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

They've gone baaacckkk!



Most Fairhaven students started school this week, with preschool and kindergarten starting next week. ABOVE: New fourth-grade teacher Monica Homer high-fives her students as they leave for the day on Tuesday, the first day of school for the Wood School on Sconticut Neck Road. Several students said they were scared or nervous on their first day back and that they were looking forward to ice cream for their afternoon snack. Kaia Short said she was nervous all day, but that it was still "pretty good." Her big sister Silje said it was "kind of scary," but since it was her second year at the school, that wore off pretty quickly. Principal Amy Hartley-Matteson said the day went off without a hitch, although the system of keeping students grouped by grade in the driveway seemed to break down after awhile. Only time will tell if the system will hold up throughout the year. *Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Usually I'm amazed at some of the cool things people and volunteers do and my faith in humanity is "restored." Then there are the days when I'm reminded why it needs restoring in the first place.

Sometimes, people just.... well, you know...pick your profanity.

Someone smashed in the window of the truck that belonged to Lance Corporal Matthew Rodriguez (see page 13). His fiancée is driving it around these days. Someone decided to steal her purse, and inside was the poem that she had written for Matthew, that was found in his helmet when he was killed in Afghanistan last December.

This is just wrong on so many levels and so sad on so many more. You smash a car window to steal a pocket-book? Really? It's summer in New Bedford, you should be going to the beach (it's free) and enjoying the sun, not terrorizing people so they are afraid to leave their stuff inside their own vehicles. The family is being very generous and just wants the poem back. I think the person who stole it should be forced to wash the cars of the Rodriguez family once a week for a year, and do it right.

Maybe that'll teach him (or her) to keep his hands to himself.

Back in Fairhaven, some nasty little piece of work sawed down the osprey platform that volunteers put up just a couple of months ago (see page 12). So, what's the problem with an osprey stand? You object to seeing wildlife in the marsh? The stand was supposed to be put on town land. Maybe it was a little too close to the property line? Ever hear of going to a meeting? You just cut it down?

The volunteers who put it up are just disheartened and will simply move it, don't want to rile the neighbors or make a criminal case out of it. I think the person who did it should be forced to help put up five osprey nests and should be forced to go out for a whole year counting birds.

These are birds that were here way before you, Buster (or is that Ms. Buster?). The least we can do is help them make a comeback. And what about the rest of us, your neighbors? Almost everyone likes to see the big birds back by the shore. What's your problem with that?

Forget it, don't even tell me. I don't care. You need to learn to keep your hands to yourself.

Taking a saw to property that is not yours is not only wrong, it IS criminal.

The ironic thing? Our story on the installation of the platform back in June had this headline: "Ospreys have friends in the neighborhood." Yeah, right.

Whoever you are, you should be ashamed of yourself. I wonder how you'd like it if someone took a saw to your house.

Onto cheerier matters: The big FESTA is this weekend (see page 3). Remember: best malassadas on planet EARTH...no exaggeration. Just be prepared to wait in line a long time for them.

But it's worth every minute.
Well, out of space and time.
Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In last week's issue we made a mistake in a listing in our happenings section on page 6. The Lobster Roll Dinner at Our Lady's Haven is eat in or take out.

Also, in our Conservation Commission story, we noted that Mr. Ristuccia said a right of way for the Papas house "would be" in the deed, meaning that it is something that would have to be, or should be in the deed, not that it was something that would, in fact, be on the deed in that particular instance.

We apologize for any confusion our errors may have caused.

Fairhaven's big little feast is this weekend

This is the weekend of the Our Lady of Angels Portuguese Feast in Fairhaven. The "big little feast" will be held at the OLOA Feast Grounds, 7 Jesse St., Fairhaven, on Saturday, August 30 to Monday September 1. Hours are: Sat. 5 p.m.–Mid.; Sun. Noon–Midnight; Mon. Noon–10:00 p.m. Procession on Main Street will be on Monday at 1:00 p.m.

A traditional Portuguese "festa" with live music, game booths, Portuguese & American foods, auctions, kids' activities.

Activities include game booths, traditional Portuguese foods including malassadas, linguica, carne espito, cacoila and bifana. You'll also find clamcakes, hot dogs, cotton candy and ice cream.

The Port wine is, of course, a must to try, the beer is sure to be cold and the malassadas still warm.

Park at St. Mary's Church.

Sponsored by Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association. On Monday, there is a traditional religious procession on Main Street from St. Mary's Church to Benoit Square and back. Features local marching bands, clergy

and statues, including the life-sized statue of Our Lady of Angels carried on the shoulders of the men of the

association.

For more information: call 508-990-0502.



ABOVE: The men of the Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association carry the large statue of Our Lady of Angels down Main Street in Fairhaven on Monday, 9/2/13, as part of the annual procession for the OLOA feast. The statue weighs nearly 800 pounds and is carried from St. Mary's Church to Benoit Square and back. *Neighb News file photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

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Planning Board to hold public hearing for new medical building

By Beth David

Editor

At its meeting on 8/19, the Fairhaven Planning Board scheduled public hearings on September 23 for two special permits: a proposal to build a 10,000 square foot medical building at 214 Huttleston Avenue (behind Frontera Grill); and a proposed additional parking lot on Mill Road near the former AT&T building.

The board also approved a Form A request, which will allow Lauren Francis to divide her property off Jerusalem and Scoticut Neck Roads.

Although the access to one of the lots did not have the required frontage on Jerusalem Road, the board approved the plans because the "historical access" is there.

The access to the lot with the house on it, known as "Smugglers Road," is narrow and turns off from Jerusalem Road. The other two lots have the required frontage. All three lots are conforming lots.

The measure passed 5-1 with Kaisa Cripps opposing.

The board also discussed the progress on the town's Master Plan. Economic Development Director/Planner William Roth said he has

been gathering information from the various departments. The open space plan was conducted in 2008/09 and is valid until September of 2015.

Board member Rene Fluerent, who ran the meeting in the absence of chairperson Wayne Hayward, has been pushing for the board to update the town's Master Plan, which has not been updated since 1995. It will allow the town to plan for future development.

The plan will look at current zoning and future buildout possibilities, and will recommend any changes in zoning, etc., to help the town reach goals and principles set out in the plan. There will be a public hearing before the plan is adopted. Any bylaws changes will have to be approved by Town Meeting.

The board also took the time to acknowledge the death of, and to remember, long time board member Channing Hayward, whose son Wayne is the current chairperson.

"He took the job seriously and did the best he could for the town," said board member Jeff Lucas.

Mr. Fluerent, whose uncle was also a long time PB member, said he did not know Chan Hayward personally.

"But I heard quite a few stories

from one of my uncles," said Mr. Fluerent. "The town has definitely lost a great man and a very devoted man."

"I served with Chan for many years. He was very adamant," said Gary Staffon, adding that Mr. Hayward thought of the whole town when he made decisions.

He said they did not always agree, but, "I appreciate his service."

In other business, the board voted to release the Community Development Block Grant funds. This round of grants means the town has received nearly \$8 million from the program. The money will be used for infrastructure and other improvements to two neighborhoods in north Fairhaven.

Board member Francis Budryk took issue with the area being designated a "slum."

"I didn't know we had slums in Fairhaven," said Mr. Budryk.

Mr. Roth explained that the designation as a slum and blight area takes into account the aging infrastructure of a 200-year-old town, including lack of drainage, no sidewalks and the presence of lead paint in houses.

Some of the money will go to homeowners to renovate homes.

ConCom approves shed, continues most other requests

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission made some progress in getting items off their agenda at their meeting on Monday, 8/25, but still continued most hearings

They approved a shed for David and Sharon Armistead of 5 Almond Street; approved a plan to replicate wetlands by Michael Ristuccia on Bass Creek Road; and approved a second single family home proposed by Jimmy Papas on Cedar Street near Morey Lane.

At the last meeting Nickolas Papas was approved to build a house on Cedar Street. Jimmy Papas now wants to build a house, also on Cedar Street, but at the Morey Lane end of the property. The ConCom had suggested the change to minimize disruption to the wetlands. The notices listed both Jimmy & Nickolas Papas.

Neighbors showed up in force to oppose both projects, but were limited to discussing only the Morey Lane house, because the other public hearing was closed.

Several neighbors complained that they did not know about the other hearing until it was too late.

One concern that neighbors had was the loss of a path to the beach that meandered off Morey Lane, which is a paper street, onto the Papas property.

David Bancroft of 7 Morey Lane said he did not understand how a project advertised as Cedar Street was now going to be on Morey Lane, which he described as a 12-foot dirt lane.

Geoffrey Haworth, who chaired the meeting in the absence of chairperson Jay Simmons, said the move would cause "much less damage to the wetlands."

Abutter Ken Stevens said that there were other issues not brought up at the other meeting and he wanted just to be able to "air the facts."

Mr. Haworth would not let him speak about the proposal that had been approved.

There was also some confusion as to whether or not the time limit had passed for the neighbors to file an appeal with DEP.

"We just don't want our quality of life diminished," said Mr. Stevens.

Linda Rogers said she did not understand how a house could be approved in such a swampy area.

"It's just so soaking wet down there," said Ms. Rogers.

Joyce Wilson took issue with having to hear it from the "grapevine," and "all of a sudden" there are two houses "in a swamp."

"It affects all of us," she said, and questioned how much more traffic would be using "this little dirt road."

"Our quality of life goes," she said.

Mr. Papas tried to assure neighbors that the quality of life in the neighborhood would not change, that he was hoping to share in it.

"I know change is tough," said Mr. Papas.

He said there would be one house at the end of Morey Lane, so the traffic would not increase, except by use by one single family home.

Mr. Haworth told neighbors that the ConCom's scope was limited and they looked at what was best for the

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ENTERTAINMENT:

Fri., 8/29: James Gagne, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.
 Sat., 8/30: The Relics, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
 Fri., 9/5, Slingshot, 8 p.m.-Midnight
 Sat., 9/6, Johnny's Basement, 9 p.m.

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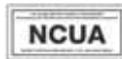


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Sun., 8/31, West Island Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven, 8-11 a.m.

By the West Island Improvement Association. **\$7 adults, \$4 children** under 12. Tickets are available at the door. Accessible.

OLOA Feast

This weekend, see page 3 for details

Raising of Big Flag

There will be a Flag Raising at Fairhaven High School, corner of Main Street and Route 6, using the "Big Flag" to commemorate Labor Day. The event will be held at **9:00 a.m. Monday morning (Sep. 1st)** and is sponsored by LIUNA (Laborers' International Union of North America #385, 115 Alden Rd., Fairhaven, MA.)

The public and especially all involved the labor movement are invited to participate in the ceremony and listen to Marisa Rebelo sing The National Anthem.

Butterfly Release

Southcoast® Visiting Nurse Association will host the third annual "Hope Takes Flight: A Butterfly Release" on Saturday, September 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Avenue in Fairhaven. All proceeds will benefit Southcoast VNA's Hospice Program.

More than 200 live butterflies at approximately 2:30 p.m. to honor and remember loved ones who have died. Other activities will include musical performances by the Sonaré Chamber Ensemble and Wayne Cabral, inspirational readings and a special recognition of Hospice staff members and volunteers. A silent auction and prize raffle will also be held throughout the afternoon, and light refreshments will be served. The event will take place rain or shine.

Butterflies to honor a loved one can be purchased before September 2 for a \$25 minimum donation, and will include a listing of a loved one's name in the event program book.

The event is presented by Mallard & POPS Printing, with additional support from BayCoast Bank, Mill Bridge Holdings LLC, and Surprenant & Berneski PC.

To order a butterfly or for more information about the event, contact Southcoast VNA Community Affairs at 508-973-3470 or email scvna.communityaffairs@southcoast.org.

Katie Brienzo Walk

Join us on **Sat., 9/13, at the Our Lady of Angels Feast Grounds, located at 7 Jesse Street, Fairhaven** for the 3rd ANNUAL KATIE BRIENZO MEMORIAL WALK!!! The walk is approximately 1.5 miles. Registration is \$15 (\$20 on Walk Day) and the First 100 to register receive a free Katie Brienzo Memorial Walk T-shirt. ALL proceeds from this event benefit the consumers of M.O.L.I.F.E., Inc., Katie's favorite charity. Katie was also a consumer at M.O.L.I.F.E. and it was her home away from home. The staff there helped her not just overcome her disability, but to thrive as an independent young woman.

Pre-Register at [http:// molifeinc.com/events/](http://molifeinc.com/events/) You MUST include your PayPal confirmation number on the Registration Form when mailing it in to show proof of payment.

Please bring a non-perishable food item for the MO Food=Life food pantry in New Bedford.

Registration begins at 11am and the walk begins at 12 noon, sharp! Rain or shine. There will be music by DJ JT Stevens, raffles, games, and face painting. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Thrift Shop Sale

Half price on clothes at Heavenly Treasures Thrift Store, 34 Center St. Fairhaven, on 8/30, Sept. 3, 6, 10 & 13

Farmers Market

The Fairhaven Farmers Market is held every **Sunday from 1-4 p.m. on the lawn of Fairhaven High School.** Buy local produce, herbs, vegetable plants, desserts, cookies, jams, honey, cheese, eggs, meat all from local farmers. As well as all the wonderful food there will be soap, local photography, rope crafts, face painting and henna.

We also have space available for non-profit groups to join us throughout the summer. For more information please contact Ann Richard the volunteer market manager at 508-991-8315 or ann.richard@gmail.com

Ft. Phoenix Race

Runners and walkers of all abilities are invited to participate in the 14th annual **Ft. Phoenix 5K Road Race/Walk.** This 5k (3.1-mile) event will kick off on **Sun., Sep. 7 at 10 a.m.** and is open to runners and walkers of all ages. The race will be held rain or shine. The race net proceeds will benefit organizations as determined each year by the Race Committee within the following categories: Sports, Community, History, and Education.

Cash awards, t-shirts, medals and other prizes in various categories.

Register on-line at <http://www.JBRace.com>. Sign up on race morning from 8:00 to 9:30 am at Ft. Phoenix State Reservation.

Boating Courses

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary in Fairhaven will be offering two boating courses **beginning on Sept. 8, from 7-9 p.m. at the USCG Auxiliary, 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven. Cost is \$40** for each course for materials.

For more details or to register, visit <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info>

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Traveling Boutique

The Traveling Boutique Shopping Day will be held on Wednesday September 3, 11:00am-2:00pm, at Atria Fairhaven, 391 Alden Road, Fairhaven. Featuring designs by: Alfred Dunner Unique jewelry, Scarves, Purses & More!

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Run, Row, Hops

8/30 (NEW DATE): Run, row and hops pursuit race at the Low Tide Yacht Club on Saturday, 8/30. Race your sailboat from New Bedford to Wepecket and back, then row in, drink a beer (or other beverage) to win. Best viewing at Ft. Taber and along East Beach

Contact Commodore Ed Lobo, 774-501-2097, ed_lobo@comcast.net for registration information.

The Low Tide Yacht Club is located at the Fort Taber Military Museum building, 1000B So. Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford. The club is actively seeking new members. Visit www.lowtideyc.org or call 508-996-4230

LGBT Drop-In

The LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning) Ministry at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 136 Rivet St., New Bedford, holds a gathering the **first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. FREE. Join us on Sept. 2** for support, spirituality and fun! Come and meet new people. All are welcome.

Poetry & Spoken Word

LIVE! Poetry and the Spoken Word in the Galleries **Thursday September 4, from 7-9 PM**

Join New Bedford's Poet Laureate Pat Gomes and friends for an evening of poetry and spoken word at NBAM/AW! next Thursday. From 7 to 8 p.m. there will be an open mike session for traditional poetry. At 8 we'll shift gears and spoken word will take over the podium. Everyone is invited to come and share a work or just sit back and enjoy the night as the words flow.

To celebrate this first time event, admission will be free starting at 6:30 p.m. Join us!

Singers Invited

Singers are invited to join the acclaimed Greater New Bedford Choral Society. Requirements: blend with your section, pay nominal fees for music, etc. No private audition.

Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian

Church, New Bedford (corner of County and Union Streets).

Starting date: Tuesday, 9/2. Call 508-644-2419.

Schwartz Ctr Walk

The 26th Annual Walk to Benefit the Schwartz Center for Children will be held on **Sun., Sept. 14, starting at 8:30 a.m. at Fort Taber in New Bedford.** Register at SchwartzCenterWalk.org

The 3.5-mile loop around Fort Taber starts at 8:30 a.m. with check-in and family-friendly activities and music to follow. The Walk start time is 9:30 a.m., after a few words from New Bedford's Mayor. To join the 'Walk With Us' campaign, register at: SchwartzCenterWalk.org.

The Schwartz Center for Children is a nonprofit organization with offices at 1 Posa Place in Dartmouth, MA. It has been serving children with a variety of special medical and developmental needs from birth to age 21 in SE Mass. since 1947. Services include a Day School, Early Intervention Program, Outpatient Rehabilitation Services, Regional Consultation Program, Pediatric Specialty Clinics, and a variety of other programs. For more information visit: schwartzcenter.org

Gourmet Dinner F-R

On **Tuesday, September 2, at 6:30 p.m. award winning Portuguese Chef, Jose Rego, will prepare gourmet 3-course dinner at the Top Shelf Bar and Grille.** This is a fundraising event for the SPIRIT OF SONG ENSEMBLE, a newly merged Community group of 75 singers plus instrumentalists, under the direction of Cassandra Morgan.

Cassandra Morgan is pleased to announce that two popular musical groups recently merged to form the Spirit of Song Ensemble. The first performance for the ensemble will be a Christmas Cantata to be held in December at Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. James Church.

The Christmas Cantata will be open to all to attend, and since only donations will be collected, the fundraising dinner will defray many of the costs. **Tickets are \$35** and are available by calling 508-942-6483 or 508-264-8010. Tickets are also available at Top Shelf Bar and Grille, St.

Anthony Credit Union in New Bedford, and the Bookstall in Marion.

Call for short plays

Culture*Park is now accepting submissions of original plays for the 12th Annual Culture*Park Short Plays Marathon, taking place Saturday, November 22, in downtown New Bedford, in the Whaling Museum Theater. **Deadline for play submissions to reach Culture*Park is Friday, October 3, 2014.**

The plays will be presented as staged readings by an ensemble of actors and directors. For more information, email culturepark.ed@earthlink.net, or call Culture*Park at 774-202-0588.

Visit www.culturepark.org and follow the 12th Marathon on facebook... Through 11 Marathons, Culture*Park has presented over 260 original short plays. Many of these new works have received further development, full production, and/or publication. Sponsored in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council

Free Friday at Zoo

The Buttonwood Park Zoo, 425 Hawthorn Stree, New Bedford. will have **free zoo admission this Friday, August 29**, thanks to the Highland Street Foundation's Free Fun Friday program. Visit www.bpzoo.org

The Zoo will be open 9:00am-5:00pm with last entry at 4:15pm. Train and Carousel rides will be available for standard ticket prices.

Ministry

Worship Him Ministries Intl is Launching empowerment services in New Bedford. **Starting Sept. 7, from 9-11am every Sunday.** WHM is located at 651 Orchard Street Suite #304 New Bedford. WHM specializes in outreach ministry: reaching the destitute, homeless, gang bangers, and prostitutes. WHM was established in 2005 and has reached 6.2 billion souls on their radio broadcast. Other outreaches of the ministry include conferences, feeding the homeless, clothing the poor, and empowerment services that encourage its members to follow suit.

For more information about WHM or any of our programs...please visit our website at www.whmintl.org

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Fireworks in Boston

Fireworks will light up the skies over Boston Harbor on Saturday to celebrate the Boston Arts Festival taking place along the waterfront.

You'll have a great view of the fireworks from anywhere along the waterfront in the North End, Downtown, South Boston, East Boston, and Charlestown. A barge anchored between East and South Boston will provide the launching site.

The free fireworks show is on Sat., 8/30, from 9-9:30 p.m. The Arts Festival takes place from noon to 6 p.m. on 8/30 and Sun., 9/1, at Christopher Columbus Park.

See more at: <http://www.boston-discovery-guide.com/boston-labor-day.html#sthash.Turixr1F.dpuf>

Pig Roast/Poker Run

Sunday, 9/7, Kickstands up at Noon, American Legion Post 265, 71 Hope St., Acushnet. \$20 per person, \$5 for poker run.

Call 508-998-6938 for tickets. Benefits Honor Flight New England: www.HonorFlightNewEngland.com

Chicken BBQ

Join us for food and fun on **Sun., 8/31, at 1 p.m., rain or shine for a Chicken BBQ, at Freetown VFW Post 6643, 89 Middleboro Road. Tickets: \$15; children 10 & under, \$10.** Proceeds support cancer research.

Menu includes: Charcoal grilled half-chicken, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, bread & butter, corn on the cob, watermelon, lemonade, cash bar. For tickets call Marcia Vaile, 774-328-6936m or Claudia Ostiguy, 508-995-7613

Farmers Market

The Acushnet Farmers Market is open for the season. We will also host multiple classes and cooking demonstrations.

Every Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. through September, rain or shine, at Stone Bridge Farm 186 Leonard St., Acushnet.

Book Signings

Captain Russell Webster, USCG Ret. will be signing copies of his book, *The Sol e Mar Tragedy Off Martha's Vineyard*, at the following bookstores.

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Next up: 8/28, *The Wizard of Oz*; 9/4, *Dazed and Confused*; 9/11: *The Goonies*.

For more information, visit <http://www.shopdowncity.com/>

Fish Meeting

The New England Fishery Management Council is hosting a peer review for the recent stock assessment update developed by NOAA Fisheries for Gulf of Maine cod.

The two-day meeting will be open to the public and held at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel, 250 Market Street, in Portsmouth, NH on Thurs. and Fri., 8/28 & 29. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday and 8:30 a.m. on Friday.

Visit [http://www.nefmc.org/press/press_releases/2014/PR_GOMcodPeerReview%20\(3\).pdf](http://www.nefmc.org/press/press_releases/2014/PR_GOMcodPeerReview%20(3).pdf) for details.

Cruise Night

Thurs. 8/28 is Cruise Night in Acushnet, 5:30-8:30 p.m. In the center of town. 50's band, Food Vendors. The Acushnet E.M.A.'s Support Group Will be serving up their (Pure Charcoal) Hamburgers & Cheese Burgers, and the Dave burger.

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Apple-Peach Fest

Save the Date!

Acushnet's signature event: the 35th Apple-Peach Festival will be held on **Sat. and Sun., 9/6 & 7, at the Long Plain Museum, 1203 Main St.** Features musical entertainment, demonstrations, food, crafts booths and activities for children.

Festivities on both days start at **10 a.m. and go until 6 p.m. Sunday's Parade begins from Pope Park at 10 a.m.** Free parking and admission at the museum. Shuttle bus from Acushnet Middle School.

Entertainment Schedule

Saturday, 9/6:

10:00-10:45: Voices in Time

11:00-11:45: Gary Langevin

12:00-12:45: Lemon 714

1:00-1:45: One Cent Peep Show

2:00-2:45: Neal McCarthy Problem

3:00-3:45: Girl Friday

4:00-6:00: Murphy's Law

Sunday, 9/8:

10:00-10:45: Gonsalves Tae Kwon Do

11:00-11:45: IG Mills

12:00-12:45: The Stumblers

1:00-1:45: Walk the Line

2:00-2:45: Buzzard Blue

3:00-3:45: Dirty Sanchez

4:00-6:00: Shipyard Wreck

Contact Acushnet town hall for more information: 508-998-0200; <http://www.acushnet.ma.us/>

Save the date!

As part of Dartmouth's 350th birthday celebration, the Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust is hosting the **Amazing Reserve Race**, a fun competition that will take teams of four to locations around Dartmouth on **Sun., 9/21.** Register at www.dnrt.org

Rummage Sale

Smith Neck Friends Meeting will sponsor their **Annual Rummage Sale on Sat. 9/6 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm., 594 Smith Neck Road at the corner of Rock O'Dundee Road, Dartmouth, Accessible Call 508-994-5108.**

Mother's fur coat and Dad's tweed jacket and sister's prom dress as well as favorite toys all find their way to this intriguing bargains galore sale. Area residents have been cleaning out their closets and providing the Ways and Means Committee with plenty of bargains in sweaters, shoes, winter clothing and children's items blankets and towels.

Also for sale will be books and household items ideal for that student either furnishing a new dorm room or returning to college. There will be some antique treasurers including originals paintings.

Held rain or shine in Fellowship Hall, coffee and donuts are on sale for early risers. Proceeds benefit the ongoing projects of the Meeting House.

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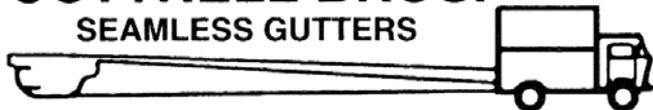
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Green and black olives to garnish

1 cup sliced green onions

Spicy dressing (below)

Dressing

1 cup sour cream

1/2 cup mayonnaise

1/4 cup oil

1/2 cup lemon juice

1 tbsp garlic powder

1 tbsp chili powder

1 tbsp cumin

1/4 tsp salt

1/4 tsp hot sauce

In blender, blend dressing on high, 1 to 2 mins. Place in dish.

Line salad plates with lettuce leaves. Arrange shrimp with sliced avocado on lettuce. Top with olives and green onions.

Top with dressing.

Submitted by Chanda Coutinho

To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to neighbnews@comcast.net

A professor is someone who talks in someone else's sleep.

W.H. Auden

Elf's Landscaping takes it



The Elf's Landscaping Fairhaven-Acushnet Little League team celebrates after taking the Major League Championship. They went the whole season through the playoffs and championship series with only one loss. FRONT ROW: Niko Tavares, Troy Lopes, Ian Conte, Logan Berube, Christian Letourneau. SECOND ROW: Nate Roderiques, Isaiah Lopez, Boston Rodrigues, Seth Cruz. BACK ROW: Coach Tim Lopes, Coach Dave Rodrigues, Coach Jay Cruz, Manager Todd Letourneau, Coach Ben Berube, Coach Matt Roderiques. *Submitted photo. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

Elf's Landscape defeated Century House 16-4 in Game 2 to win the Fairhaven Acushnet Little League Major League championship in Acushnet. The hotly contested championship series featured the top two regular season teams.

Elf's jumped out to a Game 1 lead with a 2-1 victory. Game 1 featured a classic pitcher's duel between two of

the league's best pitchers Brady Bennett and Troy Lopes.

Both kids pitched outstanding from the start of the game. Seth Cruz (1-for-1, double, walk, 1 run) lined a double to right field to get the game going. Logan Berube (1-for-3, HR, 2 RBI's) followed in the first inning with a 2-run homerun. Elf's carried a 2-0

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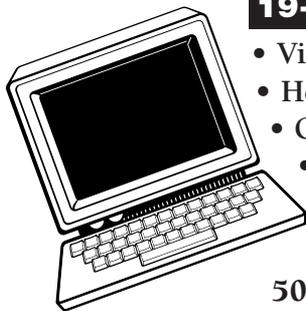
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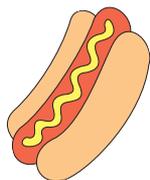
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Osprey nest platform vandalized



Photos clearly show that the osprey platform in the marsh near Priest's Cove was purposely cut down. The platform was installed last June. *Photos courtesy of a neighbor.*

The osprey stand that volunteers installed in the marsh near Priest's Cove in May (see our 6/5/14 issue) was cut down last week, probably on Monday, 8/18. Ospreys have been making a comeback since their devastation in the 1970s from DDT.

Platforms for the osprey to nest on recreate large dead trees that used to line the coasts. The osprey prefers a high perch, preferably near the water. Ospreys feed exclusively on fish, which they catch live. Fairhaven has another platform near Winsegansett Pond on Sconticut Neck and a pair has used it for two seasons, producing two fledglings last year and three this year.

Katherine Groh, who spearheaded the

effort to erect the platform, said she did not want to make a criminal case of it.

"If somebody had an objection, we would've moved it," she said.

The platform was discussed at a public hearing in a conservation commission meeting. She will need to go back in front of the ConCom to replace it or move it to another site.

Some fledglings had been sitting on the platform, leading her to believe they were looking for a place to nest next year.

"Buzzards Bay was named for the osprey," said Ms. Groh. "There should be hundreds of them flying around and they just need a place to nest."

North Turbine out with synchronization problems

Fairhaven's north turbine has not been spinning for several weeks due to a synchronization problem, according to the developers.

Project owner Gordon Deane said in an email that the north turbine itself does not have a problem, the problem is the communication between the turbine and NSTAR.

The problem started when a fluctuation in the NSTAR grid, most likely due to a surge, caused some fuses to be blown.

"It's important to note that we know of no problem with turbine," wrote Mr. Deane. "It is operable and capable of generating power. It's in

the controls whereby the power from the turbine needs to be put onto NSTAR's system in sync with NSTAR's system."

In response to a question about "parasitic power," or the power the turbine uses for its operating systems when it is not producing power, Sumul Shah, whose company operates the turbine, said that power it consumes is small.

"Even with the turbine's issues of late, the turbine has consumed 850 kWh over the past 30 days, which is about normal for this time of year," wrote Mr. Shah. "In contrast, the turbine has produced 5656 kWh over

the past 30 days. The assertion that more power is being consumed than produced isn't even accurate for the North Turbine, let alone the whole facility. During the last 30 days, the South Turbine has produced 122,387 kWh of power, way over what is being consumed."

The turbine should be back online in a matter of days.

The north turbine has had sporadic problems with synchronization with the grid. The south turbine has not had the same problems.

The public can track the power production of Fairhaven's wind turbines at www.fairhavenwind.info/

Water restrictions lifted

Water restrictions in Fairhaven and Mattapoisett have been lifted. The restrictions were put in place on August 10 after bacteria were found in the Tinkham Lane well.

The public works department fixed the roof and fabricated a new base plate. Crews used a camera to check the well to find possible trouble spots, leading to the replacement of

the base plate.

That required pulling the pump out, which put the well out of service. The town has two other wells to draw water from. Mattapoisett also draws water from the same system.

After those repairs were made, including re-installation of the pump, new samples were taken and revealed "zero bacterial hits," according to an

email by DPW superintendent Vinnie Furtado.

"As a result, we are back in business and both Mattapoisett and Fairhaven have lifted their respective water bans," wrote Mr. Furtado.

Water was never unsafe for drinking, as the bacteria was found on the pre-treatment side of the process.

Boat poker run raises \$10,000 for Kennedy-Donovan Center

From Press Release Materials

The first annual Nopper Marine Poker Run was a smashing success, exceeding all expectations by organizers. They had hoped to raise around \$5,000, but ended up turning in a donation of \$10,000 to the Kennedy-Donovan Center.

“Leading up to the event I did

create a lot of media buzz about the event and was lucky to get lots of media outlets to post about the event for free,” said Kerry Nopper. “Word of mouth amongst our friends and customers all quickly spread and everyone was on board. We formed a poker run committee with our friends and they were a great support system in helping to secure vendors for entertainment, trophies, tee shirts and other services. The Seaport Inn and Marina in Fairhaven was also extremely generous in donating the event space and putting in new docks just to hold our event.”

Twenty-nine boats entered the event. Wind conditions cut it short, though, with boats only able to make it to two stops: a house boat in Woods Hole and the Chart Room in Cataumet.

Everyone enjoyed dinner, dancing and some games of poker back at the Seaport Inn and Marina at the final stop. The Best Looking Crew award went to Rob Sullivan of Fairhaven, who owns a 35-foot Fountain. The Best Looking Boat went to Gerry Arata of Attleboro, who owns a 46-foot



Nopper Marine held its first annual Boat Poker Run on August 16. ABOVE: a boater shows off a little during the poker run. LEFT: Boats line up at the first annual Nopper Poker Run. Submitted photos. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com



Skater Cat. Hardest Luck award went to Brian DaSilva of Attleboro, who had an engine break out in the bay and also owns a 35-foot Fountain.

“We are beyond thrilled to be able to do this for the school that does so much to support children and adults with developmental delays and disabilities,” said Ms. Nopper. “We had so much positive feedback from the participants and guests. At the end of the day, they hoped we would go on to do a second event next year. So we are up for the challenge and are underway to start prepping for next year!”

Rodriguez family heartbroken over stolen poem

A poem written for Lance Corporal Matthew Rodriguez of Fairhaven who was killed in combat in Afghanistan on December 11, 2013, was stolen from the truck he owned. His fiancée Julia wrote the poem to Matt and he carried it in his helmet. It was returned to his family after he was killed.

“The poem was with him when he

took his last breath,” wrote his mother Lisa on her Facebook page. “When HE DIED DEFENDING YOU and your right to live as you choose!”

The truck was in the parking lot at Riccardi’s in New Bedford on Sunday, 8/24. The window was smashed and Julia’s pocketbook, with her money and credit cards, was taken.

The family is asking that the poem

be returned to Rodriguez, PO Box 51141, New Bedford, MA 02745. Matt’s mother wrote that she will return a \$25 gift certificate to the return address.’

“If you return more, I will increase the amount,” she wrote.

Anyone who knows anything about the theft is asked to respond to the above address or contact police.

Ice bucket challenge has local giving option

Press Release

The Ice Bucket Challenge, a social media phenomenon that has brought national attention to Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, has kindled heartwarming support for one Fairhaven family.

Fairhaven resident, Ken Douglass, passed away July 24, 2014 after a 14 year battle with ALS. He left behind a wonderful wife, Mary, and two beautiful daughters, Casey and Brooke. As a symbol of their friendship and heartfelt condolences, friends created a fund to assist the

Douglass girls with college expenses.

With the Ice Bucket Challenge continuously spilling into news feeds across social media and over \$4,000 raised so far, the Douglass Family College Fund has received overwhelming support from Ice Bucket Challenge participants and the Southcoast community; including Fairhaven Chief of Police, Michael Myers and WBSM radio personality, Philip Paleologos. Anonymous donations ranging from \$10 to \$1,000 have also been made — some in honor of other ALS patients.

The Douglass Family College Fund Team hopes this initiative will provide not only monetary but emotional support to Mary, Casey, and Brooke as they continue to heal and move forward with their lives.

Members of the community who wish to donate can do so online at www.gofundme.com/douglassfamilyfund

For more information about the Douglass Family, visit <http://community.als.net/thedouglassfamilyeffort>.

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Home Alone Class

Designed to encourage children to be more independent. Covers basic first aid, door and telephone protocol, accident prevention, first aid for choking and safety measures. Pizza will be provided. Space is limited. Ages: 9-12 September 22nd, 5:30-8PM. \$45 members / \$50 non-members

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Special Activities

Sand for Seniors

The Fairhaven Commission on Disability is sponsoring a fall prevention program this winter called Sand for Seniors. The commission will be delivering five gallon buckets filled with a sand/salt mix to seniors 60 and over, and residents with disabilities, to use on their icy walk ways. The bucket will be delivered to your home in early November. If you would like to receive a bucket, please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029.

Hope Takes Flight

Hope Takes Flight butterfly release: Sat., 9/13, from 1-4 p.m. South Coast VNA's Hospice will be holding its annual fundraiser at the Fairhaven Council on Aging.

Butterflies can be ordered directly through the South Coast VNA at 508-973-3470 or through the Fairhaven Council on Aging. There is a \$25.00 donation for each butterfly ordered. Please call the Fairhaven COA @ (508-979-4029) and ask for Anne Silvia for more information.

Single Seniors

Single Seniors Supper Club first and third Tuesday of the month. If you are single senior 60 or older and would like to attend, please call the Senior Center by Monday at 508-979-4029.

South Coast LGBT Seniors

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender seniors meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 5-7 for supper and socialization. This is a nice opportunity to meet new friends. Please call Fairhaven senior center by the Thursday before to reserve.

Senior Discount Day Trip

Next Salvation Army Trip is October 6, to the Swansea store. Only 14 seats so call the Fairhaven COA at 508-979-4029 to reserve your seat, \$2.00 donation is suggested.

Facts about Fats

Presentation, Wed., Sept. 10, 12:00 noon. Jamie Bucherri from Coastline will be discussing the facts about fats and we serve a healthy low fat snack for all to try.

Wellness Walking Group

Meets at Buttonwood Park Zoo (front door) at 10:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month For all ages.

Health Awareness Fair

September 22, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Council on Aging. Free to Vendors but raffle prizes will be appreciated. Table and chairs provided Please call Anne Silvia at the Fairhaven COA to RSVP by 9-17-2014 at 508-979-4029 or email at asilvia@fairhaven-ma.gov

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Acushnet to stick with quarterly water/sewer bills

By Michael Smith

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard on Monday, 8/25, discussed the possibility of switching from quarterly to tri-annual water and sewer bills.

Board member Garry Rawcliffe initially made a proposal to the board of having tri-annual billing at the last meeting, where the idea of staggering the water and sewer bills so they would not coincide with other town billings was not looked on favorably by the town's Finance Department and collector's office.

Town Administrator Alan Coutinho said he believed going to billing three times a year wouldn't make much of a difference in easing the burden on residents.

Town Collector/Treasurer Kristie Costa spoke before the board on the impact tri-billing would have on the collector's office.

"If we went to a tri-annual billing, the impact on the office would be somewhat minimal," said Ms. Costa.

However, she noted that residents are used to the quarterly billing and going to a tri-annual billing might create dissatisfaction.

"Changing it up will cause a lot of confusion for our residents as they will be calling the office," she said. "It will not alleviate any of the work in the collector's office."

Ms. Costa said she believed going to tri-annual billing would be a step

back.

The board will stay with the quarterly billing cycle for now and see how the first year of the new rates goes.

Chairperson Kevin Gaspar suggested putting the issue before Town Meeting to find out if residents would prefer monthly billing.

"I'd like the town to weigh on this

Gallagher, who went before the board to discuss the placement of a sign for the town's 9/11 Memorial. Chief Gallagher said the Department of Transportation 'looked favorably' upon the fire department's request to erect a sign on Route 105 to direct traffic to the 9/11 memorial site at the fire department on Russell Street.

Location of the brown 24 x 36-inch sign would be on the South Main Street portion of Route 105 to guide visitors to the site.

Noting the amount of increased traffic in the area from people out of town the chief said, "The thought is the sign would possibly help some folks looking for the site."

If the sign works, Chief Gallagher said there could be another sign erected on one of the town roads. The \$370 cost of installing the sign will come from the 9/11 Memorial Fund.

The board approved the request unanimously.

The Selectboard also set a date of October 27 for the next Town Meeting. According to Mr. Coutinho, the deadline for submission of town articles would be on October 24.

Mr. Gaspar read a proclamation from the Quequechan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to recognize the week of September 17 as Constitution Week, marking the 227th anniversary of signing of U.S. Constitution.

The board agreed unanimously.

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[Acushnet Collector/
Treasurer Kristie Costa]

issue," said Mr. Gaspar.

On the issue of setting the minimum usage for water, the board voted unanimously to install a 2,000 cubic feet minimum of water usage for billing purposes.

In a related matter the board also agreed to place on file the certification of water and sewer rates for 2015.

The lone appointment of the meeting was Acushnet Fire Chief Kevin



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From our readers

Students can opt out of PARCC testing

It's hard to follow all of the changes taking place in public education.

We're told schools are using the Common Core State Standards, and at the same time we're told Common Core is a national set of standards. Articles are released with reference to Common Core being "global" standards. What's going on?

It's important to understand one of the prime objectives behind the Common Core State Standards is to remove "local" control from our public schools.

It aims to put an end to local input concerning the education of our children.

This year school committees in each school district voted either to continue using the MCAS test or to have students take the Common Core-related Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). Those that voted in favor to use PARCC, furthered the implementation of Common Core.

If your school committee voted to use PARCC, while you desire to retain "local" control of your schools, send them a message through your action. Inform your child's school administrator and classroom teachers that you excuse your child (opt them out) from PARCC testing.

Your administrators should inform you that schools are "held harmless" this year, which means the testing doesn't count. The test doesn't count, so there's no penalty on your child's academic record for not taking it.

You will most likely meet resistance but don't be fooled, you ARE able to excuse (opt out) your child from the test.

Take this action now, as a message to the education establishment that you want to retain local control of your public schools. Once local control is gone, it's gone for good. Tell your administrators, "No thanks."

Michelle Furtado, Fairhaven

Mattapoisett Friends looking for antiques

Donations of high end antiques, Oriental rugs, fine art, important paper collectibles, sterling and gold are being sought by Mattapoisett Friends Meeting as part of its fundraising efforts to restore its historic meeting house.

Frank McNamee of the Marion Antique Shop has agreed to handle the sale of vetted items at its annual November auction. A mid-September deadline has been set for this particular sale. Vetting will be done by Mr. McNamee.

A receipt for income tax purposes, for the full value of any item sold, will be given to the donor by the church.

Mr. McNamee is also helping the cause by reducing the seller's commission by half for which the meeting is grateful.

Two donations have already been accepted. One is an 1871 scrapbook with articles pasted over a partial logbook of the New Bedford whaling ship Courier, covering the last part of a voyage begun in 1829. Two articles in the scrapbook deal with Pres. Abraham Lincoln's assassination.

Another is a type of metate, called a grinding stone or grinding slab, carved by pre-Columbian Mayans from one piece of stone. It is accompanied by two mano stones, hand-held carved stones for grinding corn and other grains.

To date, the Friends Meeting has raised more than \$82,000 toward the estimated \$245,000 restoration project. Phase 1 of the work is expected to begin next month.

For more information, call Brad Hathaway at (508) 758-3579.

The ISIS humanitarian threat and Masscare in Iraq

I wonder how much longer we Americans can count on staying free when we can idly stand by when innocent women and children are being slaughtered in Iraq. Christians and other religious sects are being

sought after and ruthlessly persecuted by this radical Muslim sect namely ISIS who are wanton killers of the worst sort who kill and behead children and rape women.

Their stated intentions are world dominance and the annihilation of Israel and the United States. The methods they employ are the indoctrination and radicalization of their followers and any and all methods of death and destruction to achieve it whether it be suicide bombings like 911, and the Boston bombing, that's the methods they will employ. They will recruit others to carry out these missions. God forbid when they get the atomic bombs and they explode them in our country. I can only say they are on the march now and it will happen if they are not stopped.

It's gotten to the point where even the Vatican has denounced ISIS for the wanton slaughter of innocent victims and the ever growing threat of Islamic terrorists and called for military action in the form of bombing these barbarians.

So what does our commander in chief do? He dithers while innocents are being slaughtered in Iraq. He's on a two-week vacation in Martha's Vineyard where the most difficult decision he makes is what golf club to use when he's putting.

I say wake up America before it's too late.

John Pond, Fairhaven

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Happy 70th!



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Daniels, who both live at Atria Senior Living in Fairhaven. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Saturday, 8/16/14. Photo submitted by Wendy Carr-Cabral.

Elegant picnic raises funds



The green lawn of the Unitarian Memorial Church on Green Street in Fairhaven was the setting for the elegant "Picnic on the Lawn" event on Saturday, 8/16. The event was organized by Howe Allen and Tim Evans and benefited the Fairhaven Historical Society. Picnic goers wore various shades of white and provided their own food, as you would at any picnic. Organizers provided tables and attendees decorated and set them in their own unique ways. The Jim Robitaille Trio entertained the crowd. ABOVE: A bird's eye view of the grounds of the Unitarian Church on Saturday, 8/16 during the "Picnic on the Lawn" event. The fund-raiser benefited the Fairhaven Historical Society. Photo courtesy of John Maciel.

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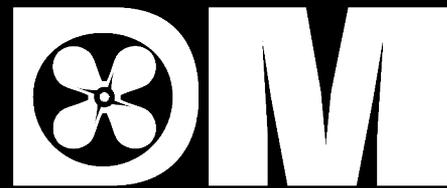
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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on September 08, 2014 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 Richard Barnes Location 214 Huttleston Ave. Plot 30A Lot 91 Purpose

construct 10,800 square foot Medical Office Building and parking and landscaping within the 100' buffer zone to BVW.

Jay Simmons Chairman,
Fairhaven Conservation Commission

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wetlands.

"And that other house is the best thing to put in a swamp?" said Ms. Wilson.

The board voted to approve the proposal and to issue the order of conditions at the next meeting. However, they issued the conditions at the end of the same meeting along with the conditions for the previously approved Cedar Street home. The conditions will be recorded when Conservation Agent Wayne Fostin returns from vacation.

The matter of removing some trees from two Jeannette Street properties caused some repetitive discussion as the ConCom insisted that the property owners get a professional restoration plan done and the owners tried to get the ConCom to tell them exactly what they needed to do to satisfy the commission.

"This is something that needs to be professionally done," said Mr. Rockwell.

Owner Lee Bachand and Gerald Randall kept asking if they could just remove the wood chips, and the commission kept repeating that they needed a plan to fix the damage they had caused.

Mr. Rockwell told the owners that no notice of intent was filed, no permit was issued for erosion control.

"If you have a lawn and wood chips in an active zone, that's a violation," said Mr. Rockwell.

The issues include removing trees in a wetland, a drainage pipe, some wood chips and some lawn area.

"Can you show us the area we altered," asked Mr. Randall, and repeatedly asked to be told what to do to fix it.

The ConCom repeatedly answered that he needed to hire a professional to create a restoration plan.

Lorraine Bachand, 71, who is Lee's mother and lives next door, was also included in the violation because some trees on her land were also cut down.

She admonished the commission, telling them that she had lived there her whole life and there once was a shack in the woods they used for warming up after ice skating.

"Now you tell my daughter she can't do anything to the property,"

said Lorraine. Bachand. "All of a sudden I can't put a tree in my yard, I have to ask permission. I am a taxpayer, and darn good one. I'm old school."

She complained that she had to ask permission to remove poison ivy "on land that has belonged to my family for over 100 years."

Mr. Rockwell explained that the work exceeded the permit, causing the violations.

"I don't believe it's right," said Lorraine. "I have to ask permission to put wood chips?"

Mr. Haworth told her that the commission's job is to protect the environment. He said many properties have been destroying wetlands, "ruining the planet."

"I understand that," said Lorraine. "But I just want to give you my opinion."

The hearing was continued to 10/6 to give the Bachands time to have the restoration plan created.

A proposal by New Phoenix Renovations to clear out existing drainage ditches at the former Fairhaven Drive-In property at 172 Bridge Street, met with some resistance by ConCom members and Mr. Rockwell.

The petitioners contended that they have the right to clean out existing ditches. Mr. Rockwell disagreed, saying the property was wetlands and should not be altered.

There was some discussion as to whether or not the property was so wet because the ditches were not draining properly because they are blocked, or if the property is historically a wetland area.

Talk about how the work would affect flooding on Bridge Street banded back and forth as to whether or not it was irrelevant to the ConCom's mission.

Speaking for owner Bob Contreres, Craig Horsfal told the commission the intent was simply to clean out existing ditches so they will work the way there were designed.

Mr. Rockwell said he was concerned that the ditches will move water into the bay.

A Department of Public Works ditch also drains into the private property and there was some disagreement on whether or not the DPW should be doing the work, with

Mr. Haworth saying they have no funds for it, which is why they endorsed the current proposal.

The commission will visit the site on 9/7 and the owner will cut a path through the brush to allow members to reach the ditches.

The hearing was continued to 9/8

In another matter, the ConCom continued to its 9/8 meeting a request by Amy Lorvidhaya to install an in-ground pool at 33 Bayview Avenue.

Next-door neighbor Hedy Albert told the Commission that she was worried about the project causing increased flooding on her property. She described the area as sloping down towards her house.

"My property sits right at the bottom of the hole," said Ms. Albert.

The board will conduct a site visit on 9/7 and discuss it on 9/8.

Luis Pacheco withdrew his request for beach nourishment at 307R Sconticut Neck Road. After seeing pictures of the rocky beach, commission members one by one made it clear that they saw a "rocky shore," not a beach.

"A rocky beach is a living beach," said ConCom member Simone Bourgeois, explaining that a sandy beach is not, and is created by erosion.

She said filling in the rocky beach with sand will "destroy flora and fauna."

Mr. Haworth agreed, saying simply: "It's not a beach."

A hearing for a request for determination for Jay Johanson for an after-the-fact filing for an asphalt driveway at 565 Sconticut Neck Road was not heard because the petitioner did not show up.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the verification of a wetland line for Thomas and Barbara Ferreira, stating that a previous wetland verification was still valid. The conservation agent will need to verify the date of the original approval.
- Continued a hearing to verify the wetland line for Carapace LLC, 250 Bridge Street (car dealership), to 9/8 to conduct a site visit on 9/7.
- Approved a plan by Michael Ristuccia to replicate wetlands on his property at Bass Creek Road instead of elsewhere in town.

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lead into the top of the sixth. Nate Figueiredo (1-for-3, double, 1 run) led off the sixth with a double and Carter Owen (1-for-3, single, 1 RBI) drove him in with a single. Niko Tavares had a hit for Elf's while Brady Bennett contributed with a hit for Century House. Elf's pitchers Troy Lopes and Boston Rodrigues were outstanding, and were supported by solid defense from Niko Tavares and Isaiah Lopez. Brady Bennett pitched great with only allowing 3 hits and striking out 5.

In Game 2, Elf's jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first off hits by Logan Berube and Ian Conte. Century House quickly answered as Brady Bennett (3-for-3, double, single and a HR) drove in Bryce Duprey (1-for-2, walk, single) to tie the game 2-2. In the third inning the Elf's bats came alive to score 7 runs. Elf's pushed a few more runs through in the 4th and 6th inning. Elf's hits came from Boston Rodrigues (2 singles, walk), Seth Cruz (double, 4 walks), Troy Lopes (single, double), Logan Berube (single, double), Christian Letourneau

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(single), Isaiah Lopez (single) and Niko Tavares (single). Century House's other hits came from Nate Figueiredo (single), Bryce Duprey (single), Carter Owen (double), Timmy Lawrence (single) and Aidan Milton (single). Logan Berube pitched an outstanding game holding Century House to 3 runs over 5 innings. Boston Rodrigues pitched a solid sixth inning to give Elf's Landscape their first Fairhaven Acushnet Little League Championship.

"I am extremely proud of the way our team played and what these kids accomplished the whole year," said Manager Todd Letourneau. "They have a never-give-up attitude. It's been a team effort all year long. The atmosphere was great and to see all the support these kids got during the season was amazing. I couldn't have asked for a better group of kids, parents and league to be part of."

Elf's Landscape would like to take this time to thank Century House's Marc Duprey and his team on a great season.

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Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 9/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 9/8, 5 Arsene St. 6 p.m.

Commission on Disability

Wed., 9/17, Senior Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 9/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Government Study Comm

Thurs., 9/4, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Thurs., 9/18, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 9/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 9/10, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 9/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., 8/28, Town Hall, CANCELLED

Acushnet Meetings

Agricultural Commission

Thurs., 9/18, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Police Sta. Bldg. Comm.

Wed., 9/10, Town Hall, 3 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 9/8, Long Plain Mtg., 4:30 p.m.

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Sunday	31	0011	1240	0515	1747
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Tuesday	2	0201	1431	0701	1953
Wednesday	3	0257	1528	0810	2101
Thursday	4	0358	1632	0917	2207
Friday	5	0505	1736	1025	2316

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The Fairhaven Public Schools seeks to identify all children in need of special education services. The Fairhaven Public Schools provides all children with an opportunity to participate in the public school programs and, in accordance with federal and state regulations, provides special education programs designed to meet the needs of children who are attending not only public schools, but also private schools at private expense and whose parents reside in Fairhaven.

Fairhaven Public Schools will arrange for the screening and evaluation of children aged 3 through 21 who are unable to progress effectively in regular education because of a disability. Disabilities are defined as an impairment in one or more of the following areas:

Autism, Developmental Delay, Intellectual Impairment, Sensory Impairment (Hearing or Vision), Neurological Impairment, Emotional Impairment, Communication Impairment, Physical Impairment,

Health Impairment or Specific Learning Disability.

For further information regarding screenings and evaluations or eligibility for programs, and/or services, please call the Special Education Department at 508-979-4000, Extension 117. Referrals are accepted throughout the year.

Fairhaven Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of age, handicap, sexual orientation, race, religion, creed, gender, or national origin.

Notice of Destruction of Student Record

Please be advised that, in accordance with applicable state regulations, the Fairhaven Public School district will be destroying the temporary student records on file for students who exited the Fairhaven Public Schools seven or more years ago (students who have not attended since 2007). Temporary student records include all special education records [copies of Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), test

reports, progress reports, etc.]. School districts are required to destroy these materials seven years after the student transfers, graduates, or withdraws from the school system. Destruction of these records will begin on or after September 30, 2014. Should you wish to obtain your records, you must contact the Special Education Office at (508) 979-4000 prior to September 29.

Please note that permanent records (the student's transcript) shall be maintained by the school department and may only be destroyed 60 years following his/her graduation, transfer, or withdrawal from the school system.

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