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Southcoast's urgent care center opens



Southcoast Health System's Urgent Care Center in Fairhaven opened to patients on Monday, 8/12. The center is at the Center for Primary & Specialty Care which opened in June. The SC Center for Cancer Care is adjacent to the new facilities and connected by a hallway. The whole complex is on Mill Road in Fairhaven. See page 16 for story. *Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit us at 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.

We've got all kinds of great stuff this week, including lots of meeting coverage.

One of those meetings is the Board of Public Works (page 17), which was faced with a group of residents asking that their water and sewer rates not be raised by 24% in October.

Well, of course, that's not going to happen. Town Meeting voted on it. The explanation is that the Department of Revenue report says that the water and sewer departments are not paying enough for their share of "indirect costs," such as pension fund and insurance costs, payroll and such that's done at town hall.

Okay, I'll buy that.

But that's only half of it. The thing is, that all the money is coming from us taxpayers to begin with. So, if the BPW has not been paying up to \$400,000 of their share, who has been paying it? We have, the taxpayers. It came off the tax levy (property taxes), from us.

And now we are being asked to pay that same \$400,000 through our water and sewer bills.

So, my question is: What's going to happen to the original \$400,000?

Do I get it back?

I want it back.

I don't hear anyone saying they are reducing property taxes by \$400,000, though, to offset this new hike (dare I call it a "tax"). They are only talking about raising rates to reach that \$400,000.

Honestly, I don't care if I'm giving it to the BPW through rates or to the general fund through my property taxes. What I do mind is giving it to BOTH of them.

Honestly, it's such foolishness. What difference does it make if the enterprise fund pays x-amount of dollars to the general fund? It's all coming from us, every dollar...er, every two dollars, I mean.

Enough of that, I guess.

Time to move onto other things. If you're not registered to vote, you'd better get a move on if you want to vote in the special election for Board of Health coming up on September 9. (See page 20 for details.) The last day to register to be able to vote in that election is 8/20.

Spaking of which...we have candidate statements this week. See page 22 for that. Then it's just three weeks to the election.

There will be a debate on August 28. It isn't listed yet, because I just got the information today. It'll be held at the Senior Center and I will be on the panel of reporters asking questions. We will be asking a combination of our own questions and those submitted by the public. Please send your questions to me at NeighbNews@comcast.net, or snailmail them to me at 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. You'll also be able to submit questions in writing at the Senior Center that night. The debate is scheduled for 7 p.m., so get your questions there by 6:30 so we can open the envelopes and organize them.

Time to go. There's lots of other good stuff in here, but you'll have to thumb through and see for yourself. Be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them to you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*. Until next week then...



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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our Conservation Commission story last week we made a mistake characterizing the intent of an application. Caroline Marcoux is trying to separate the second lot and sell it as is, not build a house on it.

Fire department looking for funds to outfit surplus boat

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Fire Department (FFD) recently acquired a surplus 25-foot "Defender Class" rescue boat from the US Coast Guard through the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The FFD needs to raise about \$78,000 to outfit the boat, which was stripped of its motors and electronic gear before being given up by the USCG.

According to Lt. Brian Messier the boat cost \$350,000 new and outfitted. The FFD got the boat for the \$400 in gas money it took for Lt. Messier and Firefighter Josh Benoit to pick it up in Buffalo. First, the US Department of Agriculture took custody of the boat under the Federal Excess Property Program, then it went to the US Forest Service who issued it to the Mass. DCR. Its journey ended in Fairhaven, where the department has vowed to outfit the boat without public funds.

The Defender is an aluminum hulled, rigid foam collar boat used by the CG to rescue people in distress near shore and to conduct pollution control and environmental protection missions. It has special features to make it able to navigate wild waters and rescue people in the worst seas imaginable.

"It's designed to kind of take a beating," said Lt. Messier.

The rescue area of the boat features special cut-out sections on both the port and starboard sides to make it easier to reach people in the water and pull them up. Lt. Messier called it the "coolest part of the boat," and explained how hard it is to reach down three feet to pull someone up and over the sides of a boat.

"Here, it's eight inches," he said.

The plan is to replace the FFD's "aging fiberglass" boat, which was not designed for rescues, was obtained by the police department and handed

off to the fire department.

"Ours is kind of willy nilly, mish-mash," said Lt. Messier.

The new boat has a cabin that can be pressurized for rescuers enter hazardous materials/gas situations safely.

"Everything on this boat is designed for safety," said Lt. Messier.

The seats have seat belts and shock absorbers; the boat is wired for infrared; there's a special towing bit and navigation aids that make it possible for one person to plot the course while the other person operates the boat. It even has a machine gun mount, but the department won't be needing that.

The boat needs motors that will cost a minimum of \$34,500.

The department is looking for donations from the public and especially businesses, as well as pursuing grants. GTS Tint Pro has already donated the lettering for the boat and Lt. Messier said the department welcomes similar in-kind contributions of equipment or labor.

Lt. Messier acknowledged that \$78,000 sounds like a lot.

"But it's still a



ABOVE: The Fairhaven Fire Department acquired this surplus boat from the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The 25-foot Defender Class Safeboat needs about \$78,000 in equipment. It is specially designed to take a beating in rough waters. BELOW: Lt. Brian Messier of the FFD explains how the cutouts in the rescue area mean that rescuers only have to reach down about eight inches to reach a swimmer in distress. Photos by Beth David.

\$170,000 boat," he said.

Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to Fairhaven Fire Department, 146 Washington St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; put "Safeboat Gift Account" on the memo line.

The boat needs: TWO 225 HP Honda outboard motors, radar, depth sounder, GPS, chartplotter, maritime radio, personal flotation gear, safety gear and bottom paint.



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Selectboard opts to keep Crotty after all

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Talk about replacing Town Counsel Tom Crotty came to a halt on 8/8 after a unanimous vote by the Fairhaven Selectboard in favor of keeping Mr. Crotty who has served the Town for 35 years.

Selectboard member Geoff Haworth made the motion to quit looking for a new special town counsel to represent the Town in the wind turbine legal issues, originally suggested by Selectboard member Bob Espindola. Mr. Espindola, with a little hesitation, gave a second to Mr. Haworth's motion, and eventually voted to support it.

Mr. Crotty defended himself to the board, mostly to Mr. Espindola who had several questions about Mr. Crotty's qualifications regarding contract law, specifically the power-purchase agreement the Town has with Fairhaven Wind, LLC. He offered to step down from the wind turbine matter.

"I don't want to be part of this," said Mr. Crotty, adding that he has spent 35 years trying to stay out of town politics. "I respectfully ask that you appoint a special town counsel for the wind turbine issues."

Mr. Haworth said he was not comfortable with that, defending Mr. Crotty by emphasizing his involvement since day one of the wind turbine process, and expressing that it was his fear that getting new counsel "up to speed" on the Town's legal issues would be costly and inefficient.

Chairperson Charlie Murphy said Mr. Crotty had all the relevant experience needed, listing many different legal issues and contracts over the years, including the anaerobic digester, SEMASS, and BioSafe.

After hearing Mr. Murphy speak so highly of his 35 years of service, Mr. Crotty said, "Whatever you guys want to do...that's fine."

One after another, supporters of Mr. Crotty present at the meeting, some wearing "Friends of Fairhaven Wind" tee-shirts, voiced their support for Mr. Crotty.

"Personally, I'm tired of all the money being spent," said Cathy Melanson, owner of Emma Jean's and president of the Fairhaven Business

Association. "Let's keep politics out of it. (Mr. Crotty) is doing what's best for the Town of Fairhaven as a whole.

"Let's move on," she said. "Keep Tom. He knows what's going on."

Dan Freitas told the board, "Our group has not made this into a political battle at all."

He said Windwise is the driving force behind the movement to replace Mr. Crotty.

"Why is that happening? Is it because he took them to court and he won?" asked Mr. Freitas.

Mr. Espindola explained his preference for looking for other firms to represent the Town, first saying that he appreciated all the comments from the residents in the room, and then offering an analogy about how building a modest house one hires a general contractor, but for a larger scale project like a \$50 million school,

Mr. Haworth motioned to cease the process of finding new special counsel and the board voted in favor of keeping him.

you hire a large consulting firm. He said the town would be better served by a "specialist," implying Mr. Crotty was not.

"I respect Mr. Crotty's wishes," said Mr. Espindola. "It absolutely should not be a political issue."

He then asserted that the Town should continue with the process of finding special counsel.

"I could give a crap about political pressure," said Mr. Haworth defiantly.

He said his job was to look out for the financial interests of the Town and its residents.

"I could care less what any group says."

Mr. Haworth said that at first he supported the idea of looking for other legal counsel options for the Town but, now, he thinks Mr. Crotty does what he is asked to do by the Selectboard from whichever legal angle they request of him.

"Mr. Crotty represents the Town," said Mr. Murphy. "He did not favor the

developer."

He said the "proof is in the pudding," and one could not find very many cases in which Mr. Crotty did not win.

"And I'm talking (against) big Boston firms," Mr. Murphy added. "He has experience in all areas pertaining to municipal law."

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"Get back to work, Tom," Mr. Murphy told Mr. Crotty with a smile.

Mr. Crotty turned to the residents in attendance and said, "I didn't ask anyone to be here...but I appreciate all the kind words."

Also at the meeting, the board voted to deny requests for the government access channel to edit and rebroadcast the Board of Health segment of the candidate's night from last March, opting instead to hold another debate between the two candidates at a date to be determined.

Mr. Espindola said he had no problem with the prior debate being edited and rebroadcast, but the other two board members thought otherwise.

Current Board of Health Chairperson and candidate Peter DeTerra said he had no problem participating in a new debate.

In other business that was not featured on the agenda, Beth and Michael Luey of 31 Middle Street asked the board for assistance in the matter of alleged sound and particulate violations by the Fairhaven Shipyard, saying that the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection told them they would not hold a public meeting on the matter. According to Ms. Luey, the DEP said it was a Board of Health issue. She said the BOH then told her that it was a Selectboard issue.

Ms. Luey said lately she feels the shipyard is violating noise limits and is operating outside of the legal hours of operation. The board ultimately voted to hold a joint hearing with the BOH during the 8/26 Selectboard meeting, to be held upstairs in the auditorium at Town Hall.

Mr. DeTerra said to the board and to Ms. Luey that the BOH has no authority over hours of operation.

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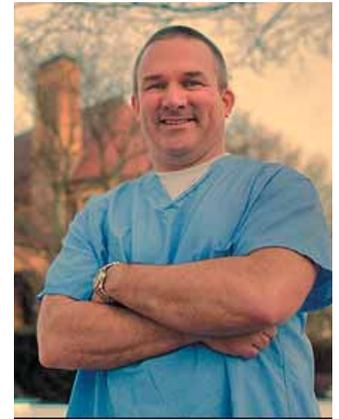
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Harvest Fun Day

Fairhaven will hold a Harvest Fun Day on Oct. 12, complete with scarecrow contest. See page 10 for details.

Scarecrow Contest

Everyone is invited to help get Fairhaven in the Halloween spirit by bringing a homemade spooky (or not so spooky) scarecrow to the Visitors Center at the Academy Building on **Sat., Oct. 12, during Harvest Fun Day.** Scarecrows will be displayed along the Main Street sidewalk of Fairhaven High School. They will be judged for prizes and will remain on display through November 2.

The contest is open to all ages. Entry categories are Youth (age 14 or under), Individual (age 15 and up), Family, and Organization/Business. One entry per person or group. Prizes will be awarded in Youth, Individual, and Family categories only. Entries from organizations or businesses may display a sign to identify the group.

All scarecrows must be home-made. Faces may not be commercial rubber or plastic masks or commercially manufactured. Some commercial costume pieces may be used sparingly, but should not make up the majority of the scarecrow's outfit. Because scarecrows will be on display outdoors for more than two weeks, they must be durable and able to withstand sun, wind and rain.

Scarecrows, with completed entry forms, **must be brought to the Fairhaven Academy, 141 Main St., on Sat., Oct. 12, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.** Judging will take place during the Farmers Market on Sunday, October 13, between 1 and 4 p.m.

Complete rules and entry forms are available at <http://HauntedFairhaven.blogspot.com>, at the Visitors Center, 141 Main Street, and the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall. Details about Harvest Fun Day are at <http://HarvestFun.blogspot.com>.

Tex-Mex Cooking Demo and Dinner

Join us **Friday, August 16, 2013 at 7:00PM for a special Tex-Mex dinner benefiting** the West Island Improvement Association at their facility on West Island. Texas chef Steve Thornton will travel here and host a hands-on demonstration of

easy and simple techniques to prepare this cuisine using ingredients available to the home cook. After, he will prepare a full course dinner for attendees. Come prepared to have a lot of fun, enjoy surprises, and of course, delicious food. Reservations are required and seating is limited. BYOB. For more info and tickets call Lisa at 508-989-3237 or Chet at 972-679-8662.

Thrift Shop Sale

Heavenly Treasures Thrift Shop at the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven at 34 Center Street announces a half price clothing sale going on now. We are **open Wed. and Sat. from 10 am to 1 pm.** Starting August 28th we will be accepting fall and winter clothing. donations.

Robby Thatcher F-R

The tenth annual Robby Thatcher Memorial Fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, August 24th from 4pm to 10pm OUTDOORS at The Seaport Inn, 110 Middle Street, Fairhaven.** Music will be provided by Craig deMelo and Bobs Day Off. **Tickets are \$10.00 per person**, and are available at the Seaport Inn, Euro Ship Store or at the door. You can also purchase tickets ahead by calling Annie at 508-287-6534 or 508-992-1336 or emailing robbythatcherfund@comcast.net.

Music of Rick Britto Memorial Concert

The Music of Rick Britto, a new recording honoring the memory and music of Rick Britto Featuring Dino Govoni on tenor and soprano saxophones, vocalist Marcelle Gauvin, Chris Poudrier on drums, Matt Richard on piano, Jim Robitaille on guitar, Dr. D. Danny Schwartz on percussion, and Dave Zinno on bass.

Sunday, August 25, 2013 from 2-4 p.m., First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, 34 Center Street at the intersection of William Street. Suggested donation is \$5

This concert will include original compositions written by Rick Britto and a few other jazz compositions. The Music of Rick Britto CD recording will be available for purchase with all proceeds going towards the Frank Monteiro Scholarship Fund. All

proceeds from the concert admission will also go towards the Frank Monteiro Scholarship fund.

Bike Rides

The Fairhaven Bikeway Committee will hold bike rides on **Saturday mornings** to the end of August. The bike rides will start at Fort Phoenix at 9 each Saturday Morning. This will be a family friendly ride led by members of the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee.

We encourage everyone to go to the town bikeway committee's web site at http://fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/fairhavenma_bcomm/Bike and check out a number of different bike routes in Fairhaven for bikers to use.

Church Yard Sale

The Church of the Good Shepherd, located at **357 Main St., No. Fairhaven will hold its Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, 8/17, from 9-4, rain or shine.**

Stuffed cabbage, corn-on-the-cob, home-made desserts, coffee and other beverages will be available. All proceeds benefit the church, 508-992-2281 www.goodshepherdfairhaven.com. Yard sale donations accepted.

Vendors Wanted

The 14th John Manjiro Festival will take place on Saturday October 5th, in the center of Fairhaven. Craft and food vendors are welcome to participate. Downloaded vendor applications from the Whitfield-Manjiro Museum website: www.whitfield-manjiro.org. Click on "Programs."

Butterfly Release

Southcoast VNA will host the second annual "Hope Takes Flight: A Butterfly Release" on Saturday, September 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center.

This second annual event is being offered to honor and remember loved ones and friends and will support Southcoast VNA's Hospice program.

Butterflies to honor a loved one can be purchased for a \$25 minimum donation. Butterflies purchased before August 23 will include a listing of a loved one's name in the event program book. Call 508-973-3470 or email scvna_communityaffairs@southcoast.org to order a butterfly.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Oper. Clean Sweep

The Board of Directors of the Veterans Transition House (VTH) – will host **Operation Clean Sweep for Ward 3 on August 17**. Volunteers are needed. Anyone interested in volunteering can pre-register by calling 508-979-1493 or visiting www.operationcleansweep.net and clicking on the volunteer page. Volunteers will meet at **Carlos Pacheco Elementary School 261 Pleasant St., New Bedford, at 8:30am on August 17**. Donuts and coffee will be provided to volunteers. The clean-up will end at 11:30pm with lunch generously provided by Domino's. All participants will receive a free OCS t-shirt and be entered into a raffle to win a rodent-proof trash barrel.

Operation Clean Sweep and Veterans Transition House have a history of collaboration with Veteran's Transition House providing transportation and volunteers in past clean-ups. Veterans Transition House feels hosting a clean up is the next step in their collaboration with Operation Clean Sweep.

Art & Food

On **Friday August 17**, internationally acclaimed artist Ken Richards will be celebrating the opening of his New Bedford studio by hosting a gala Art Exhibit and cocktail party to raise money and awareness for United Way of Greater New Bedford Hunger Commission. Richards will donate 5% of all sales from the show to the commission.

Ken Richards is an artist whose beautiful landscapes of Greece and New England are what first called attention to his artwork. Richards resides and has studios in Mykonos, Greece and New Bedford, Mass. He has had successful shows in Athens, Paris, London, New York, Los Angeles, Charleston, South Carolina and Southampton, NY which have resulted in an international reputation for colorful, lively and bold paintings, all acrylic on canvas or linen. His paintings hang in galleries across the USA, throughout Europe and in the private galleries of international collectors.

The event is on Friday, August 17 5:30PM -9:30 PM 768 Purchase St NB (Bristol Bldg). Free admission. For more info and to RSVP call 508-496-7980

Row & Sail Relay

Rowers and Sailors needed for the Light the Bay Relay Sponsored by the Low Tide Yacht Club and the Buzzards Bay Rowing Club In Support of the Palmer's Island Lighthouse Restoration. **Date: August 17th** (Rain Date August 18th. Time: Registration at noon Race start at 2:00 PM. Place: Low Tide Yacht Club - Fort Taber New Bedford Entrance fee: 25.00/ person (After 8/11/13 \$30.00) Includes Dinner
Type of Sailing Craft: Laser, Sunfish or similar craft.

Type of Rowing Craft: Dory, Whaleboat, Gig, Sea Kayak

Dinner and Award Ceremony: Following the race 5:00 PM. Non racers can purchase dinner ticket, \$10.00 in advance – a limited amount of tickets will be available for \$15.00 on the day.

Rowing Boat will row a 1.5 mile course. They will hand off to a sail boat. The sail boat will then sail the same 1.5 course. This is a timed event. The team with the best combined time will win.

For more information or to register, please contact Heidi Hacking at 508-961-5955.

Portholes Programs

In September, 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 the commercial fishing industry in conversations about critical issues facing the working waterfront. Each month's programming centers around a theme. Programming during the month of August considers safety at sea. Partial funding for the Portholes Project is provided by Mass Humanities. The New Bedford Whaling Museum and Hercules SLR are sponsors of our August programs.

Commercial fishing is the country's most dangerous occupation. Fishermen are 37 times more likely to die on the job than police officers. And on top of that, New England's waters are the most dangerous in the country. The loss of the F/V Northern Edge (a New Bedford scalloper) in 2004 prompted a renewed focus on safety at sea. To date, more than 1,500 fishermen have participated in safety training programs.

Friday August 16 – Film Screening: After the Storm, National Park Theater, 33 William St., Downtown NB, 7:00 PM, FREE

For centuries fishermen have braved the waters of the northeast Atlantic to make their catch, some never to return home. In 2004, the scallop vessel Northern Edge sank, taking with it five of the six men on board. The loss of the Northern Edge spurred a response on every front. Fishermen, politicians, and lawmakers alike took a new look at the safety of those who brave the Atlantic waters for a living. In one of the most regulated industries in the country, however, an imbalance between conservation law and safe practice has emerged. But as loss of life continued in years since 2004, the industry is left wondering: Can conservation efforts and fishermen's safety co-exist? *After the Storm: Lessons from the Northern Edge*, a film by JD Marlow and Amanda Bergeron considers this dilemma.

Narrated Tour Bus

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's shuttle, the NB Line, will now offer narrated tours on **Friday afternoons on the Downtown Route in August from 11 AM-1 PM**. Visitors interested in these narrated tours may visit the national park's visitor center at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford, or look for the NB Line stop next door at 50 North Second Street.

The shuttle system runs seven days a week, and has three routes starting from the National Park Visitor Center. The Downtown Route, running every 20 minutes, connects the waterfront to museums, parking garages, local businesses, and other visitor destinations in the downtown area. Buttonwood and Fort Taber Routes, running every 70 minutes, connect other primary visitor destinations of the city such as Buttonwood Park Zoo, Fort Taber Park, antique shops, and beaches to the historic downtown. The hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A one day pass only costs \$1.00 for adults and is free for children and students with ID.

Information on shuttle routes and times can be found at www.nps.gov/nebe/planyourvisit/nb-line.htm

Adopt a Duck

Believe it or not, it's been a decade of ducks at Mass Audubon's Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary – and these tenacious, well-trained rubber racing ducks will line up to conquer the channel **at Barney's Joy on Sat., Aug. 17, followed by the Ducky Dash 5k, Kids Totally Quackers Obstacle Course and Duck Derby Festival on Sun., Aug. 18.** All of Sunday's events take place at the sanctuary located at 1280 Horseneck Road in Westport. While paid registration is required for the 5k race and obstacle course (and includes a duck entry if you register before August 16th) – **the Festival is free and open to the public.**

The duck race will start Saturday at 3pm. As the race takes place on private land; you must contact the Sanctuary to register. You can do so by calling (508) 636-2437 or emailing duckderby@allenspond.org. The adopted ducks will race on the incoming tide from Buzzards Bay into Allens Pond, and the first to cross the finish line wins the Grand Prize - Dinner for Two Anywhere in the World! (includes airfare and two nights lodging).

In addition to the Grand Prize, there are 55 other great prizes to win, including our elusive Stealth Duck, the "slow and steady" Slacker Quacker, who always takes last place and, in honor of 10 years of racing his quacker off, the Decade Duck.

Sunday kicks off at 8am with the second running of one of the region's most scenic courses, the Ducky Dash 5k. Preregistration is \$30 and includes a racing duck. Onsite registration will also be available the morning of, but you will not receive a duck entry. Following the 5k, it's time for kids ages 10 and under to get a little crazy on our Totally Quackers obstacle course. Registration for both events can be done by visiting <http://www.active.com>. At 11am, all post-race festivities commence on the grounds near the field station from 11:00 AM -2:00 PM and will include a \$5.00 barbecue lunch, games and crafts for kids, educational exhibits, live music with Neal McCarthy & Friends, a video replay of the race, a silent auction, and live plant auction. All derby proceeds will be used to support programs at Allens Pond Wildlife

Sanctuary.

Not sure where to get your ducks? Go to the Allens Pond Web site at www.allenspond.org to adopt your derby entry and for all general event information and announcements. **Entrants can purchase one duck for \$10, five for \$40, or thirteen for \$100. Entries will be accepted online until 4pm on August 16th and at the field station until 1:30 p.m. on race day.** Duck entry forms can also be picked up at the Bayside Restaurant, Partners Village Store, Davoll's General Store, Sylvan Nursey and Alderbrook Farm. Prize winners need not be present to win.

For more information on Massachusetts Audubon, to adopt a duck, or for derby details, go to www.massaudubon.org/duckderby or call the Sanctuary at 508-636-2437.

Cruise Night

Join us for Acushnet's 4th annual Nostalgia and Cruise Night on Thursday, 8/29, from 5–8:30 p.m. (Rain date 8/30). Features music by the Klassics and dancing to the oldies on the town green. Classic cards, classic food and beverages.

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Women's Health

Southcoast® Health System and HealthFirst Family Care Center will host a **"Celebration of Women's Health" on Wednesday, August 21, from 4 to 6 p.m.** Women are invited to attend, and are encouraged to bring their female relatives and friends, to this free event.

The event will feature a 5:30 p.m. presentation on Breast Health lead by Elizabeth Blanchard, MD, Medical Oncologist and Director of the Clinical Trials Program at Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care.

The event will also include screenings and educational materials offered by the Southcoast Health Van including a skin safety analysis; information on women and heart disease provided by the Southcoast Cardiac Prevention Team and HealthFirst staff; chair massages; Southcoast Radiology Imaging Services; patient navigation; healthy

cooking demonstrations; diabetes management information provided by HealthFirst Certified Diabetes Educators; and smoking cessation information. Light refreshments will be served.

The HealthFirst Family Health Center is located at 387 Quarry Street in Fall River. For more information about the Celebration of Women's Health, call Paula Harrison, Director of Community Relations and Development at HealthFirst, at 774-627-1204.

Farmers Market

The **Acushnet Farmer's market** is open every Saturday from 9–1, rain or shine at 186 Leonard Street.

Featuring local vendors offering fruits and vegetables, baked goods, honey, eggs, and other local products; hand made knitted items, jewelry, and all natural goat's milk soap and lip balm.

Summer Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoisset Library will hold a Summer Jewelry and Accessory Sale this weekend. The sale opens at the Mattapoisset Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street, with a Friends' Members-Only Early Bird preview on **Thursday, August 15 from 5:30 until 7:30 pm. The sale continues on Fri. & Sat., 8/16 & 17, from 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**

Kayak Raffle

The Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust (DNRT) is offering a limited number of raffle tickets for the chance to win a beautiful 18-foot handmade wooden strip kayak valued at \$6,000. **Tickets are \$50 each and no more than 200 will be sold.** The kayak will be on display and tickets can be purchased at DNRT's office at 404 Elm Street in Dartmouth (cash or check only). The raffle drawing will be at DNRT's Barn Bash Square Dance on August 24, 2013 (need not be present to win). All proceeds will benefit DNRT's mission to preserve and protect Dartmouth's natural resources for people and nature, forever.

For more information about the kayak raffle or DNRT, please phone 508-991-2289 or visit www.dnrt.org.

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I am asking for your continued support as the journey continues to allow me to work with all the citizens of Fairhaven to bring consensus to this town.

Call me at 508-992-1838 or inbox me on Facebook (Peter DeTerra), or email me at PeterDeTerra@yahoo.com

And again, I want to thank the citizens of Fairhaven. And don't forget to vote on Monday, September 9. And remember, you can always get an absentee ballot if you're not in town that day.

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- 8 oz. uncooked rigatoni pasta
- 2 T. Olive oil
- 1/2 c. chopped onion
- 1 large carrot, finely chopped (1c)
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 15-oz. can Progresso cannelloni beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 14.5 oz. can diced tomatoes, unstrained
- 1 T. Chopped fresh parsley or 1 t. Dried parsley flakes
- 1/2 t. Salt
- Dash of pepper

Cook rigatoni to desired doneness as directed on package. Drain.

Meanwhile, heat oil in med. saucepan over med.-high heat until hot. Add onions, carrot and garlic; cook 5-6 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally.

Add all remaining ingredients except rigatoni. Reduce heat to med.-low; simmer 5 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Serve over rigatoni.

Red kidney beans or Great Northern Beans can be used in place of cannellini beans. Serves 4

Serve w/ salad

Yummy!!! Enjoy!! Bevy Lussier

To share a recipe with your neighbors

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Fairhaven to hold Harvest Fun Day

From Fairhaven Office of Tourism materials

Last year the Fairhaven Office of Tourism held a Scarecrow Contest at the Fairhaven Academy in October. The Saturday when people were dropping off their scarecrows was such a beautiful fall day it was decided that for 2013 we should try holding a small Harvest Fun Day.

So this year we're going to give it a try. **On Saturday, October 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. a Harvest Fun Day will be held on the Academy lawn at the Visitors Center, 141 Main Street,** on the west lawn of Fairhaven High School at Route 6 where the Farmers Market is held.

We are actively seeking businesses and non-profit groups in town to set up booths, offering items for sale, food, children's games (with a fall/harvest theme) or other activities. This could be used as an additional fundraiser for groups who were rained out at Homecoming this summer or it could provide a new venue for those looking for a fun community event to participate in

For this year, to get things started,

the Office of Tourism will offer FREE SPACE to Fairhaven-based non-profit groups and businesses. The number of spaces will be limited to about 20 spaces, approximately 10'x10'.

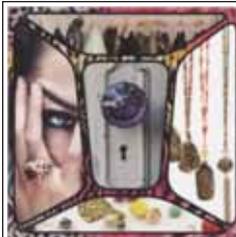
Harvest Fun Day will be primarily a Family/Children's event with a fall theme. Please keep that in mind when deciding on whether or not you may wish to participate. Free or low-cost children's activities are particularly encouraged, as are locally produced goods or Fairhaven-themed items.

Groups or businesses interested in booths should email the Office of Tourism at Fairhaventours@aol.com, with details of what you would like to do. Be sure to include a contact name and phone number. Or you may call 508-979-4085.

Participants will be selected based on how suited the booths, products and/or activities are to the overall "Harvest Fun Day" theme.

The final deadline to apply for a space will be Friday, September 6, but acceptances may be confirmed before then and space is limited, so please apply early. Visit: <http://harvestfun.blogspot.com/>

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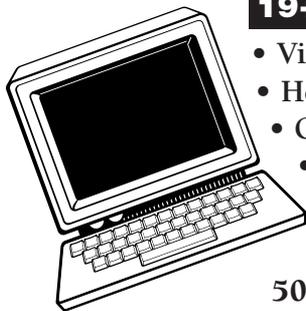
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Acushnet to sell Severance property

By Beth David

Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard voted to approve sending out a Request for Proposals to sell the Severance property. Town Meeting had appropriated \$60,000 to have the property moved to the Buzzards Bay Coalition's Acushnet Sawmill site and renovate it, and the CBB had appropriated \$50,000, according to board chairperson Leslie Dakin. The estimates, however, came in at \$250,000 to \$300,000.

He said he would not ask town meeting for \$140,000-\$190,000.

The property will be advertised in the national register and locally before auctioned off.

Board members discussed whether to use the \$60,000 to repair the Perry Hill Church property or to use the money for the Howard School to, hopefully, house the library.

Mr. Dakin will look into using some of the funds to at least "button up the outside" of the Perry Hill Church property, according to board member Kevin Gaspar, Sr., and using the rest of the library project.

The Library Trustees voted on 7/31 to pursue funds to move the library into the old Howard School. The building will need extensive renovations to accommodate the library, but it is wheelchair accessible.

"Let's take it one step at a time," said Mr. Dakin, who was voted as the person to approach the Community Preservation Committee about the funds.

Changing the use of the funds will require a town meeting vote and the board expects a town meeting will be scheduled in October.

The board will notify the trustees that they have until the end of

September to let the board know how they plan to proceed with the use of the building. The board has to decide what it will be asking town meeting for: funds to spend on preparing the building to be a library or preparing it to be shut down for the winter.

The board also discussed the possibility of separating the Severance property into two lots, but decided ultimately that it was not appropriate for the town to act as a developer.

The board also discussed including a minimum bid in the RFP, but decided not to.

"I don't want to sell it for peanuts," said Mr. Dakin.

Town Administrator Al Coutinho said the RFP allows the town to reject any and all bids, so the board voted not to include a minimum bid.

The board also heard from police chief Michael Alves on two issues. The chief thanked the Council on Aging and other town departments for holding a "National Night Out" celebration at the senior center on August 6. The chief said it was a great opportunity for the police department to meet residents in a "positive manner."

"We appreciate when we get that opportunity," said Chief Alves.

He thanked a long list of people and organizations, including the Red Sox Association for lending Wally the Green Monster to the event.

Board member David Wojnar said he attended the event and "was really impressed" with the evening. He said residents approached him to say that Acushnet has a lot of fun things for residents to do. For a small town, there's always something going on, he said.

"It was heartwarming to hear it."

Mr. Dakin credited COA director Heather Silvia with creating events for "everyone in town," not just seniors.

Chief Alves also got approval to charge \$10/hour for the use of a cruiser for details when requested by the contractor.

He said contractors are asking more often for the cruisers, which much stay idling in order for the lights to stay on. Chief Alves researched what it costs for the cruisers to idle based on miles per gallon and estimates by Ford Motor Company. He decided to ask for the break-even \$8/hour, but the board decided that \$10/hour was more appropriate based on what other departments charge.

The board also heard from Mr. Coutinho who said that he and some other town employees would attempt to fix the golf course cart paths to save money.

"Any time we can avoid prevailing wage and save the town money, we should do that," said Mr. Dakin.

Mr. Coutinho said the cost savings were "significant" if they did the work in house.

"I'll let you know how we make out," said Mr. Coutinho.

In other business the board

- Appointed Brian Donohoe to a full time paramedic position. Mr. Donohoe has 20 years of experience in Wareham and has worked part time in the Acushnet fire department since July 2010. He is also a certified firefighter.

- Announced to town residents that FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) is re-drawing the flood maps. Anyone living near the river or other bodies of water

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SMCU presents annual scholarships, gives to Fire Department

From Press Release Materials

Scholarships presented

Southern Mass Credit Union of Fairhaven presented its 2013 Annual Scholarships to three credit union members entering college as freshmen this fall. Each recipient received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Recipients were: Emma Nyman attending Cape Cod Community College studying visual arts; William Pires attending Pfeiffer University studying business/law; and Colin Pilkington attending Bridgewater State University studying history/education.

Southern Mass Credit Union congratulates our scholarship recipients and wishes all of our student members the best in their future endeavors.

Money will help buy special cot

Daniel E. Waltz, President/CEO of Southern Mass Credit Union of Fairhaven recently presented a \$500 donation to the Town of Fairhaven Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service toward purchasing a new Stryker Power Cot.

Currently, the Town of Fairhaven has three ambulances in its fleet to help ensure faster medical response service to its residents so that the citizens will not have to wait for an outside service to respond to emergencies. Two of the ambulances are equipped with power cots which can lift 750 lbs. This allows a patient on the stretcher to be lifted safely onto the ambulance using a battery powered unit while minimizing the risk to medical personnel who would normally have to manually lift the patient into the vehicle.

The Fire Department plans to

retrofit the third ambulance with a power cot once sufficient funds are raised.

Since the cost to purchase a new cot is approximately \$16,000, the Fire Department is soliciting funds to help defray the cost to the taxpayers.

"On behalf of Southern Mass Credit Union, I am pleased to present a check to the Fairhaven Fire Department to help achieve their goal to equip their third ambulance with a power cot," stated Mr. Waltz. "As a community credit union headquartered in Fairhaven, our credit union is honored to help the Fire department/EMS have state-of-the-art equipment to serve the residents of Fairhaven and surrounding communities."

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ABOVE: Daniel E. Waltz, SMCU President/CEO (L) and Debra Tower, SMCU V.P. Member Services (R) present the 2013 Annual Scholarships to William Pires, Emma Nyman and Colin Pilkington. BELOW: Daniel E. Waltz, President/CEO Southern Mass Credit Union (C) presents a check to Fairhaven's Fire Chief Timothy Francis (L) and Deputy Fire Chief Donald Fletcher (R). Submitted photos.



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Urgent care facility opens in Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

The Southcoast Health System's shiny new urgent care facility open in Fairhaven on Monday, 8/12. Medical Director Pamela L. Spatz, MD, and her staff of doctors, nurses and administrative staff were delighted to have patients show up first thing in the morning on the first day.

Located at the SC Center for Primary and Specialty Care at 208 Mill Road in Fairhaven, which opened in June, the Urgent Care Center has five exam rooms and will be open 8–8 Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.–5 p.m. on weekends.

The UCC is the place to go when people have medicals need that cannot wait for an appointment with their doctors, but are not so dire as to require an emergency room or hospital.

Dr. Spatz said the center can treat broken bones, cuts and lacerations, burns, dehydration, sore throats, and a host of other ailments. Care includes gynecologic and minor surgical treatments as well as intravenous medications and fluids. Reasons for visiting urgent care include sports injuries, infections; animal bites; skin conditions; lacerations; casting; contusions; cold or flu symptoms; immunizations and vaccinations; and school and sports physicals. No appointments are necessary.

Right next door is a retail pharmacy that anyone can use, whether they use the center or not. Also adjacent to the building is the sprawling Center for Primary & Specialty Care, which has advanced

diagnostic imaging machines, including a CT scan and a Nuclear Medicine scanner called a Gamma Camera.

Also connected through a long corridor is the SC Centers for Cancer Care. All three entities will have access to the resources available under one roof.

Independent medical offices are also located in the building.

To help you navigate around the building are Patient Experience Assistants. They will greet you at the door and help you find your way, get you a wheelchair if necessary, and answer any questions you may have.

The facility includes a lab, where people can go to get blood drawn for tests that their doctor may have ordered.

The UCC has its own lab, so people do not have to wait for outside testing to be done. The five exam rooms should also speed things along.

“One of our goals is that it shouldn't be a long visit,” said Dr. Spatz.

She said people often go to the emergency room for things that an urgent care center can handle, which makes the wait at the ER so long.

At the UCC, the doctors can stitch up a deep cut, hand out medications for the flu, and then send all the information to a patient's regular doctor for follow-up.

The staff has a lot of emergency room experience.

“We're so excited,” said Dr. Spatz. “We have a great staff. A top-notch team. You will feel like you are in really good hands.”



The center will always have a medical doctor and a registered nurse on the premises, which is not necessarily the case with other urgent care centers, said Dr. Spatz. Other staff, such as nurse practitioners and physician assistants will be added if necessary.

The combination of the three facilities should work out well for all of them. Dr. Spatz said that the Cancer Center often has patients who have other medical issues that are brought up during treatment sessions. Now, instead of having to wait for an appointment with their regular doctors, patients can simply walk over to the Urgent Care Center and see someone right away.

If they prescriptions to fill, they can do that, too.

“The goal is to be one-stop,” said Public Information Officer Stephanie Poyant. “You can get all your medical needs in one building.”

For more information visit www.southcoasturgentcare.org or call 508-973-2432.



ABOVE: Southcoast Urgent Care Medical Director Pamela Spatz, MD, confers with Dr. Stephan Becker on the first day of the center's opening, Monday, 8/12. The new facility, at 208 Mill Street in Fairhaven, is located at SC Center for Primary & Specialty Care, where the two facilities will be able to share resources. LEFT, L-R: Evan Sultana, Nicholas Chesny and Alexander Chesny are Patient Experience Assistants, who will help you find your way around the facility. RIGHT: This Symbia T Gamma Camera by Siemens Medical is used in Nuclear Stress testing and is available at SC Center for Primary & Specialty Care, adjacent to the new urgent care center and the SC Centers for Cancer Care. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

BPW: blame the Selectboard & TM; Riley steps down as chair

By Michael Smith

Neighb News Correspondent

Tensions surfaced at a meeting Monday night, 8/12, between Fairhaven residents and the Board of Public Works over an implemented 24% increase in water and sewer rates, just as Chairperson Steven Riley will be temporarily stepping down from the board.

A group of twelve residents, led by Frank Coelho, a 50-year resident of Fairhaven, were on hand before the board asking them to rescind the 24% rate increase and implement a gradual increase instead.

According to Mr. Riley, the increase in rates will be used to make up a \$400,000 underpayment identified by the Mass. Department of Revenue (DOR). Payments from the water and sewer enterprise funds to the town need to be \$900,000 per year starting with FY14.

The increase will take effect in the next billing cycle in October.

The rise in water and sewer rates comes after a report issued by the Mass. DOR in November, 2012 on the town's fiscal budget spending.

According to public works Superintendent Vinnie Furtado, the Selectboard asked the state Department of Revenue last year to come to Fairhaven to, as Mr. Furtado put it, "see if we're doing things right."

The DOR report concluded that the town was improperly handling indirect costs related to water and sewer. Indirect costs include, for example, payments on percentages of town employee insurance rates, payroll and other administrative work handled by town hall employees.

Vice Chair Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said they were not paid because, they "never saw a bill."

One woman in attendance cried out, "Total mismanagement."

As a result of the report, the BPW determined that the public works department needed to collect an additional \$400,000 to pay for indirect costs. Costs for the water department increased \$150,000, while sewer increased \$250,000. Mr. Furtado said he determined how much to increase the rate by looking into the usage of the average consumer.

Mr. Riley addressed those in attendance saying that he and Mr. Furtado asked the Selectboard in March to gradually phase in the increase over a two to three-year span.

"If it was over three years, it would be an eight percent increase each year," said Mr. Riley.

Town Meeting voted on May 4th to implement the 24% increase all at once starting in October, against the recommendations of the BPW, according to Mr. Riley.

Mr. Furtado said the BPW had to implement the increase or risk hurting the town's bond rating.

"If we didn't follow through (with the D.O.R. recommendations), that's what we risk," he said. "It is what it is. There's nothing we can do."

"The math is the math," added Mr.

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"We didn't want to raise this rate," BPW member Brian Wotton told residents. "Nobody wanted this."

Mr. Riley reminded residents that BPW members, who are all residents, would also have to pay the increase

"We're taxpayers," he said.

Residents objected to the increase, with one woman saying, "I don't think any of us here have seen a 24% increase in pay."

Another woman added, "Twenty-four percent is a lot of money."

According to engineering firm Tighe and Bond, the average annual bill for water and sewer in Fairhaven in 2012 was \$429.00 per household. Fairhaven shares the same well system with neighboring towns Marion and Mattapoisett.

The rates in Marion and Matta-

poisett are nearly double at \$868 and \$853 respectively.

One resident told the board that, "the people who make these decisions should be here."

The board nodded in agreement.

Mr. Riley said to the concerned residents, "This conversation will happen all over again in 15 weeks," referring to when homeowners will receive their bills with the new increase in October.

Another development at the meeting was the temporary resignation of Steven Riley as chairperson of the board. Mr. Riley said that time to be spent with his job in the next three months will take away from his effectiveness serving as chair.

"It wouldn't be in the best interest for the town as I cannot devote time to the board," said Mr. Riley.

To fill the void left by Mr. Riley,

Mr. Hobson was elected unanimously to Chair from his previous position as Vice Chair. Board member Mike Ristuccia was unanimously elected to Vice Chair.

In other business, Ann Richard appeared before the board seeking approval to write a Community Preservation Committee grant to renovate the Livesey Park Skate Park, noting to the board that the skate park is used for events. The board gave Ms. Richard their full support for the grant proposal.

In other business, the board unanimously voted to approve payment of \$27,190.00 to Vermont Recreation for the Livesey Park Surface Repair Project. The project came in under budget from a projected \$32,190.00 in July. The Fairhaven Tennis Association fronted \$5,000.00 for the project. The Community Preservation Committee, according to Mr. Furtado, will pay the remaining \$22,190.00.

The board also voted 5-0 for approval on the professional services of Fay, Stafford, and Thorndike to repair pipes at the Taber Street Wastewater Pumping Stations not to exceed \$80,000.00, and 5-0 to approve a first payment of \$60,439.00 to Nuwater Inc. for upgrades to pump stations.

The next Board of Public Works meeting will be held on August 26th at 6PM at the Department of Public Works on 5 Arsene Street.

ConCom has light night, accepts land in east Fairhaven

By Alexandra Siegel

Neighb News Correspondent

Short and sweet was the theme of the August 12th Fairhaven Conservation Commission meeting. With one request withdrawn and eight notice of intents rescheduled for August 26th, the commissioners had only two hearings that night.

John Dick of Hancock Associates represented Joseph Batista in a Request for Determination to verify the wetland line and perform a per test within a VE flood zone.

Located on 32 Nakata Ave, the property is surrounded by extensive marshland behind the garage of the household, which Mr. Batista planned to have tested and then build a new septic system.

Per the recommendation of a consultant of the commission, the land had been surveyed with Mr. Dick explaining further "the reason for that is the control out here is a little hanky and I wanted to make sure we weren't getting permission to test on or near somebody else's property."

He added that surveying caused him to realize there was no possibility to test for a new system, Mr. Dick clarified "this determination of applicability is strictly and solely for the repair of an existing failed system."

Armed with a detailed map, Mr. Dick laid out everything that was to be found in the debated plot so as to bring the land to the commission and not have to bring the commissioners to the land.

"If you insist on going out and seeing it I can't stop you, but I can't in all fairness ask my client to pay me to drive 80 miles down here and back," Mr. Dick stated.

Chairperson Joseph Taylor agreed, "seeing as the gentlemen has everything marked we should probably go out and have a look and not have him come look because he's been there once, he's been there twice, he's done what we've asked to mark everything.

"Go out and have a peak at it and hopefully approve it for the next meeting and they can move ahead and repair the septic system."

The ConCom continued the hearing until August 26, with a site visit scheduled for August 25.

In another matter, attorney Chip Mulford represented Chris Simmons by asking for an advisory opinion on

a potential property purchase. Mr. Simmons and his son were negotiating to buy an abandoned building at 108 Sycamore Street. Before they signed the purchase and sales agreement Mr. Mulford explained that they wanted to speak to the commission since the property was in the jurisdiction of the Rivers Protection Act.

He explained the short term plan for Mr. Simmons: create an apartment on the second floor for his son with the ground as a residential garage, clean shrubbery and trees eight feet back, stabilize the building and put a roof and a driveway in. However, despite his efforts he lacked one major element, the necessary paperwork.

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[Jay Simmons]

without a notice," said ConCom member Steven Pereira. "This is unprecedented, we don't allow wetlands work or something within our jurisdiction with no request."

With some members of the commission sharing the same concern and others in disagreement, a simple solution to the problem was nowhere in sight.

"They don't own the building so they can't file anything yet because they don't own the property," explained Associate Member Jeanne Van Orman. "No one is going to come after them if they take the vines off the building."

With no agreement reached, Mr. Mulford conceded and agreed to file a Request for Determination of Applicability.

Mr. Mulford said he was not looking for a commitment that evening.

"I just want to make sure from the ConCom's perspective here we're not

going to have an issue because obviously if we were going to have an issue we wouldn't want to sign this purchase and sale agreement," he said.

With no more public hearings to be heard, the commission moved to an issue that Conservation Agent Wayne Fostin asked them to address. A property owner wished to donate .6 acres to the commission and a vote was needed to decide if the donation would be accepted. Some members displayed hesitation in making the decision and asked for more details.

"Sometimes you don't want everything that is given to you," said ConCom member Jay Simmons laughing.

The property, described by Mr. Fostin as clean and vacant, was intended for passive recreation. It is located off Akin Street.

Speculating, Mr. Fostin stated that the current owner was probably paying taxes on it so by donating the land they would no longer have to.

Despite the reluctance that had been displayed, the commission voted to accept the donation.

"It's great we are being given land. I'm not saying that's a problem getting land but sometimes you have to question why," said Mr. Simmons.

In other business the five hearings for NSTAR to to construct homes near Fort Phoenix were continued to 8/26.

Also continued to 8/26 were the hearings for: Timothy Powers of Thompson Street to construct a single family home; Dave Hebert of Earl's Marina for authorization of existing structures, dredging and disposal areas; Heiam Alsawalhi of Bella Vista Island to reconstruct existing groin, install a 40' wooden pier and 10-foot-wide crushed stone path to the beach.

The hearing for the Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust to construct a walking trail on the west side of Scoticut Neck Road was continued to September 9.

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Cookbook celebrates Azorean Heritage, Tradition and Family

Press Release

Maria Lawton, known as the “Azorean Green Bean,” is proud to announce the arrival of her debut cookbook, *Azorean Cooking: From My Family Table to Yours*, a collection of more than 60 recipes that celebrates the traditions of Azorean cooking, culture, and family. Officially launching on June 19th, her book is now available for purchase for \$27.99 on Amazon as well as local bookstores across Massachusetts.

Since 2010, Lawton has developed the popular “Azorean Green Bean” Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/AzoreanGreenBean>), where she shares step-by-step recipes along with photos and videos of the Azores with her quickly growing fan base of more than 8,000 followers from around the world.

“For more than four years, I have made it my mission to preserve my family recipes,” said Lawton. “At first, I just wanted to make sure they would be passed down to my children and future generations — but now, I want to share them with everyone who might miss their Azorean mother or grandmother’s cooking, or whoever wants to know how to recreate the tastes and smells of the past. This has been a wonderful journey home for

me, and I hope this helps others on their journey, too.”

In *Azorean Cooking: From My Family Table to Yours*, Lawton shares powerful memories of her family and cooking experiences as she walks readers through an array of recipes, ranging from popular Azorean dishes — including Arroz Doce (Sweet Rice Pudding), Massa Sovada (Sweet Bread) and Sopa de Couve (Kale Soup) — to classics like Cozido (Boiled Dinner), Caçoila (Marinated Pork), and Camarão Moçambique (Shrimp Mozambique). Throughout the collection, Lawton makes the cooking process simple, educational, and enjoyable, with a constant focus on a delicious end result.

“I’m not a trained chef, and I don’t pretend to have any professional techniques,” said Lawton. “I only profess to have a love for the meals that mean so much to me, and for the family members I get to share those meals with.”

Lawton was born on the semi-tropical island of São Miguel, the largest of nine islands that make up the Azores, an autonomous region of Portugal located nearly a thousand miles off its coast in the Atlantic Ocean. At age six, Lawton moved to the United States with her family and

settled in a Portuguese community in southeastern Mass. Growing up, Lawton was teased with a number of names like “Portagee,” “Fava Bean” and “Greenhorn,” but would always answer with, “Thank you, I’m proud of it!” Her nickname today of “Azorean Green Bean” is an embrace of these cultural elements and a reflection of pride.

“Many people are unfamiliar with the Azores,” said Lawton. “Although there are many similarities between our islands and Portugal, I hope people who read this book gain a better understanding of what it means to be Azorean and all of the wonderful, unique aspects of our culture.”

After marrying and having three daughters, Lawton wanted them to experience the tastes and smells that she remembered from her childhood. However, most of the recipes were lost with the passing of her mother and grandmother, who failed to properly write them down. Lawton set out to find the recipes on her own, enlisting the help of family and friends while traveling back to São Miguel to reconnect with her roots.

For more information, please visit the Azorean Green Bean website (<http://www.azoreangreenbean.com>).

Public Hearings/ Legal Notices

Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petition:

1. **Petitioner: Joseph Travis**, 10 Gull Island Road, Plat 43A, Lot 212, Certificate #20289; 198-18: 4% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 15% in a RR District

Peter DeTerra, Chairman

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on August 26, 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 William Tyler Fitzsimmons Location 83 Nakata Ave. Plot 43 Lots 92-93. Purpose repair existing seawall within a VE flood zone.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Jason Arruda Location 34 Welcome Street Plot 31B Lot 1G. Purpose construct single family dwelling within the 100’ buffer zone to BVW and the NRB.
- Request for Determination Mass DOT-Highway Div. Location I-195 through Fairhaven. Purpose roadway improvements.
- Request for Determination Applicant Riverside Group LLC/co Shaw T Muldoon. Location 108 Sycamore Street Plot 20 Lot 33 Purpose clear vegetation within 100’ of the Acushnet River.

*Respectfully Submitted
Joseph Taylor, Chairman
Fairhaven Conservation Commission*

When I stand before God at the end of my life,
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of talent left, and could say,
“I used everything you gave me.”

Erma Bombeck

Still time to register to vote

Fairhaven’s special election for the Board of Health is scheduled for Mon., 9/9. Absentee ballots are now available at the town clerk’s office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven.

Residents may register to vote any day from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Town Clerk’s office. The last day to register to vote is Tuesday, August 20, and the clerk’s office will be open until 8 that night.

Mail-in voter registration forms are available at the town clerk’s office, the Millicent Library and state and federal offices.

Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day.

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should be aware of changes that could result in some properties being suddenly considered in the flood zone.

- Voted to accept FY14 Chapter 90 funds of \$314,000 from the state for roads and infrastructure improvements. The town has \$237,825 left

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Depend on the rabbit's foot if you will, but remember it didn't work for the rabbit.

R.E. Shay

over from last year, bringing the town's total to \$551,825.

- Appointed Eric James to the Beautification Committee.
- Hired Kathleen Silva as a full time Accounting Clerk
- Approved the Community Nurse contract.

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 9/3, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 8/26, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Community Preservation

Thurs., 9/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 8/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Cultural Council

Mon., 8/26, Nemasket Bldg., 6:30 p.

Personnel Board

Tues., 8/13, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 8/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 8/28, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Thurs., 8/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Special election

Mon., 9/9, for Board of Health, polls open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Conservation Commission

Wed., 8/28, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Historical Commission

8/20 meeting cancelled

Planning Board

Thurs., 8/15, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 8/26, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	August 2013	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	15	0238	1516	0758	2135
Friday	16	0342	1622	0913	2249
Saturday	17	0450	1728	1026	2346
Sunday	18	0554	1829	1131*	----
Monday	19	0653	1923	0037*	1230*
Tuesday	20	0746	2014	0124*	1327*
Wednesday	21	0837	2103	0208*	1421*
Thursday	22	0926	2151	0250*	1511*
Friday	23	1015	2240	0329*	1558*

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
**Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

Fall seven times,
stand up eight.

Japanese Proverb

Candidate statements: Board of Health special election



**Peter
DeTerra**

Hello, my name is Peter DeTerra. I am the Board of Health incumbent member running for re-election on Monday, September 9, 2013. I have been on the Board since 2005. I have never missed a meeting. Through my time on the Board, working together with other Board members, I have worked through many changes — some of which have been very difficult, like the

current wind turbine issues.

This is a good opportunity to tell you some of the work of the Board like the H1N1 flu crisis in which the Board provided over 1,500 flue shots to anyone who wanted one, flue clinics held annually, curbside and specialized recycling like thermostat exchanges, mercury collection in old thermometers, CFLs and batteries, needle or sharps disposal, old medicine disposal, hazardous waste day collections. All of these are free to Fairhaven residents and I have often had to fight for the money to do these things. And I will continue with your vote, if you re-elect me.

On the turbine issues, I have sincerely listened to all sides on this matter: the abutters, Town residents in general, the legal issues as they relate to the Board and MassDEP (Department of Environmental Protection). We called in MassDEP to do a wind turbine sound study in June 2012. In May 2013 MassDEP told the Town that the turbines were out of compliance on five occasions, and in June the Board ordered the turbines to be shut down. MassDEP then worked with the turbine developers and in July stated that the turbines would be in compliance as long as the developers did what they promised to do, and they are. The Board changed its shut down orders to the recommendations of the MassDEP and allowed the turbines to be on. By a vote of the Board I was tasked to meet with other Town Boards to secure funds for an independent contractor who would review data generated from the turbines, take new measurements and look to answer health complaints and environmental issues. This is on-going.

I need and want to continue this work and I am asking with all my heart that you, the voters, let me continue, complete and contribute to the work of the Board of Health. I am a Fairhaven native and my family goes back five generations here. This Town is not only my home and my place of business, but also my life.

I not only ask for your vote on September 9, but I ask that you VOTE because I and my family have personally learned that EVERY VOTE COUNTS.

Please vote for Peter DeTerra for the Board of Health on Monday, September 9, 2013.

Thank you.

Support the Food Pantry

The Shepherd's Food Pantry at the Long Plain United Methodist Church in Acushnet serves more than 120 families each week. Tax deductible donations may be sent to Shepherd's Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit www.shepherdspantry.org



**John
Wethington**

My name is John Wethington and I am a candidate for the Board of Health. For those of you who don't know me, I have been a registered nurse for 10 years and have been a healthcare professional for over twenty. I have chosen Fairhaven to raise my three sons with my wife of twenty years, Lisa.

Due to the mishandling of the April 1st election, a new election

for the Board of Health has been ordered by the court. As a candidate in the first election, I received over twelve hundred votes. I felt it was my obligation to honor the trust and commitment of these voters. I also believe that greater healthcare professionalism on the Board of Health is in the best interest of everyone in Fairhaven.

As a member of the Board of Health, I will work hard to serve the whole town. I am not beholden to any special set of interests, political groups, or any politicians — in office, or out. The only interest I have is promoting a healthier Fairhaven. I will not be doing any special favors for anybody, nor looking the other way — no matter who or what it is — when public health is at stake. If I am lucky enough to be elected, I will be donating my salary to local scholarships.

Some people have stated that I have unjustly cost the town money by petitioning the court for a new election. This step was recommended by Town Counsel and the Board of Selectmen as the only way to right what was wrong and make sure that every vote counts; but only a judge can order a new election. If elected, there are several ways that I can save the town money. To begin with, I will not be using the town's health benefits. Conservatively, this alone will save the town \$6-7000 for each of my three years on the Board.

As you know, the wind turbines continue to dominate the health issues in town. As a BOH member, I cannot look at the monetary losses or gains alone. I must also consider the negative health impact they cause. Some residents have complained of health concerns, and some have not. It is not the BOH's job to diagnose or past judgment. It is the job of the BOH to listen and educate itself about these adverse health issues caused by these 1.5 megawatt turbines in order to make informed decisions and protect everyone's health. In view of growing concerns across Massachusetts and throughout the country created by siting turbines so close to residents, the town of Fairhaven has already passed new bylaws which do not allow new industrial turbines of this size to be built in this town. Now, only smaller turbines which cause less health problems are permitted.

The new election will be held on Monday, September 9th. I would appreciate your vote and I look forward to the opportunity to serve all the citizens of our town.

**Not registered to vote? You have until
August 20. See page 20 for details.**

Letters from our readers

New locator signs for Joshua Slocum monument



The Captain Joshua Slocum Centennial Committee organized in 1955 wanted to honor the first man who sailed around the world alone,

and left from Fairhaven.

The committee commissioned the creation of signs to help visitors from other areas locate the Joshua Slocum Monument at Poverty Point, where he recult the sloop "Spray."

Unfortunately, due to the Route 6 area reconstruction in Fairhaven, signs were damaged. But with the wonderful assistance of the Fairhaven Department of Public Works, new signs that were made by the Fairhaven Historical Society were replaced.

The dedication and of DPW Superintendent Vincent Furtado and Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau, plus Dan Snell and Chuck Hurley is greatly appreciated and Fairhaven thanks you.

The placing of four new signs will assist everyone who wishes to visit Poverty Point.

*Albert F. Benac
Fairhaven Historical Society*

Mass. has sold out students

Is it ever a surprise what people are willing to sacrifice for the sake of money? In this case, Massachusetts, along with 45 other states relinquished its control of our children's

education and adopted Common Core Standards, the nationalized education reform. Adoption of Common Core School Standards (CCSS) qualifies states to earn a piece of the government's \$4.3 billion Race to The Top (RTTT) funding.

Common Core Curriculum has been justifiably accused, by experts in the field of education, of "lowering the standards," especially for states like Massachusetts, which already had a proven record of top student performance in national testing. CCSS is also tied to concerns that all students in grades K to 12 will have their academic performance tracked in a computer database using "personally identifiable information."

In a 51-page document that was prepared in 2012 for the U.S. Department of Education called "Enhancing Teaching and Learning Through Educational Data Mining and Learning Analytics," (<http://www.ed.gov/technology>, click on "Research and Reports,") the data mining process is clearly defined.

Included in the report are several disturbing statements such as, "Successful applications of educational data mining and learning analytics will not come without effort, cost, and a change in educational culture to more frequent use of data to make decisions." (page 37)

Under Privacy and Ethics Issues, "It has been acknowledged for many years that personalized interaction and user modeling have significant privacy implications because personal information about users needs to be collected to customize software to individuals.... Data mining researchers have exposed obvious weaknesses, e.g., querying a social network for registered e-mail

addresses on a large scale.... A more complete set of factors includes personal and community attitudes, how far the disclosed information differs from the norm, and even how much users know about what was disclosed and how much control they have over it." (page 41)

Near the end of the report, the writer presents a directive towards educators, "Stakeholders in the K-12 and higher education sectors should increase the use of educational data mining and learning analytics to improve student learning.... Educators should develop a culture of using data for making instructional decisions. This brief builds on the recommendations of the U.S. Department of Education report calling for development of the mind-set that using data more strategically can drive school improvement." (page 46)

I know what administrators' response to these quotes is going to be, "It's all taken out of context!" or "We're not doing 'that part' of the CCSS curriculum!"

I would hope not.

I would hope that a child's future will not be directed by anyone with control of a database of the child's personal information. But what else is someone who has continued to read about CCSS and has followed the actions of the Fairhaven School Department supposed to think?

This is not just a Fairhaven situation. It's not just a public school situation. It's a 46-state, public, private, and home-school dilemma that we need to take seriously.

I urge ALL parents and guardians to do YOUR homework on CCSS, and pay attention to what and how your child is being taught at school.

Michelle Furtado, Fairhaven

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Bounce house for young and....



Who's the Big Kid? Anne Silvia, COA Director, and children from the "Kool Kids" Program at the Fairhaven Rec Center, take advantage of the giant water slide to get a welcome break from the heat recently. The Social Day Clients seemed to have just as much fun watching the children and Anne take turns sliding down the monster slide. The clients of Fairhaven Senior Social Day also spent time with the "Kool Kids" at the Senior Center making ice cream sundaes. *Submitted photos.*

Hats on at the COA



Hats, scarves, and furs were the fashion of the day for the clients of Fairhaven Senior Social Day recently. Each client chose a hat and accessories from a variety of periods and countries, and modeled them for the benefit of the staff, volunteers and their friends. Pictured in the photo is Bertha Rogers wearing a hat that seems perfect for a day at the Kentucky Derby. Thank you to Bertha's daughter for allowing the clients the use of the hats and accessories. *Photo submitted.*

Nick Comeau earns BSN



The Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Boston Massachusetts held its 145th Commencement on Saturday May 11 at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston. Among the graduates was Fairhaven native Nicholas Comeau, child of Patrick and Ruthie Comeau. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Nicholas was awarded the MCPHS University School of Nursing Leadership and Professionalism Award. He was inducted into the MCPHS University School of Nursing Honor Society, the school-based chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. *Submitted photo.*

Car wash helps M.O. L.I.F.E



On July 20, people added a little shine to their cars while helping to raise funds for M.O. L.I.F.E. (Murphy and Others Living Inter-dependently for Future Endeavors) by holding a car wash at Waring-Sullivan at Fairlawn Mortuary in Fairhaven and raising \$272 benefitted M.O. L.I.F.E., a non-profit organization assisting people with disabilities. ABOVE: Volunteers stand by the shining-clean M.O. L.I.F.E. company car. *Submitted photo.*

Two NB Men charged with obstruction in Marathon Bombings

FBI Press Release

A federal grand jury on August 8 returned a two-count indictment against two men previously charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice in the Boston Marathon bombing investigation.

Dias Kadyrbayev, 19, and Azamat Tazhayakov, 19, nationals of Kazakhstan who were residing in New Bedford on student visas, were charged today with conspiracy to obstruct justice and obstructing justice with the intent to impede the Boston Marathon bombing investigation. Kadyrbayev and Tazhayakov were originally charged on May 1, 2013 via criminal complaint.

Today's indictment alleges that on the evening of April 18, 2013, after the FBI posted photographs of the two men suspected of carrying out the Marathon bombings (who were later identified as Tamerlan Tsarnaev and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev), Kadyrbayev received a text message from Dzhokhar Tsarnaev suggesting that he go to Tsarnaev's "room and take what's there."

Kadyrbayev, Tazhayakov, and another conspirator, according to the

indictment, then went to Tsarnaev's dormitory room and removed several items, including Tsarnaev's laptop computer and a backpack containing fireworks, and brought them to Kadyrbayev and Tazhayakov's apartment in New Bedford. Later that night, Kadyrbayev, with Tazhayakov's knowledge and agreement, placed Tsarnaev's backpack, which contained several items, including fireworks, in a garbage bag and put it in a trash dumpster outside their New Bedford apartment.

If convicted, Kadyrbayev and Tazhayakov face up to 20 years in prison on the obstruction of justice count and up to five years in prison on the conspiracy count, each to be followed by up to three years of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine. Both face the possibility of being deported.

U.S. Attorney Carmen M. Ortiz and Vincent B. Lisi, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Boston Field Division, made the announcement on August 8. This investigation was conducted by the FBI's Boston Division, the Massachusetts State Police, and member agencies of

the Boston Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), which is composed of more than 30 federal, state, and local enforcement agencies. The University of Mass. Dartmouth Department of Public Safety, the City of New Bedford, New Bedford Police Department, Dartmouth Police Department, U.S. Department of Transportation-Office of Inspector General, U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA), Essex County Sheriff's Office, and Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations provided assistance in this investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys B. Stephanie Siegmann and John A. Capin of Ortiz's Anti-Terrorism and National Security Unit with the assistance of the Counterterrorism Section of the Justice Department's National Security Division.

The details contained in the indictment are allegations. The defendants are presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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In a follow-up interview, Mr. DeTerra struggled to answer the question as to why the BOH had no authority over the shipyard's hours of operation, yet had recently restricted the hours of operation of the two wind turbines that were found to operate out of compliance with sound regulations during certain wind and weather conditions.

Mr. DeTerra said it was simply "different," and that the Building Department is the regulating authority over hours of operation for businesses.

In other matters, the board set the minimum bids for auctioning off three tax title properties. If any of the properties do not sell, the board will consider an option proposed by Director of Planning and Economic Development Bill Roth to make a deal with Habitat for Humanity. The three properties up for auction are 124 Alden Road (Staffon Greenhouses), 12 Diamond Street, and 14 Grandview Avenue. The respective minimum bids were set at \$400,000, \$60,000, and \$65,000.

In other business the board:

- Tabled the discussion of Secretary to the Selectboard Jeff Osuch's position as Procurement Officer
- Reminded town hall employees that they are not to park in the spots in front of town hall. They are for residents doing business in the building, not employees.
- Convened in executive session to discuss the BOH amended order for the wind turbine developer and a new possible litigation situation regarding a Town employee involved in an auto accident.

Nobody trips over mountains. It is the small pebble that causes you to stumble. Pass all the pebbles in your path and you will find you have crossed the mountain.

Author Unknown

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Art exhibit showcases local talent

By Beth David
Editor

Art On Center at 15 Center Street in Fairhaven held an art exhibit and Members Mingle on Saturday, 8/10. The exhibit includes more than 100 original artworks in a variety of mediums.

"All by our extremely talented members," said director Stacey Frates, adding that the age range of the artists was 16 to 90 and included both professionals and amateurs.

Light refreshments and a relaxed, informal atmosphere met members and supporters at the mingle. Most pieces were also available for purchase.

Lou Puccio created a series of nearly life-size steampunk costumes that are one-of-a-kind and made of leather with wood accessories.

He said he started by making costumes for halloween. Cost for his work ranges from a few hundred dollars to thousands depending on the size and detail of the piece. Some people wear the costumes, some display them.

Darla Parsons attended the show

to support her mother-in-law Diana Parsons, who had some pieces in the show.

"Absolutely beautiful," said Darla. "I love all the different combinations of pieces."

She said she did not expect to see the display of Mr. Puccio's armor and the abstract art mixed in with watercolors and photographs.

"It's a great place to get started," said Diana, adding that she made small pieces of art as gifts and her sister encouraged her to paint more.

"It's pretty good when your family likes it," she said.

Ron O'Berry had a watercolor in the show that he created based on a photo. He and his wife Janis, were supposed to go together. She was going to take a cooking class, but that got canceled.



Lou Puccio's steampunk costume display was part of the 100-piece art exhibit held at Art On Center in Fairhaven on Sat., 8/10. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

He continued even though their "date night" got "spoiled." They have coffee after his classes.

His artwork mostly hangs in the house and prints are sold in the gift shop to help out the center.

The exhibit runs through mid-September. Art on Center is open Wednesday through Saturday, 11 AM to 6 PM, and is a federally approved 501(c)3 non-profit organization. For more information, call 774-206-1709 or email info@artoncenter.org

Chinese Auction brings islanders together for fun, fund-raising

Beth David
Editor

The children of West Island were instrumental in pulling off the annual Chinese Auction on Saturday, 8/10 without a hitch. Children of all ages were the official "runners," displaying items as they came up for auction and

running them out to the winners.

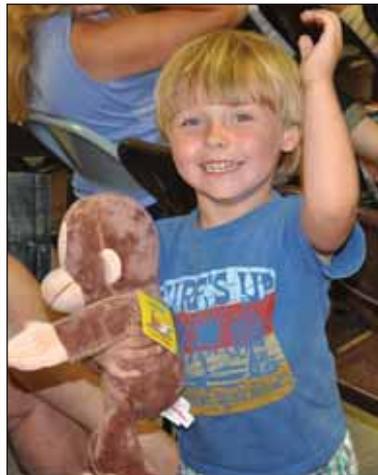
A large percentage of the 100 people in the West Island Improvement Association's community house burst into applause when young Tucker Cozzens won the Curious George stuffed animal because almost everyone knew how much he wanted

it.

Young Aidan Williams went out of his way to entertain as he modeled each item as his turn rolled around.

All in all, it was a fun little evening that raised funds for the WIIA.

Hundreds of items are donated and solicited for the annual event.



LEFT & MIDDLE: Young Tucker Cozzens reacts to winning the Curious George stuffed animal at the annual West Island Improvement Association Chinese Auction on 8/10. Half the room of 100 people knew that Mr. Cozzens wanted the toy and shared in his joy. RIGHT: Nancy Robicheau (CENTER) shares the excitement with Beverly Wilson (L) and Barbara O'Brien (R), who won a Fairhaven commemorative ceramic container. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.

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