regular tennis balls.

You can register your child by visiting [www.fairhaventennis.org](http://www.fairhaventennis.org) and downloading the registration form. For additional info call 508-280-3150.

## Theater Group

A small theater group of English/drama professors, playwrights, actors, directors and excellent listeners meet once each month at either of two homes, one in Fairhaven, the other in Mattapoisett. Usually held on Friday evenings, 6:30-7:00 pm, the group meets to discuss each other's work in progress, usually a chapter, a scene, an act or sometimes, a full play. Dramatic screenwriting is not excluded, but encouraged as well. Of course, the gathering is entirely social, sharing excellent food and light beverages between readings. Depending on the length of the reading, three selections are critiqued by the group.

Specifically, Jim Marlow and Jim Nee are retired professors from UMass Dartmouth. Karoline Szatek is a Shakespearean scholar teaching at Curry College. Matt Tudor is a retired executive chef, now teaching English at Bristol Community College. George Vafiadis is a retired Shakespearean actor and director of summer theater, Dave King is an active screenwriter. The group of 15 brings vast, diverse experience from life and literature.

**The next meeting is May 24th.** Email Matt Tudor, [tudor518@comcast.net](mailto:tudor518@comcast.net) or call (508) 992-0990. We welcome new work and lively viewpoints.

## FBA Meeting

The next meeting/program of the Fairhaven Business Association will

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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Mem. Day Events

Several events are planned in New Bedford throughout Memorial Day weekend to honor the courageous men and women who lost their lives serving the United States of America.

**Saturday, 5/25: 9:00 am at Rural Cemetery.** The Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table will conduct a memorial exercise at the Union Soldier's Burial Site at Rural Cemetery, 149 Dartmouth Street. American Legion Post 1 will be placing flags on veterans' graves at Rural Cemetery.

**Sunday, 5/26, 10:30 am at Pine Grove Cemetery.** New Bedford Post 1, The American Legion, will conduct a Memorial Day Exercise at the Veterans' plot.

**Noon at New Bedford City Hall.** Post 1 will conduct a Memorial Day Exercise at the Vietnam Veterans' Honor Roll at New Bedford City Hall on the William Street side of the building.

**2:00 pm at the Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum.** The Felix S. Witkowicz Memorial Bench & Meditation Garden Dedication Ceremony will be held at 2:00pm.

**Monday, 5/27, (Memorial Day), 8:15 am at Rural Cemetery.** New Bedford Post 1, The American Legion will conduct a Memorial Day Exercise at the Veterans' Plot.

**10:00 am at St. Mary's Cemetery,** NB Post 1 will conduct a Memorial Day Exercise at the Veterans' Plot

**10:00 am at Pier 3,** Annual Memorial Day Fisherman's Service, Pier 3, New Bedford Waterfront

**11:00 am Intersection of Parker Street & Hathaway Boulevard.** The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Day Committee will conduct their Annual Memorial Day Parade. The parade will form at 11:00 am at the intersection of Parker Street and Hathaway Boulevard and will step off at 11:30 am. The Parade will travel east on Parker Street to County Street, north on County Street to Pope Street, and east on Pope Street into Clasky Park where a Memorial Day Ceremony will be held.

Immediately following the conclusion of the Memorial Day Parade at Clasky Common Park A Memorial Day Exercise will be conducted at the Korean War there.

## Car Wash

Friends of Boy Scout Troop 7 New Bedford Car Wash, **May 25 11-3, at Dominos Pizza, 836 Ashley Blvd. New Bedford. \$5.00 Donation**

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## Itty Bitty Explorers

Get your little ones to discover the outdoors through the Buzzards Bay Coalition's Itty Bitty Bay Explorers program, a series of **four free outings on Wednesday mornings in May and June.** Through fun games and hands-on activities, your whole family can learn about Buzzards Bay's animals, plants and habitats.

The Coalition encourages families to attend all four programs, but it is not required. All sessions will run from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**Wed., May 29:** "Prepare for Exploration" at the Buzzards Bay Center's Richard C. Wheeler Bay Learning Center (114 Front St., New Bedford)

Itty Bitty Bay Explorers is recommended for families with young children ages five and under. The program is free; reservations are required. For more information and to RSVP, contact Cassie Lawson at [lawson@savebuzzardsbay.org](mailto:lawson@savebuzzardsbay.org) or (508) 999-6363 x230.

## 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 25th & 26th from 10:00 am-12:00 pm 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).

## Free Film

In September 2013, the Working Waterfront Festival will mark its' tenth anniversary. To celebrate, we are presenting Portholes, a series of free, monthly programs designed to engage residents and members of commercial fishing communities in conversations about critical issues facing the working waterfront. Each month's programming centers around a theme. Programming during the month of May explores the Cultural Mosaic of the Working Port.

**Thursday, May 30 — Cultures of the Port in Song and Story, New Bedford Art Museum, 7:00 PM**

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

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# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

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**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.

## Free Film

On **Tuesday, May 28 at noon**, the **Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly** hosts a free showing of "Hitchcock" at the Council on Aging. **Pizza is available for \$2.00.** Pizza requests must be pre-paid by Monday, May 27 at 3:00 PM. Please RSVP the Mattapoisett Council on Aging at the Center School, 17 Barstow Street, or call 508-758-4110, even if you're not having pizza, so we know how many seats to set up.

*Hitchcock* (PG-13, 98 mins)) is about one of the most influential filmmakers of the last century and his struggles with marriage, censors, and financiers during the creation of his 1960 film *Psycho*. Anthony Hopkins stars as Alfred Hitchcock and Helen Mirren as his wife and partner Alma Reville. Hitchcock's controversial horror film, *Psycho*, became one of the most acclaimed and influential works in the filmmaker's career.

## At the Sanctuaries

**Allens Pond by Light of the Flower Moon Sat, 5/25, 7-8:30 pm** Join us at Allens Pond at dusk for a hike that will provide a gorgeous view of the "Flower" Moon as it rises over the water. Learn about the natural history of the sanctuary and discover our evening wildlife. **\$4 members, \$6 nonmembers**

**Beach Rambles Memorial Day: 5/27 & Sat., 6/9 10 a.m.-Noon** Join us for a fun, educational and **FREE Beach Ramble** along the Beach Loop trail at the Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary. This family-friendly program explores many different habitats and their inhabitants as you depart the field station and meander

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**Birding with Friends, 5/31: 8-11 am** Join us for a morning of birding...with your friends at Allens Pond! Gina, Lauren, Paul, each day holds the surprise of who will be leading the group. We'll meet at the Allens Pond field station and then agree on the location(s) to bird. **\$4 members, \$6 nonmembers**

For more information or to register, call 508-636-2437 or visit [www.massaudubon.org](http://www.massaudubon.org)

## Time Exchange

The SE Mass. Time Exchange will hold its monthly **Meet, Greet, and Share meeting, on 5/28, 5:30-7 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, at 315 Warren St., Fall River.**

All Time Exchange members, interested friends, and the general public are invited to tell exchange stories, get to know each other, welcome newcomers, discover more about timebanking (also called time exchange), and even join on the spot.

The SE Mass. Time Exchange is a regional cooperative in which members post offers of things they can do and requests of things they need done. When a member finds a post of someone offering something they need, they contact them and arrange to make the exchange.

For more information visit [www.exchangetime.org](http://www.exchangetime.org) or call 774-955-0551.

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### Dijon Chicken Breasts

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- 1T. Brown sugar
- 1T. lemon juice
- 1/4 t. Cayenne pepper
- 1/4 t. Salt

Preheat oven to 400. Place the chicken in a shallow baking pan in a single layer. In a small bowl, mix together the remaining ingredients. Brush half the mustard mixture over the chicken.

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## Little League weekly update

### Minor League Division DeTerra Excavating 9, Fairhaven Lumber 8

DeTerra Excavating entered the final inning down by 7 runs and was able to mount an 8-run rally to beat Fairhaven Lumber. It was a total team effort and every kid contributed in some way during the game. The key to the rally win were hits produced by Alex Macaroco (1 RBI), Danny Staler (2 RBI's), and the game winning triple hit by Niko Travers (3 RBI's).

### Acushnet Co. 6, J&R Plastics 4

(Both teams were 4-0 going in)... Acushnet Co.: Luke Morrison pitched 3 strong innings, giving up 1 run with 4 k's. Dario St. James hit the game winning two run inside the park Home Run in the bottom of the 6th.. J&R Plastics: Ben Bowcock pitched 2 strong innings, giving up 1 run with 4 k's. Owen Spangler had a double with 3 RBI's.

### Elias Plastering 10, Ocean's Fleet 5

Blake Hougasian and Devaughn Goncalves-Barrett each reached the bases safely 3 times, while Scott Joseph Jr single & Evan Souza double registered the only 2 hits for Ocean's. Mason Tolman threw 3 solid innings for Ocean's registering 6ks. Aidan Milton, Cam Sauve & Ryan Jones led Elias on the mound registering 10Ks and with their bats contributing 6 hits in a winning effort.

### DeTerra Excavating 14, Elias Plastering 8

Niko Tavares pitched 3 innings allowing just 2 hits and striking out 8. The bats were working for DeTerra. Cameron Hodziewich went 2 for 3 with 5 RBI's. Nathan Gamache scored 3 runs and had 2 RBI's. Nate Courville had 2 RBI's. Matt Murray, Alex Macaroco, Ryan Hartman, Niko Tavares, and Hugo Supranault all had

1 RBI. Danny Staler, Dylan Branco, and Adam Powers all had key at bats for the win.

### J&R Plastics 12, Ocean's Fleet 3

Chris Carter (3 hits), Nolan Santos (2 hits), Benjiman Bowcock (1 hit) & Mason Santos (2 BBs) provided the offense for J&R and combined to pitch 5 innings allowing 1 hit while striking out 13 batters. Also contributing hits for J&R were Owen Spangler a double & Ian Conte a single. Timmy Lawrence ripped a triple to the fence with the bases loaded driving in the 3 runs for Ocean's, Devaughn Goncalves-Barrett pitched a scoreless last inning.

### Major League Division

#### Acushnet Police 3, Costas Ins. 2

Jessie Gilmore and Ben Tyson pitched a great game and led with Police offense in a win which was won with a walk-off hit. Ben Mayer pitched a terrific game and David Lawrence had 2 hits to lead the offense for Costas. Will Benoit made a catch that would have made ESPN's top 10.

#### Lion's Club 7, Steven's Home Imp. 2

Acushnet Lions got the win behind good pitching by Sam Horsfall. Offensively led by Evan Ferro(2-3), as well as Ian Golas, Andrew Chase, and Justin Deslauriers each with a hit.

#### Acushnet Police 9, Lion's Club 5

Andrew Chase pitched a solid game and had a hit for the Lions. The lions were led at the plate by Zach Soucy (2-3) w/an RBI, and also had hits from Collin Manning w/RBI, Collin Roderiques w/an RBI, Ian Golas, Jake Bentley, Sam Horsfall, and Evan Ferro.

#### Roland's Tire 8, Lion's Club 0

Collin Roderiques and Ian Golas each had a hit for the Lions.

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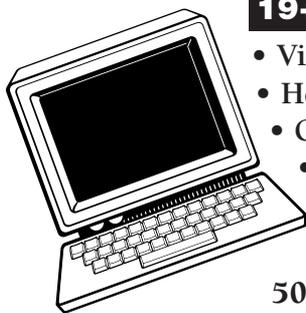
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**Superior Logo 6, Century House 4**

Sven Tveit threw a 3-hitter with 8 K's went 3-4 at the plate. CJ Murphy went 2-2. Nate Figueiredo, Brady Bennett and Mitchell DaSilva had hits for Century House.

**Superior Logo 5, Costa's Ins. 3**

Ryan Robichaud threw a 4 hitter with 12 Ks to pick up the win. Cyril Tveit had 2 RBIs and CJ Murphy had 2 hits including a double. Ethan Henriques pitched great in relief, Matthew Elliot played terrific defense and Nathan Matias, Griffin Henriques

and Matthew Elliot (2 for 3) paced the offense for Costa's

**Elf's Landscaping 11, Costa's Ins. 0**

Elf's pitchers Troy Lopes and Boston Rodrigues dominated Costa's. Ryan Lariviere, Jonathan Paquette, Logan Berube, and Seth Cruz led Elf's hit parade with 2 hits. Boston Rodrigues and Troy Lopes also had hits. Nathan Matias had Costa's only hit.

**Century House 12, Elf's Landscaping 8**

Ryan Lariviere, Troy Lopes, Jonathan Paquette and Teddy Ryan led Elf's with 2 hits each and Boston

Rodrigues had a hit. Century House's Brady Bennett pitched a great game for the win.

**Elf's Landscaping 14, Steven's Home Imp. 6**

Boston Rodrigues was 4 for 4 at the plate. Logan Berube and Seth Cruz had 3 hits. Ryan Lariviere, Jonathan Paquette and Teddy Ryan each had 2 hits for Elf's. Troy Lopes also contributed with a double and 3 RBI's. Troy Lopes Pitched 5 solid innings and Boston Rodrigues came in to close it out in the 6th. Nate Tripanier had 2 hits for Steven's.

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# Acushnet news in brief

## Library /Community Center Project passes

Acushnet Town Meeting passed the proposed library project again on Monday 5/20. It will be the second time that voters will be asked to pass the project in a townwide vote. It is slated to be on the ballot in on June 25 for the special senate election.

Town Meeting passed the \$6,382,00 million project last fall, but the

measure failed to pass in a townwide vote by 36 votes.

A state grant for \$3.2 million will pay for half the project that will renovate and add to the Acushnet Community Center and allow the Russell Memorial Library to move into the space on Middle Road. An additional \$365,000 from other

sources drops the price to 46% of the cost for Acushnet taxpayers.

The measure will have to be passed by voters in a townwide election.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: More Town Meeting news in our next issue, 5/30.*

## For Middle School bands receive awards

**You can hear the Ford Middle School bands in concert on Thursday, May 23rd at 7pm at FMS.**

### FMS Musicians take part in SEMSBA Festival

Acushnet was well represented this earlier this month at the annual SEMSBA music festival. The event, sponsored by the Southeastern Massachusetts School Bandmasters Association, was held in Rockland and three young musicians from Ford Middle School took part.

Eight-graders Kaitlyn and Haley Furtdao joined seventh-grader Rylie Bolarinho in representing the FMS music program. Kaitlyn and Rylie, both of whom play trombone, were members of the concert band while Haley, an oboist, performed with the orchestra. All three young ladies had a wonderful time and had some great learning experiences.

Auditions, held in February, involved hundreds of middle and high school students, including four FMS students. Acceptance to the festival is by audition only – an audition requiring the preparation of a prescribed piece of musical literature, scales, and sight-reading. “I wish they all could have been accepted. It’s a great honor for these

standout students to be selected, both individually and for the school,” said FMS Music teacher Brian Shanbrun.

SEMSBA is the Southeastern Massachusetts School Bandmasters’ Association and is comprised of 30 communities. The purpose of SEMSBA is to raise the standard of and to promote greater community interest in school music programs.

### Concert Band Receives Bronze Medal Rating

The Ford Middle School Concert Band recently earned a Bronze Medal rating when they performed at the annual Concert Band Festival put on by the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association (MICCA)

The band, made up of over 50 7th and 8th grade instrumentalists, traveled to King Philip Regional High School in Wrentham to perform and be rated by a panel of judges. Bands are rated on in relation to the standards of musical excellence, not in relation to the other performing groups. Following the performance, the students participate in an educational clinic with one of the adjudicators. The students were also able to hear performances by other area

middle schools including Keith Middle School after their own performance.

“They performed to the best of their ability,” said Brian Shanbrun, the FMS Band Director. “These kids did something extremely difficult and worthy of commendation just by performing. Musical performance is the ultimate high-stakes test — it’s the true MCAS.”

Earlier in the week, the FMS Wildcat Band participated in an exchange concert at Keith Middle School alongside the Keith band and the NBHS band.

The weekend-long MICCA Concert & Choral Festival is hosted at 7 different locations across the state and has over 160 participating ensembles. Participants are rated on a scale of 1-5. Medals presented are Gold, Silver, Bronze, Merit, and Participation. The purpose of MICCA is to encourage and support the development of high musical standards in music programs across the Commonwealth.

### FMS Students Participate in Jr. Districts Music Festival

For the first time in over 10 years, Acushnet was represented at the

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# DEP study: WTs too loud

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

The fight to shut down Fairhaven's two wind turbines intensified on 5/21 after the interim results of the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection sound study found the turbines in violation of the 10 decibel noise limit in five of the 24 sound samples taken.

Both sides were unsatisfied with the preliminary results of the study.

Members of Windwise and residents who live near the turbines promptly called on Fairhaven Board of Health Chairperson Peter DeTerra to shut the turbines down immediately in a whirlwind of shouting, booing, name-calling, and swearing during the BOH meeting held in the Town Hall auditorium. Approximately 35 residents, a few town officials, and three police officers attended the meeting.

As presented by MassDEP Deputy Commissioner for Policy and Planning Martin Suuberg, violations of the 10 dB limit occurred at three of the five locations tested during the late fall/winter months of 2012 at night.

The three locations are 7 Peirce's Point Road, 12 Little Bay Road, and Teal Circle. The highest decibel differences that exceeded the 10 dB limit were 11.4, 12.9, and 11.5 dB, respectively.

Testing began in June of 2012 and is still ongoing since the MassDEP has yet to take sound samples from two more weather conditions.

In a letter to the BOH that accompanied the interim testing results, the MassDEP advised the board that the results should not be considered conclusive at this time.



TOP: Louise Barteau makes a point during a meeting held by the Fairhaven Board of Health and Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection on a noise study conducted on the industrial wind turbines off Arsene Street in Fairhaven. ABOVE: BOH chairperson Peter DeTerra (left) listens to Fairhaven Wind's Gordon Deane at the meeting held in the town hall auditorium on Tuesday, 5/21. Photos by Beth David. See more at [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews)



Gordon Deane of Fairhaven Wind, LLC said the method the MassDEP uses to measure sound is flawed and is "effectively comparing apples to oranges." He said that the vast majority of professional acoustical engineers have "rebuked" the method.

Mr. Deane did, however, agree with the MassDEP that no violations were found in the Shawmut Street or Mill Road neighborhoods, that zero violations were found during the summer months, and that only a small fraction of the almost 6,000 sound measurements taken exceeded the 10 dB limit using the MassDEP's measurement method.

He added that Fairhaven Wind acknowledges that there are some noise issues in the Pierce's Point and Little Bay/Teal Circle neighborhoods and will work with the MassDEP and the Town to try to mitigate the noise complaints.

There was also an ominous mention of the Town's contractual agreement with Fairhaven Wind and how the Town's financial gain could be at risk should the turbines be shut down, even if only during specific times at night.

But Windwise and affected residents were focused on the issue of non-compliance, and that was good enough reason for them to call for an enforcement order to shut the turbines down immediately while the developer works toward compliance.

DEP STUDY: cont'd on page 22

# Wethington files in for new election

Candidate for Fairhaven Board of Health John Wethington has filed in superior court contesting the one-vote victory by incumbent Peter DeTerra. All parties appeared before Judge Robert Kane in Superior Court on Wednesday, 5/22.

The election has been marred by mishaps and mistakes and is being investigated by the Secretary of State.

On election night, 4/1, Mr. Wethington was publicly declared the winner by 3 votes and sworn in. Later that night Town Clerk Eileen Lowney discovered ballots that had not been counted and declared Mr. DeTerra the winner by two votes, but it turns out she had counted the write-ins, not the hand-counts. The board of registrars met on 4/5 and declared Mr. DeTerra the winner by two votes. But that was still not the final tally.

An official recount declared Mr. DeTerra the winner by 1, with two ballots being contested by Mr. Wethington.

The judge is being asked to call for a new election, with Ms. DeNardis citing the many discrepancies in the election, including that the check-ins and check-outs do not match, the number of ballots do not match the number counted.

The lawsuit also claims that Mr. DeTerra was alone in the clerk's office with unsecured ballots on election night and that the ballots were improperly handled throughout election night and after.

The judge may call for a new election, or may opt to simply make a judgement on the contested ballots and declare a winner.

Only a judge can order a new election according to Mass. General Law.

Named in the suit, addition to Mr. DeTerra are Town Clerk Eileen Lowney, the three registrars, Lorraine Medeiros, Herbert (Sonny) Eddleston, and Thomas Alden, Sr.

According to John Markey, representing Mr. DeTerra, most of the charges will need to be answered by the clerk.

Mr. DeTerra will only have to answer to the charge that he was left alone with the unsecured ballots, a charge he categorically denies.

The matter is due back in court on 5/24 and 5/28, with a possible evidentiary hearing as early as 5/31.

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# Bike ride promotes creation of regional bikeway

About 100 people signed up to join the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee and South Coast Bikeway for a free ride along roads and the bike paths in Fairhaven and Mattapoisett on Saturday, 5/18. About 80 bicyclists of all ages joined the start at Fort Phoenix to promote the construction of the South Coast Bikeway, a plan to create a route from Fall River to Wareham. The bikeway will include Fairhaven's Phoenix Bike Trail and Mattapoisett's Rail Trail.

On Saturday, riders could choose

from a family/beginner route and an advanced route.

Terry Lopes of New Bedford said he joined the group for the cause and to ride with a group, something he said he's done a "few times." At the end of the ride, Mr. Lopes said he "had a blast" on a very nice ride that was "easy" riding.

Committee member and Selectboard member Bob Espindola said in an email that all participants received free t-shirts, donated by

Mass Bike, which recognizes biking events during National Bike Week. They also donated reflected bands to strap around pant legs and bells for handlbars. Other t-shirts were being sold to raise money for the bikeway.

"I have been on some of these group rides before, but in most cases, the group is all adults," wrote Mr. Espindola. "I think what was great about ours was the number of children that were involved and that

is certainly because we can offer the off-road bike path. The fact that we had several families riding with us that had three generations represented on the ride was a real highlight for me, personally."

*Photos this page by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*



# Chiropractor Gary Alves found alive after all-night search

By Beth David  
Editor

Well-known local chiropractor Gary Alves of East Freetown was the subject of an all-night search by the US Coast Guard and search-and-rescue teams from Wareham to Westport on Friday night, 5/17, to Saturday morning, after his Hobie Island adventure kayak washed up on the Fairhaven Town Beach on West Island. His cell phone and a bag containing some of his belongings were in the kayak.

Mr. Alves, 57, turned up alive and in good condition on Saturday around 5:45 a.m., walking on a beach on the south side of Goulart Memorial Drive. According to a statement released by the Fairhaven Police Department, Mr. Alves claimed the boom on his sailboat hit him in the head, rendering him unconscious, and he woke up on a marsh. He was wearing a wet suit.

Police reported that his secretary called to say he was overdue when he failed to show up at the office after calling in around 2:30 p.m. on Friday saying he was on the water, but would be back in about a half-hour.

His kayak was found around 6 p.m.

Officials immediately conducted a massive search that included members from Coast Guard stations Cape Cod, Menemsha and Woods Hole, the USCG Cutter Tiger Shark, Mattapoisett Fire and Rescue, New Bedford Marine Police, Fairhaven Fire and Rescue, the South Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council Search and Rescue Team (SEMLEC), the Marion Harbormaster and Environmental Police.



ABOVE: A man who identified himself as the brother of Gary Alves, who was the subject of a massive search when his Hobie Island adventure kayak washed up on the Fairhaven Town Beach, can be seen making a phone call while a police officer stands by to make sure Mr. Alves does not disturb anything on the boat. *Photo by Beth David.* TOP: Local chiropractor Gary Alves talks to officials as he sits in a police cruiser after being found in good condition. Mr. Alves was missing all night and was found walking on the beach. *Photos by M.L. Baron. See more photos at [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews)*



A mobile command center, maintained by the Mass. Department of Fire Services was called in and set up in the parking lot of the town beach to serve as a base of operations.

According to a Fairhaven police statement, Officer James Bettencourt was traveling westbound on Causeway Road when he observed a man waving him down. The man, who identified himself as Gary Alves, was walking on the beach wearing what appeared to be a wet suit. He appeared fatigued and claimed to have been struck in the head with the boom of his boat, and knocked unconscious. He said when he regained consciousness he was lying in a marsh area.

After being transported to Hoppy's Landing, he was taken to St. Luke's Hospital. Family members refused to comment to the press during the search and after Mr. Alves was found.

The unlikely ending, punctuated by what many locals are calling a "bizarre" story, has many people skeptical of Mr. Alves's account.

Adding to the mystery, a bicycle that Fairhaven police verified belongs to Mr. Alves, was found chained to a telephone pole on Goulart Memorial Drive two days after the rescue.

Fairhaven Police spokesperson Sgt. Kevin Kobza refused to speculate on what the discovery might mean. He only confirmed that the bicycle did, indeed, belong to Mr. Alves.

Sgt. Kobza said a backpack with personal items belonging to Mr. Alves led to the determination that the bike was his. He would not comment on whether or not Mr. Alves had confirmed ownership of the bicycle.

The USCG is the lead investigator of the incident, but would not even say there was an investigation.

Myeonghi Clegg, Public Affairs specialist for

the USCG, said the CG was "still determining if we will conduct an investigation into the matter."

She would not say if investigators were skeptical of the story or not.

"They're still trying to make the determination of whether or not they're going to have the investigation," repeated Ms. Clegg.

She also refused to comment on possible penalties if it turned out to be a hoax, saying, "every case is different."

"It's all on a case-by-case situation and would all be based on the outcome of the investigation."

Costs for the search have been estimated at well over \$100,000. The search went on for nearly 12 hours and included a USCG helicopter, the cutter, two 47-foot USCG boats, and many boats from local departments. Many of the searchers were on overtime as they constantly plied the waters and the skies from the Elizabeth Islands to the shores\* of Fairhaven, New Bedford, Mattapoisett and Marion.

\*Fixes error from previous versions.  
Not "northern" shore

# After Prom Committee works tirelessly to keep students safe



It takes a village to raise child, they say, and in Fairhaven the After-Prom Committee is a village unto itself. Scores of parents and other volunteers put countless hours of time and effort into fund-raising for an after-prom party to keep kids sober and off the streets at night. Running from midnight to 5 a.m., the completely free event is held at the school every year and offers many activities for prom-goers, including a raffle table with some very high end prizes. This year's theme was Happy New Year, and festivities mirrored those of a first night celebration. The event costs about \$10,000, and the committee seeks sponsors and donors all year. Other events included a casino room, DJ, photo booth, tarot card reader, obstacle course, human bowling, and lots and lots of food. Committee members worked at road races that then donated to the cause based on the number of hours worked. Organizers expected more than 200 prom-goers to attend this year's event. LEFT: Some members of the Fairhaven High School After-Prom Committee pose for the local free rag just before 11:30 p.m. on Friday, 5/17. Students were expected to arrive between 11:30 and midnight. *Photo by Beth David. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*

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We cannot keep putting things off to study them.”

Each board member will submit five names to the board's secretary and then will interview candidates.

After the meeting, Conservation Commission chairperson Joe Taylor asked to address the board in executive session, but was denied because it was not posted on the agenda. Mr. Taylor told the board that they should make a point to watch the ConCom meeting that took place on the same night because, he said,

some of the issues may end up before the Selectboard.

Mr. Taylor told the *Neighb News* that some members, who are all appointed by the Selectboard, were getting out of control and seemed more intent on disrupting meetings than conducting the business required of the commission.

He said the latest manifestation of board member Cora Peirce's animosity towards Conservation Agent Wayne Fostin was in the form of her reading section 23 of the conflict of interest statute before every single hearing.

“We're looking like a Bozo act up there,” said Mr. Jones.

Ms. Peirce contended in an email response, that she felt it was required because of her various public accusations against Mr. Fostin.

The board neither discussed nor voted on the matter.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a letter from the South Coast Energy Challenge to be sent to about 900 Fairhaven residents whose homes could potentially accommodate solar panels.

*Beth David contributed to this report.*

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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 Sconticut Neck Road, Plat 29A, Lot 379, Book 3206 and Page 174; 198-23B: Beauty Salon requires a Special Permit for a Home Occupation.

*Peter DeTerra, Chairman*

## FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on June 11, 2013, in the Banquet Room**, Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following application. **Special Permit**, the applicant, **Mill Bridge Holdings, LLC**, is requesting to add approximately 55 parking spaces and landscaping to their parking lot on the East side of their building adjacent to Mill Road.

The location is 200 Mill Road. Map-36, between, Lot 11A.

A copy of the application is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082.

*Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board*

## Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on June 3, 2013, at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Notice of Intent Applicant Michael Edwards Location 113 Cottonwood Street Plot 43A Lots 194 & 195 Purpose construct single family dwelling and garage within the 100' buffer zone to BVW.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Agostinho F. & Michelle Pinto Location 25 Abbey Street Plot 6 Lots 102-105 Purpose construct single family dwelling within the 100' buffer zone to BVW and within a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Brad & Melanie Stone Location 84 Fort Street Plot 05 Lot 07 Purpose Regrade, add sand and coastal plantings, and add a 50' x 50' patio all within 100' of coastal bank and within an AE flood zone.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Thomas & Donna Kirk Location 30 Welcome Street Plot 31B Lot 1E Purpose construct single family dwelling within the 100' buffer zone to BVW and within 100' of a stream.

*Respectfully Submitted  
Joseph Taylor, Chairman*

*Fairhaven Conservation Commission*

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### Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application Number W13-3857 Town of Fairhaven

#### NOTIFICATION DATE: May 23, 2013

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by the Town of Fairhaven to construct and maintain bulkhead and tie back system, pile supported piers, floating docks and electrical work to improve the infrastructure within a Designated Port Area at 2 Middle Street, in the municipality of Fairhaven, in and over flowed tidelands of Fairhaven Harbor/Acushnet River. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date." Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the 10 residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at (508-) 946-2748. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.

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## Fairhaven Meetings

### Bikeway Committee

Thurs. 5/23, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Board of Appeals

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

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 6/3, 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., 6/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

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

### Selectboard

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

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

## Acushnet Meetings

### Conservation Comm

Wed., 6/12, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Finance Committee

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

### Historical Commission

Tues., 6/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Planning Commission

Thurs., 6/13, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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### BANDS: cont'd from page 12

Southeast District music festival. Three young musicians from Ford Middle School were selected to participate in the regional honor ensemble. Trombonists Rylie Bolarinho and Kaitlin Furtado, and percussionist Max Pacheco played in the Jr. District Concert Band on March 9th & 10th. In addition, Acushnet alumna Emma Pacheco, a freshman trombonist at New Bedford High School, played in the concert band as well.

FMS music teacher Brian Shanbrun said he is "thrilled" to have his students selected for the first time.

"It's a tough audition, there are literally hundreds of students from dozens of towns and cities who audition for spots in these prestigious ensembles," said Mr. Shanbrun. "This shows that the Acushnet music program is growing and succeeding and that there are some seriously

# Grave at Riverside is scene of theft, again

By Beth David

Editor

Cathy Melanson just wants to be able to visit her granddaughter's grave and see the little things the family left for her, things that Emma would have enjoyed.

"That's what you believe, that the little babies are looking down," said Ms. Melanson, who named her ice cream shop "Emma Jean's" in honor of her granddaughter. Young Emma was stillborn in on June 30, 2010.

She said she left a little, two-inch rubber cheerleading duck (Emma's mother Samantha was a cheerleader in school), a little wind-wheel with a frog on top that spins in the win.

She said you want to come in sight of the grave and see those things and share the moment with your loved one. Ms. Melanson's friend, who lives near the cemetery, asked superintendent Peter Reid if there had been any problems...again. Because in 2011, someone stole Samantha Melanson's cellphone right from her car while the

where planting flowers at the grave site. The police found the phone, after an exhaustive search of the woods nearby, and someone actually got sentenced for it.

Cathy said she was grateful that police took it seriously and retrieved the phone, which had a lot of pictures on it. She said she thought it would help now to let people know, to let the thief know that someone is watching; so her friend told the superintendent of the cemetery, Peter Reid of the situation.

Ms. Melanson contacted the *Neighb News* because she was under the impression that there was an increase in the number of thefts at the cemetery. Something must have gotten lost in the transmission of the information, though, because Mr. Reid said there was not. He admitted that he spoke to Ms. Melanson's friend, but did not say what he told her.

He said caretakers did not remove the items, even though they are not, technically allowed, and neither are

hanging plants, balloons or artificial flowers.

"We have very little theft, because I'm here on the grounds," said Mr. Reid, who lives at the cemetery, but then added, "That's why we try to keep those trinkets away."

He said he recognizes that leaving items at the grave is often part of the "healing process."

"So I turn my cheek a little."

He insisted that there were not a lot of thefts and was concerned that i

"It's one isolated incident," said Mr. Reid. "Once in a blue moon someone says something is missing and we usually find out it was another family member."

But Ms. Melanson said she checked with everyone she knows. She hopes everyone will keep an eye out to stop it from happening again.

"It was just so hurtful going to her gravesite and seeing her stuff gone," said Cathy Melanson. "We were definitely crushed when things were missing." ●●●

## DEP STUDY: cont'd from page 13

Anti-wind warrior Louise Barteau stood up defiantly and marched toward the podium, the first to speak during the question-and-answer period. She gave an impassioned speech, eliciting loud applause.

She said she found it shocking that the developer was informed about the results before the citizens and argued that the "slow meter" method used to take sound samples was inadequate next to the "fast meter" method that samples sound every 0.1 second rather than once every second.

"Do the right thing," said Ms. Barteau. "Shut down these turbines before anybody has to suffer anymore."

John Methia, Windwise member and affected resident, said despite Mr. Deane's reminder that the Town voted for the project, the Town has spoken and has since voted out each member of the Selectboard that was seated at the time the contract was signed.

"This town does not want your project," said Mr. Methia. "You're not wanted in this town. You're a bad tenant and you need to be evicted."

He added that he used to be friends with Mr. DeTerra and now the wind turbine project has left the Town divided.

"You make money off of me while I suffer," said Christian Powers of Little

Bay Road.

Grant Menard, who albeit disappeared for a while from the Windwise scene recently, told the BOH that, at first, he was fighting simply because he did not want to look at the turbines from his house. But now he has filed about 15 complaints with the BOH and his family sometimes suffers sleepless nights.

"I don't want your money," said Mr. Menard. "I don't want to sound-proof my home."

He said he respects the right of Mr. Deane to run a business, but he and his family have the right to sleep in their own home.

Mr. DeTerra took the microphone and finally said something that made wind turbine opponents explode in applause.

He turned to Mr. Deane and said, "We're out of compliance now. What are you going to do about it?"

"Thank you, Peter!" one resident shouted.

But that did not last long and, soon after, order in the room deteriorated significantly when residents began shouting and demanding the turbines be shut down immediately after hearing that the BOH and the MassDEP each possess the authority to do so.

"Show us that we have the right man in office," shouted Henry Ferreira. "Show us that you care about us!"

Swears and insults aimed at Mr. DeTerra flew from every corner.

"You're a joke!" yelled Mr. Powers.

"Bozo!" shouted Mr. Ferreira.

"I'm just one member of three," said Mr. DeTerra.

He stood, biting his lip with a reddening face as people shouted "shut them down" and "man up!"

With pressure mounting to call for a motion, Planning Board Chairperson Wayne Hayward boldly stepped forward to caution Mr. DeTerra against taking a "multi-million dollar vote" on something that was not on the agenda and without the advice of Town Counsel.

"You should not be making this vote tonight," warned Mr. Hayward. Booing from the crowd followed.

Mr. DeTerra reluctantly called for the BOH to hold a joint meeting with the Selectboard and the DEP before taking any votes that evening. BOH Vice-Chairperson Barbara Acksen struggled to make a motion calling for the wind turbines to be turned off first from 11 p.m. until 7 a.m., and then from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

BOH Member Jeannine Lopes said she would not second the motion — and she did not.

The report is available online at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/energy/wind/frhvn0513.pdf>

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# Letters from our readers

## Special thank-you to volunteers and food donors

This letter of thanks goes out to all the surrounding communities that include New Bedford, Fairhaven, Acushnet, Dartmouth, Rochester and Wareham, who donated non-perishable food towards the 21st annual "Stamp out Hunger" food drive for the needy.

On Saturday May 11, 2013, letter carriers and volunteer helpers, picked up donated food along their routes that totaled over 32,000 pounds. This food was left around mailboxes and on porches to help fill the shelves at the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet, the Damien Place Pantry in Wareham, M.O. Food, the Immigrant Assistance Center, the Salvation Army, PACE, the Red Cross and the Catholic Social Services, all located in New Bedford.

Nationally, all 50 States and U.S. jurisdictions participated in this annual food drive to help the less fortunate. Last year, 70.1 million pounds was collected throughout the U.S.

A very special thank you, once again, goes to the dedicated volunteers who help out on that day. Also, a BIG thank you to The Standard-Times, The Advocate, the Fairhaven Neighborhood News and to WBSM Radio Talk Show host Phil Paleologos for the much important, appreciated and needed publicity. Also to Skip's Marine for the use of their truck to transport the donated food.

Please remember that every second Saturday in May will be designated for this very important food drive to help the needy.

And finally, the Millicent Library, Shaw's and Stop & Shop Supermarkets, all located in Fairhaven, will continue to accept non-perishable food donations all year long that will eventually find its way to the Shepherd's Pantry located at the Long Plain United Methodist Church located at 1215 Main St. in Acushnet. For any questions please call the pantry at 508-763-9289.

*Gerry Payette, Fairhaven, Local NALC Food Drive Coordinator*

## Reading list at Hastings finally cleaned up a bit

The 2013 Hastings Middle School summer reading list has been released.

Although I appreciate that it con-

tains titles that one would expect from an educational establishment, I'm not cheering, because the fact is, it just resembles what it should have been in the first place. I'm not thrilled to again see the recommendation of *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, but if the administration wants to walk around knowingly with their fly open, at this point, so be it.

While I wholeheartedly thank those who signed my petition, it was unfortunately taken lightly. As a recourse, I took the time to inform almost a thousand high school and middle school educators in over 80 MA cities and towns as to what is deemed acceptable by Fairhaven administrators and school committee members.

I e-mailed every MA legislator and I communicated with the D.O.E. commissioner and 11 board members. Along the way, I was encouraged by supporters who shared my conviction that what Hastings Middle School previously recommended to our youth was indeed inappropriate school-recommended material.

Be aware of the actions of our district's leaders. The educational system is simply a business. We, as customers, don't have to accept sub-par service, or slick excuses from the manager. Sadly, it took a lot of time and effort to hold our "contracted service provider" accountable for its lack of judgment.

As adults, it's our responsibility to hold the school department to the highest standards, because they don't have the conscience to do it themselves.

*Michelle Furtado, Fairhaven*

## Reader concerned about the environment

Dear fellow citizens and taxpayers of Fairhaven, I do apologize for perhaps being a little out of line in using the Town Meeting to comment on some issues of great importance concerning the environment we live in and the economy.

Concerning the environment, it wasn't a government agency or government official who raised the public awareness and helped enact legislation and government agencies like the Environmental Protection agency which oversees the enforcement of the laws which help protect our environment.

No, it was concerned and involved individuals like Rachel Carlson a scientist and author who wrote the book "Silent Spring," which raised the public awareness of DDT and its effect on the environment.

I was concerned about and involved in the fight for the environment back in the 70s, however we need to balance this out with common sense. Let's start with this: we all have a responsibility to our environment, the cars and trucks we drive, the homes we live in, the life style we live, all have a great impact on the environment.

Now concerning the economy to a great extent common sense and economic sense have been replaced by government officials who have little or no experience with the private sector or manufacturing where you have to compete and be cost conscious. We see a lot of this on the federal level.

In fact I know of no federal project which proved to support itself in this so called green energy production, far too many are what is called crony capitalism which rely on the federal government to subsidize them.

Consider Solara, a federally subsidized project to develop solar panels. It went bankrupt to the tune of millions of dollars to add to our federal deficit.

Another project, thermal energy, where you bore holes into the earth and use the heat to generate energy. Bankrupt.

Another to develop a luxury electric car. I don't know why luxury. Bankrupt.

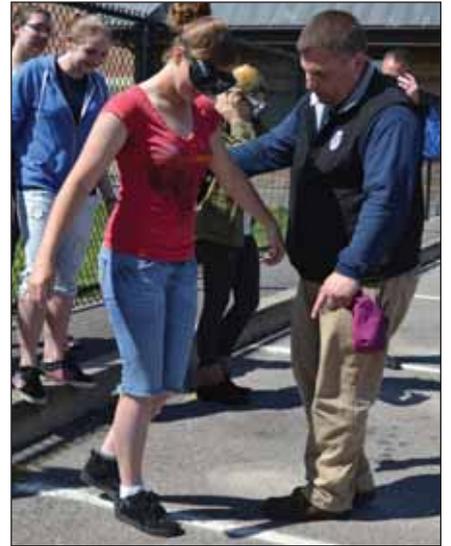
The government has spent millions to develop a cost effective electric battery for autos, nothing so far.

Now consider this grandiose scheme called Cape Wind. It sounds great. We are going to get all this free energy. I suggest we take a closer look at it, here you have up to 150 wind turbines connected by a network of under sea cables in a very corrosive environment. There are up to 150 units that will need servicing all this will be done from a boat that is tossing and turning. Just imagine trying to repair these cables under water. And what happens when the wind dies. I know it does, I've been there.

The only justification I can see for a

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# Students get lesson in the dangers of drinking and driving



The Fairhaven fire, police and public works departments teamed up to give high school students a demonstration on the dangers of drinking and driving on Friday, May 17, the day of the prom. The annual event uses student actors and real emergency personnel to re-enact the aftermath of an accident with fatality and injuries. "Don't drink and drive," Firefighter/Paramedic Wayne Oliveira told the crowd. "This is a reminder for everyone and not just the kids." TOP LEFT: John Stapleton acting as the drunk driver of the vehicle screaming "Sarah! Is she gonna be all right?" as he was being held by police before taking a sobriety test. TOP MIDDLE: John Stapleton sits on the ground in dismay, holding in his hand the goggles he had to put on that simulate the vision of being intoxicated. TOP RIGHT: School Resource Officer Eddie Riggs stands by student Kayli-Anna Barriteau as she takes a "sobriety test" using the intoxication simulating goggles. "I think I'm drunk!" she said. ABOVE LEFT: Firefighters scurry to remove student actress Sarah DaCosta from the vehicle on a stretcher after firefighters used the Jaws of Life break apart the vehicle. ABOVE MIDDLE: Student actress Hanna Christ, is stabilized in a neck brace before being "rushed to the hospital" in an ambulance. ABOVE RIGHT: Fairhaven Firefighter Paul Correia reaches into the vehicle to help the backseat victims. The car, which was donated by Fairhaven Gas, was crushed and totaled by a DPW bulldozer. Photos by Jean Perry. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

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project of this magnitude is that it will stimulate the economy and provide jobs, but from a practical and economical point it makes no sense. It's what happens when you take the private sector and competition out of these projects and you have people in the government who have little or no experience in business or manufacturing proposing these projects.

Like I said atomic power plants make the most sense I have talked to quite a few engineers and they agree with this.

Another point I would like to make is that for the foreseeable future we will be dependent upon oil, gas, and

coal. If we are careful and vigilant in in our nation thanks to oil the production and use of it it is production. relatively clean.

*John H Pond, Fairhaven*

One more very important point I would like to make: The production of oil, gas, and coal puts Billions of dollars into our economy and generates millions of jobs. North Dakota is a case in point, it has the lowest unemployment rate in our nation 3-4%, the lowest

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# Planning okays Form A request after long discussion

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

When Fairhaven Planning Board chairperson Wayne Hayward says to an applicant, "At this point I'm not going to be able to go along with it," like he did on 5/14, the applicant starts getting nervous.

Alan Ewing of New Boston Road applied for a Form A, a plan that should be a quick process, provided there is enough frontage.

In this case it would require combining the two pieces. The snag was, that one piece of land was registered with the Land Court and one was not.

The hour-long discussion, deemed "one of the longest Form A's in the history of Massachusetts" by Bill Roth, director of planning and economic development, seemed like it was not going in Mr. Ewing's favor at all, despite heavy advocating by Mr. Roth and Mr. Ewing's representative Paul Matos of GAF Engineering.

Mr. Ewing and an abutter, Carl Robichaud, had already established the property lines with the Land Court and went before the board as "two guys trying to do the right thing to each other," as Mr. Robichaud put it.

But Mr. Hayward saw something that looked more like a subdivision before him, not a proper Form A, and he made it clear that he was concerned about future development of the land, most notably wind turbine siting or solar farm development.

"I'm not saying that's what I think you're doing," said Mr. Hayward, adding that the intent is always one thing on one day "...but three years from now..."

Mr. Ewing said, "I just want to spend some time out there; perhaps have some beef cattle." He said he had no intention of developing wind or solar farms.

Mr. Matos told Mr. Hayward that he understood his concerns.

"Your crystal ball doesn't work any better than mine," said Mr. Matos.

"I don't see a Form A," said Mr. Hayward. "I'm stuck at that."

But it is difficult to later change property lines because of the land court acceptance of the property lines and registering the land, as Mr. Roth stated, and Mr. Matos added that getting the required variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals

would be nearly impossible since there is no hardship. In essence, Mr. Ewing would be creating his own hardship.

"One way or another, we have to take a vote tonight," said Mr. Hayward. The board must take action before the 21 days is up or it is an automatic approval.

Mr. Roth made some suggestions, such as adding notes to the plan and excluding a 20-foot "stem," or a lane that is used for access to the property in the back.

"All I have is the word of the applicant," said Mr. Hayward. "I don't know. It's up to you guys (the board)."

After a more discussion, Mr. Hayward had a change of heart.

"I guess I'm inclined to go along

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with it."

The board voted unanimously in favor, and Mr. Ewing let out a loud "whew" before leaving the room.

Two other applicants scheduled for another public hearing that evening, Sandra and David Teves of Judson Drive, left relieved after they received approval for their Definitive Subdivision plan after having received the required variance from the ZBA.

Also at the meeting, Mr. Roth had some more bad news coming out if the Todd Eisenburg construction on Washburn Avenue.

This time, the fill that was being dumped onto the property was littered with old batteries, wire, glass, old sheetrock, "you name it," he told the board.

"It was just chunked up debris," said Mr. Roth. "It was terrible."

He added that it was just one thing after another with that project.

"They've got issues with ConCom, too," said Mr. Roth.

They have issues with unhappy neighbors, as well.

The fill will have to be removed and replaced with clean fill.

The board also followed-up on board member Rene Fleurent's 4/23 suggestion that the Planning Board do away with the *Neighb News* for their legal advertising of public hearings because he questions the accuracy of the paper.

Mr. Roth gave a comparison of per-column-inch pricing for all three local papers that the board could advertise in, and the *Neighb News* is still the most economical option.

Mr. Hayward, who was absent from the 4/23 meeting, pulled out a copy of the *Standard-Times* to make a point about Mr. Fleurent's comments regarding the accuracy of the reporting of meeting coverage.

He said he wrote a letter to the editor in support of Article 31-A on the Town Meeting warrant, which he submitted to both the *Neighb News* and the *Standard Times*. He explained that the *Neighb News* ran his letter in the 5/2 issue, before Town Meeting. He then pointed out that the *Standard Times* printed his letter well after Town Meeting was over.

He wondered aloud, how a newspaper could get it so wrong?

"All newspapers make mistakes," said Mr. Roth.

Board member Jeff Lucas spoke out saying it was his opinion that more people in Town read the *Neighb News* than either the *Advocate* or the *Standard Times*.

The board will continue to run their legal ads with the *Neighb News*.

In other business, Mr. Hayward expressed his delight with Town Meeting approval of both Planning Board-backed articles, the new wind turbine bylaw and the Land Preservation article.

"Town Meeting knew what it was doing," said Mr. Hayward.

The board also scheduled a public hearing for 6/11 for a Special Permit for Mill Bridge Holdings on 200 Mill Road, the AT&T Building, to remove underground tanks and add parking.

The board approved the release of two lots at the Welcome Street Subdivision. ●●●



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**From  
George  
Brownell,  
Vietnam War  
Veteran**