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FESTA!!!



The rain held off most of the weekend for the Our Lady of Angels Feast, including for the procession on Monday. Just a few minutes after the procession the skies opened up on feastgoers, but that didn't stop them from continuing to enjoy the day. They took cover under awnings and umbrellas and re-emerged as soon as the downpour stopped. 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, 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. 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.

I have one word for you
this week:

VOTE!!!
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Beth David, Publisher

Really. I'm quite serious. Do we really want to see a repeat of April's election? Do we really want to have to do this AGAIN?

And, please, if you have trouble understanding the ballot, if you have trouble marking the ballot, if you have any questions, just ask the poll workers. That's why they are there.

Do I make myself clear?

Good.

We've got lots of fun stuff in this issue and we have lots of fun stuff coming up this weekend. The Apple-Peach festival is this weekend in Acushnet (see page 3); the Azorean Whaleboat races and all kinds of other stuff surrounding that competition are this weekend in New Bedford; go to West Rodney French Blvd. for the best view (see page 7 for details). The Fort Phoenix Road Race is this Sunday (see page 6), and well, I could go on, but...I'm running out of space.

The new Wood School opened up this week. There's a ribbon cutting on Friday (see page 6) and all are invited to that. So, next week, we'll write a little about Leroy L. Wood, the man the school is named after. We think our little school is the only one in the country named after a bus driver. Pretty cool, huh? A quick Internet search didn't pull up any others, but, then again, it didn't pull up ours, either. We'll fix that with next week's issue.

Until then, see ya,

Don't forget to

VOTE

Mon., 9/9, in Fairhaven's special election
for Board of Health

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our Fairhaven Planning Board story last week we misnamed the engineer. He was Kenneth Ferreira, not Henry. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

Acushnet's Apple-Peach Fest. Sat. & Sun.

By Beth David
Editor

This weekend it's Acushnet's turn to show off with the 34th annual Apple-Peach Festival held at the Long Plain Museum, 1203 Main Street.

Saturday and Sunday's full line-up of entertainment starts at 10 a.m. and continues to 6 p.m.

Acushnet's signature event features musical entertainment, demonstrations, food, craft booths and activities for children.

Don't miss the parade

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, 9/7:

- 10:00–10:45: Voices in Time
- 11:00–11:45: X Two
- 12:00–12:45: Jeff Dunn
- 1:00–1:45: One Cent Peep Show
- 2:00–2:45: Cool Beans
- 3:00–3:45: Slingshot
- 4:00–6:00: Neal McCarthy Problem

Sunday, 9/8:

- 10:00–10:45: Gonsalves Tae Kwon Do

- 11:00–11:30: T.B.A.
- 1:45–12:30: Girl Fridau
- 12:45–1:45: The Stumblurs
- 2:00–2:45: Walk the Line
- 3:00–3:45: Dancing Dogs
- 4:00–6:00: Shipyard Wreck

Contact Acushnet town hall for more information: 508-998-0200.



Fairhaven special election on Monday

Fairhaven's special election for the Board of Health is scheduled for Mon., 9/9. Absentee ballots are available at the town clerk's office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, 508-979-4023, Ext. 3.

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

Polling places are:

- Precinct One: Town Hall
- Precinct Two: High School
- Precincts Three & Four: Hastings Middle School
- Precinct Five: Recreation Center (PLEASE NOTE: Precinct Five votes at the Rec Center and NOT at the Wood School.)
- Precinct Six: East Fairhaven School

Don't forget to

VOTE

Mon., 9/9, in Fairhaven's special election for Board of Health



- My opponent sued the town, costing taxpayers \$17,000
- The well-known Windwise attorney represented him for free in the lawsuit against the town
- I am the third generation in Fairhaven; my children and grandchildren live in Fairhaven, too, making us a five-generation family
- I'm available anytime for board business: meetings, emergencies, daily support for the health agent
- I am the most well-rounded, experienced candidate

Re-Elect
Peter DeTerra
Fairhaven Board of Health
Vote for proven experience

I have handled the wind turbine controversy according to the recommendations and within the guidelines set by the Department of Environmental Protection.

I understand that we are a public health board, not a personal healthcare agency and I act accordingly.

There is so much more work to do in Fairhaven: Lyme Disease prevention, mosquito-borne illnesses prevention, recycling efforts, and so much more.

I would be proud to be able to continue my work on these and other issues.

I respectfully ask for your vote on Sept. 9.

Paid for by Peter DeTerra

Candidates say nothing new in debate for special BOH election

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Both Fairhaven Board of Health candidates opened the 8/27 debate regurgitating slightly altered versions of the statements published in the *Neighb News* prior to the event, ending the evening having revealed minimal new information about themselves as candidates or their positions on issues such as wind turbines or the Fairhaven Shipyard.

Emceed by Selectboard Chairperson Charles Murphy, the hour-long debate featured questions submitted by the public and asked by a media panel including Beth David from the *Neighb News* and Ariel Wittenberg of the *Standard-Times*.

BOH incumbent Peter DeTerra and challenger John Wethington mostly gave short answers, blowing through questions so quickly, the panel ran out of questions and ended the debate five minutes early.

The familiar faces of Windwise peppered the audience, and the ever-increasingly familiar faces of Friends of Fairhaven donning tee shirts featuring the wind turbines and the new Fairhaven skyline had a significant presence in the first few rows.

Mr. DeTerra highlighted the role of the Board of Health, like flu clinics, hazardous waste collection, and recycling. The bulk of his statement was in defense of his response as chairperson to the wind turbine complaints.

He said as chair of the BOH, he is now tasked with meeting with other town boards to hire an independent contractor to review the wind turbine data and take new measurements.

He then stated, "I would never sue the Town."

Mr. Wethington approached the podium motioning for people to stop in response to applause from supporters.

"You all know me, my name is John Wethington," he began.

In his opening statement teeming with campaign promises, Mr. Wethington declared, "I am not beholden to any special set of interests...I will not be doing any special favors for anybody."

He said people accuse him of "unjustly costing the Town money by petitioning the court for a new election," but it was town counsel and the Selectboard who suggested it, and ultimately the judge who ordered it.

In turn, though, he would save the Town money by opting out of the Town's health insurance over his three-year term which he said equals about \$7-8,000 annually. Then later he stated, when it comes to the wind turbines, he "cannot look at the monetary losses or gains (to the Town) alone."

Mr. Wethington said while everyone is worrying about losing the "\$150,000 that these turbines have brought in," that is only "Point zero-two-five (.025)" of one-percent of the town's \$42 million budget.

In fact, \$150,000 is about .357%, or

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He alluded to the hypocrisy of a statement he said Mr. DeTerra made about the BOH having no business going into people's homes, saying he read in the BOH meeting minutes that "they had no problem going to someone's home when someone complained about placing lobster shells in their driveway...They were there in three days."

He chastised the board for not going into the homes of the residents who are complaining of adverse health effects from the turbines.

"They're afraid of what they might find out...of what they might hear," said Mr. Wethington.

Throughout the audience of about 80 at the Senior Center, the cynics furrowed their brows and softly snorted and sneered. Some uttered the occasional swear word, like anti-

turbine activist Henry Ferreira's "lying piece of shit" comment aimed at Mr. DeTerra, all while politely clapping after each candidate gave opening and closing remarks.

"I will never become a friend of Fairhaven Wind," said Mr. Wethington concluding his opening statement.

Explaining the actions of the current board in regards to the wind turbines, Mr. DeTerra said that the BOH is a regulatory compliance board and, "The DEP [Department of Environmental Protection] is the guidance now."

The board is looking for an independent acoustic engineer to help the board review WT data, he said.

Mr. Wethington said that the mitigation plan submitted by the developer to make the WTs quieter is not enough.

He also said the long term status of the turbines does not worry him because he believes they are poorly manufactured and will fail in five to six years. He said he would "litigate if it comes down to protecting the rest of the Town."

Candidates also faced questions about noise and air quality complaints of neighbors near the Fairhaven Shipyard. Neighbors have said that their complaints have not been taken as seriously as the WT noise issues.

Complaints at the shipyard include excessive noise and air pollution caused by spray-painting, paint removal and power washing of large boats.

Mr. Wethington said they both deserve a voice, but there is a big difference between the WTs and the shipyard, since the people complaining about the wind turbines lived there before the WTs were installed. The shipyard neighborhood residents, he said, moved in after the shipyard was there. He compared it to his own situation, building a house near Route 195, saying he knew what he was "getting into."

Mr. DeTerra said the DEP has concluded sound studies and the board is working hand in hand with them.

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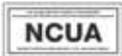
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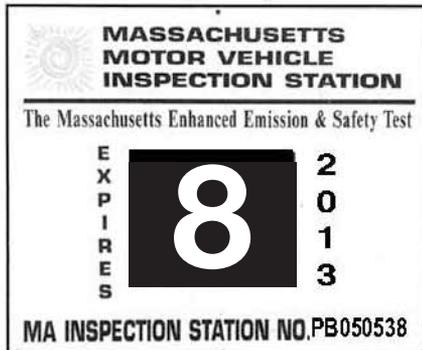
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

New School Ribbon Cutting

Join officials and fellow residents for a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new **Leroy L. Wood School on Friday, 9/6, at 9:30 a.m. at 60 Sconticut Neck Road.**

Ft. Phoenix Race

The 13th annual Fort Phoenix Road Race/Walk will be held on **Sun., 9/8 at 10 a.m., rain or shine. Entry fee is \$15 prior to race day; \$20 day of race.** Visit www.JBRace.com to register or download a race form.

Cash prizes to top three male and female overall winners, \$100, \$75, \$50. Non competitive walk to take place concurrently with the race. All proceeds benefit the Curtis L. Lopes II Memorial Scholarship Fund at Fairhaven High School.

Contact race director Kathy Lopes for more information, 508-991-2194.

Retire Flags

Boy Scout Troop 52 will be performing a Flag retiring ceremony at Benoit Square (across from Oxford School), **Wednesday, September 11.** Gathering is at 6:00 PM, ceremony to begin at 6:30 PM. Refreshments to follow.

This event is being sponsored by the Fairhaven Lions Club in conjunction with the North Fairhaven Improvement Association.

All are invited to attend and bring your old and torn flags to be retired.

Host Families

On October 5th of this year the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society will sponsor the 14th Manjiro Festival in Fairhaven. In addition to the delegation with the Mayor of Tosashimizu, for the first time students of Shimizu High School will attend the festival. We are seeking home stay families for these young people. There are two boys and five girls who attend Fairhaven High School's "sister school". They will be accompanied by their English teacher (female). They will arrive on Friday, Oct. 4 and depart on Tuesday, Oct. 8. We would hope that we could find host families in Fairhaven so that on Monday, Oct. 7 the guests could visit

Fairhaven High School of which they have heard so much.

All students have studied English and are anxious to practice their conversation with friendly local youngsters. Anyone who might consider being a host family should contact Gerry Rooney at 508-995-1219.

Anyone who has hosted the citizens of our Sister City in Japan can vouch for the fact that this is a true "win-win" event.

Katie Walk

Saturday, 9/14, See page 10.

Blood Drive

What A Find! Consignment Furniture is hosting a blood drive **in memory of Amy Johannessen on Sat., Sept. 14th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

The Rhode Island Blood Center will have their mobile van on the premises at 154 Huttteston Ave, Rt 6, Fairhaven.

Blood donation is considered the GIFT OF LIFE and since Amy received hundreds of units of this life giving gift during her four and a half years battle with leukemia, we thought it appropriate to host a blood drive to honor her life and celebrate her September birthday. There will be a drawing for a \$50.00 gift certificate to What A Find! for registered blood donors.

Hospice Training

Learn the tools to provide compassionate care for a family facing a terminal illness.

Hospice Volunteers offer a special kind of care designed to provide support for patients and their family members coping with a terminal illness. Typically Direct Volunteers will provide respite care and sit with someone at home who is ill to relieve the family for a short period. Volunteers that do not wish to provide one-on-one care for patients can be Indirect Volunteers who help in our office or at fundraising events for hospice.

A training session for people interested in becoming a Hospice Volunteer with Community Nurse & Hospice Care will be held in our office at 62 Center Street, Fairhaven on **Saturday, September 14th and Saturday, September 21st. All are**

welcome to attend. There is a special need for Portuguese speaking volunteers and those willing to visit in the Fall River area.

For more information, questions and to register, please contact Cecile Sanders, Community Nurse & Hospice Care's Volunteer Manager, by phone at (508) 717-0754 or by email at csanders@communitynurse.com.

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.

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."

Farmer's Market

On the lawn of Fairhaven High School, corner of Main Street and Route 6, from 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Organic, locally grown foods, hand crafts. For more information contact ann.richard@gmail.com

Boating Skills Class

By the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, 80 Middle St., Fairhaven. Both the novice and the experienced boater will benefit from lessons in boating terminology, boat equipment, boat handling, boat trailering, lake boating, rules of the road, navigation, medical/safety awareness, weather, engines, radios, and how to read a chart, buy a boat, tie a knot and call in a mayday.

Register online at <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info> or register on the first night from 6-7PM Sept. 16; 13-week course, 7-9 p.m., through Dec. 23. \$40 for course materials (book and chart)

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Whaleboat races

The Azorean Maritime Heritage Society's 7th International Whaleboat Regatta is slated for **September 4-8**, and will include a history-making contest never before attempted in American waters. For the first time, Azorean whaleboats will race American whaleboats in the regatta. All races will be held in Clark's Cove, located in the south end of New Bedford on the west side of the peninsula. **Best viewing areas are near the boat-ramp on West Rodney French Boulevard.**

Thurs., 9/5, at Whaling Museum, 6 p.m., lecture; 7:30 p.m. clam boil (ticketed event) at Casa dos Botes, under the tent free to meet the crews; whaleboat competition on Fri., 9/6 from 10 a.m.–1 p.m.; Fri., 9/6 at 6 p.m., lecture at the Whaling Museum; Sat., 9/7, at 9 a.m to 1 p.m., whaleboat competitions; 9/7 at 6 p.m., party at Low Tide Yacht Club (tickets required); Sun., 9/8, at 9 a.m. to noon competitions; 9/8 at 5 p.m., awards ceremony (tickets required).

For details visit www.azoreanmaritime.org. For information on the free public lectures on Regatta Week, visit www.whalingmuseum.org.

Open Studios

New Bedford Open Studios (NBOS) has changed things up a bit, expanding their weekend event to a three month series. Open Studios will be kicking off at **Orchard Street Studios, 665 Orchard Street, New Bedford, MA on September 7 & 8**. The remaining locations and dates are: Ropeworks Studios, 123 Sawyer Street, New Bedford, MA on October 5 & 6, 2013 and Hatch Street Studios, 88 Hatch Street, New Bedford, MA on November 22, 23 & 24, 2013.

This year's offerings include: paintings, fine-art photography, sculpture, drawings, jewelry, fine woodworking, ceramic wares, handmade handbags, scarves, clothing and pillows and much more. **This is a free event where artists will open their studios to show and sell their wares.**

For more information, visit: www.newbedfordopenstudios.org or email info@newbedfordopenstudios.org Link to participating artists: www.newbedfordopenstudios.org/artist-list/

Biloxi Blues

Your Theatre Inc. presents the hilarious antics of WWII Army Recruits in Neil Simon's *Biloxi Blues*, **Thurs.–Sun., 9/12–14 & 9/19–21, at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 2:30, at YTI at St. Martin's Church, 136 Rivet St. (corner of County), New Bedford.**

The second in what is known as Simon's Eugene Trilogy, the play follows Brighton Beach Memoirs, which YTI successfully produced last season, and precedes *Broadway Bound*. *Biloxi Blues* is about 20-year-old Eugene Morris Jerome, from Brooklyn, who is drafted into the US Army during WWII. As a young army recruit, Eugene must go through basic training and learn about life and love along with some harsher lessons, while stationed at boot camp in Biloxi, Miss. in 1943. Winner of the Tony Award for Best Play in 1985.

Tickets: \$15 general admission; \$13 seniors, students and military. Call 508-993-0772 for tickets, or email info@yourtheatre.org.

Live United Week

United Way of Greater New Bedford has been changing lives in our community for the past 60 years. This year is no exception as they kick off their 60th Anniversary Campaign with the annual LIVE UNITED WEEK. From **September 9th through September 13th**, members of the community are encouraged to GIVE, ADVOCATE or VOLUNTEER. A variety of events and activities have been planned to allow everyone the chance to participate.

All Week, 9/9 – 9/13: Food Drive - Drop off non-perishable food items at your local city/town hall or stop by on Friday and help stuff the truck.

Monday, 9/19: Sign Day.

Tuesday, 9/10: Black & White Day Show your Support by wearing black & white and/or your LIVE UNITED t-shirt.

Wednesday, 9/11: Day of Caring Volunteer your time helping at a local nonprofit to show you care.

Thursday, 9/12: Campaign Kickoff Reception Join UW for our campaign kickoff and premier of the 60th Anniversary Campaign video at the Waypoint Event Center at 5pm. \$10 per person.

Fri., 9/13: Stuff the Truck. Help us stuff the Hunger Commission Truck.

For information on any of the above events: liveunited@unitedwayofgnb.org or 508-994-9625 x. 15!

AHA! Night

Join us on AHA! Night when Art, History & Architecture come alive in New Bedford! **On September 12th we celebrate all things books.**

Highlights include: • It Came From The Library! The Big Read Announcement by Artworks!, Mayor Mitchell and Superintendent Durkin; Open Book Discussion: *Ahab's Wife* • Guided Tours of the Nathan and Polly Johnson House by the New Bedford Historical Society • Poetry with Patricia Gomes at the Seamen's Bethel • Fun by the Fountain! Scavenger Hunt with WHALE; Book It with the Way Cool Sunday School; Southcoast Health Van • Take the Trolley to the New Bedford Museum of Glass • Grand Opening for Subtext Bookshop at Gatlin's Framing & Photography • Story Time and Creature Feature at Buzzards Bay Coalition • New Look and OneBook with BCC • "What's In Ernestina's Library" and Voyage of the Hokulea at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park • Summer Tradition Finale! Centre Street Sessions hosts Sharoni, Lookwood and Langone • The Brush Your Teeth band featuring 12 year old Thatcher Harrison at Café Arpeggio • Outdoor Movie in Wing's Court hosted by New Bedford Parks, Recreation and Beaches • Speakings, Signings and Sales! Author of children's book *Xico* at New Bedford Whaling Museum; Authors of *A Picture History of New Bedford* at Spinner Publications; Books and more with the Working Waterfront Festival; Talks about books and art by John Mangan and Ken Hartnett at Duff Gallery; Author and Illustrator of *BuLu: The Things in Your Head* at Crowell's Fine Art

We Art NB! New art and exhibits throughout Downtown including: Fine Arts Faculty Colloquium & Justin Kimball: Pieces of String at UMass Star Store, Collectors 2 at NBAM, Officer Artist Exhibit and Open House at the Downtown Police Station, Public Hanging 24 at Gallery X, Found at Sea: Symbols at UGLYgallery, Daydreaming at Pour Farm, Print Makers of Cape Code at Artworks!

Visit www.ahanewbedford.org, or call 508 996-8253, x205

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Apple-Peach Fest

This weekend. See page 3 for details.

Rummage Sale

Smith Neck Friends Meeting will sponsor their Annual Rummage Sale on **Saturday September 7** beginning at 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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. A

Held rain or shine in Fellowship Hall coffee and donuts are for sale for early morning risers. Proceeds benefit the ongoing projects of the Meeting House. Smith Neck Friends Meeting is located at 594 Smith Neck Road at the corner of Rock O'Dundee Road, Dartmouth. The location is handicapped accessible. For more information, call (508) 994-5108.

Bird Meeting

The Paskamansett Bird Club's monthly meeting will take place at **7:30 on Wednesday, September 11, at the Community Hall of Friends Meeting, 739 Horseneck Road, S. Dartmouth.** Jim Spears and Alita Marks will share their travels in Belize, with a focus on wildlife (especially birds), ancient Maya sites, and the challenges of mechanical issues on their cruise ship.

Belize is a small, English speaking Central American country with both a rich cultural heritage and a large amount of protected land with a variety of habitats. These range from wet, swampy coastal plains to heavily forested mountains.

Jim will show a selection of his photographs with a primary focus on birds and other wildlife and a secondary focus on the Maya civilization and Belize in general.

The meeting is free, open to the public and accessible.

Seeking Singers

The Sippican Choral Society welcomes singers for its 2013 Christmas concert, with **rehearsals beginning September 9.** Rehearsals are held weekly at 7:30 PM at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church's Reynaud Hall, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett. Accessible.

New members are welcome to join until September 23. Please

arrive at least 15 minutes early to register. Semester dues are \$35.00. Concert dates: Friday, December 6th and Sunday, December 8th.

The Choral Society is looking forward to celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2014 as a mixed chorus in 4 part harmony. Visit our website at www.sippicanchoral.org.

Dine & Donate

DONATE WHILE DINING!! Tuesdays in September dine at Not Your Average Joe's (Lunch, Dinner or Takeout), enjoy a delicious meal and 15% of your food bill will be donated to YOUR THEATRE, Inc.! Visit www.yourtheatre.org to download and print a certificate to take with you to dinner.

Not Your Average Joe's has selected Your Theatre, Inc. of New Bedford to be its Not Your Average Cause for September! So, every Tuesday in September take your whole cast of characters to play at Joe's with this coupon. It's easy! It's delicious! It's a great cause! Enjoy!

Thank you from everyone at Your Theatre, Inc. See you at Joe's!

Farmers Market

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

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Cyclists ages 12 and over are welcome to sign up. All funds raised from the Watershed Ride will support the Coalition's work to restore clean

water, conserve natural lands and engage the community in protecting Buzzards Bay.

Participants can choose between two picturesque routes: a 75-mile course that begins at Westport's Horseneck Beach State Reservation or a 35-mile option that begins at Eastover Farm in Rochester, both finishing at Quissett Harbor in Woods Hole.

To learn more about the Watershed Ride, register as a cyclist or sign up to volunteer, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/WatershedRide.

Jimmy Fund Walk

On Sunday, September 8, residents from all area towns will walk up to 26.2 miles along the historic Boston Marathon® route in the 25th anniversary of the Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai. They will be among the 8,500 walkers expected to participate with the collective goal of raising more than \$7 million to support lifesaving adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and The Jimmy Fund.

Participants may choose to walk one of four routes: the entire 26.2-mile Hopkinton to Boston route, the 13.1-mile Babson to Boston route, the 5-mile Boston College route, or the 3-mile route from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to the Copley Square Finish. Those unable to participate on event day can become "Virtual Walkers" and fundraise for the event.

Walkers begin in Hopkinton between 5:30-7:30 a.m.; at Babson College between 8:30-10:30 a.m.; at Boston College between 10 a.m. and noon; and from Dana-Farber at 1:45 p.m. The Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk finishes at Copley Square in Boston, where walkers can celebrate completing the course and enjoy complimentary food, beverages, a speaking program, and entertainment.

All walkers must raise a minimum of \$300, and walkers 12 years old and younger have a fundraising minimum of \$100.

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- 1 egg
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Let dough sit at room temperature for 1/2 hour. Mix together cream cheese, egg, sugar and vanilla until well blended.

Cut dough into 1/2-inch slices; press half the dough onto an ungreased 13x9 pan; add cream cheese mixture. Place the rest of the dough on top.

Bake in 350° oven for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and cool completely, then cut into squares.

Katie Brienzo memorial walk next week

Press Release

Katie Brienzo was tragically taken from us on November 8, 2011, when she was struck by a car on Sconticut Neck Road in Fairhaven. Katie's family has formed the annual Katie Brienzo Memorial Walk to support Katie's favorite charity, M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc., and the M.O. FOOD=LIFE Food Pantry, where she donated much of her time. All proceeds to benefit the consumers at M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc.

Join us on Saturday, September 14, (rain or shine) at the Our Lady of Angels Feast Grounds, 7 Jesse Street, Fairhaven, for the second Annual Katie Brienzo Memorial Walk.

The walk is approximately 1.5 miles, so even kids can walk it.

Registration is only \$15 (\$20 day of walk). Please bring a non-perishable food item for the M.O. Food=Life Food Pantry.

Register by printing out the registration form posted on the KBMW Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/KatieBrienzoMemorialWalk) and mailing your check or MO to M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc., 43 Daniel St., Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Registration form is also available at www.NeighbNews.com

Registration begins at 11 a.m. and the walk begins at noon.

There will be entertainment, raffles and face painting following the walk. Food and drinks will be available to purchase.

If you would like to sponsor this event, make a donation, or learn more about M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc., please visit www.molifein.com

Don't forget to check out the Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/KatieBrienzoMemorialWalk.

T-shirts for those who register before walk day. Non-competitive walk will travel from Jesse Street to Nicholas Street to Alden Road to Glenhaven Avenue to Main Street and back to Jesse Street.

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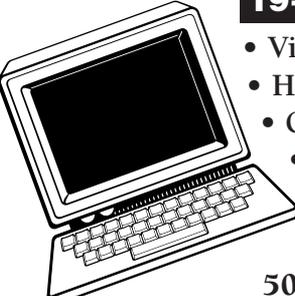
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Acushnet Housing Authority names lane after benefactor

By Beth David
Editor

Jeff Lang has done more than his share to support the Acushnet Housing Authority. And to show how much they appreciate his efforts, officials gave him his own lane, "Jeff Lang Court," at Presidential Terrace.

"It's a little overwhelming for me," said Mr. Lang, who owns Sea Born Products, a seafood company. "And I'm a little humbled."

AHA chairperson Jim Madruga unveiled the sign on a sunny September 4. Past AHA directors and board members joined Mr. Lang's family and friends for the occasion.

Mr. Madruga told the group that Mr. Lang has been a "friend and benefactor to this authority. He does it through the kindness of his heart."

"This will live here forever," he said of the new sign marking the lane.

The son-in-law of Robert Bergeron, the first AHA director, Mr. Lang has given seafood for meals, raffles and fund-raisers, and donated a flat screen TV for the community house.

Current AHA Director Lynn Sigman said that Mr. Lang's gifts of seafood

for meals and events brings the residents out of their apartments.

"It's the little things that count more for me," said Ms. Sigman.

She said the TV in the community room was old and a lot of residents do not have cable TV service. When they got the flat screen TV, more residents started to use the center.

"It's nice to see people use the community center," she said. "It gets the residents out of the buildings...It means so much to me."

Mr. Bergeron told a story to illustrate just what kind of guy his son-in-law is. When Mr. Bergeron had a problem with a tooth at an event, Mr. Lang made him promise to call his dentist. Mr. Bergeron promised to call the next morning. Then Mr. Lang disappeared for a few minutes, returned and said he had called his dentist at home and made an appointment for 7:45 a.m. the next day.

"That's the kind of guy he is," said Mr. Bergeron.

The AHA also celebrated finishing the installation of 28 sliding glass doors. Maintenance worker Mike Cioper did the work himself, saving

the authority thousands of dollars. Original estimates using a contractor came in at \$65,000+. The AHA still managed to shave off a few thousand, doing the work for \$18,625. They received \$26,600 in Community Preservation funds for the project.

The authority is also replacing the old signage on the buildings, adding the first names of the presidents and the presidential seal.



Acushnet Housing Authority chairperson Jim Madruga (RIGHT) unveils the new sign for Jeff Lang Court at the Presidential Terrace apartments, with Jeff Lang (LEFT) and AHA board member Rene Racine on Wednesday, 9/4. Photo by Beth David.

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OLOA Feast feeds the multitude

Text & Photos by Beth David
Editor

Feastgoers did not let the threat of rain keep them away from the 83rd annual Feast of Our Lady of Angels in Fairhaven this weekend. Mostly, the feast grounds on Jesse Street stayed dry, until just a few minutes after the big procession on Monday, then it poured — but not until the big statues were all tucked inside.

The crowded grounds got cozier during the downpour as people huddled together under whatever cover they could find. The intrepid souls in the malassadas line, however, did not budge. Some waited for more than an hour for the sweet treat, but most commented that it was worth the time.

The “big little feast” is much like its larger cousin on the other side of the river in that people reconnect year after year. Organizers generally expect about 10,000 people throughout the weekend.

“To see everybody in town,” said Beth Macomber about why she goes every year. And the food, definitely the food, both she and her friend June Edvardson noted.

Food specialties included (but were certainly not limited to) linguica, cacoila, bifana favas, carne espito, carne guisada, clamcakes, linguica clamcakes and all manner of alcohol specialties.

Richard Galligo, William and Madeline Henderson and Lou Gallant said they attend on all three days and love to see the friends they don’t see all year long.

And the food. Definitely the food, said Madeline.

Buddy and Alice Stott, Beverly Labonte and Gilbert Andrade have

been going to the feast “forever.”

“To see people you know, to socialize,” said Buddy. “To see people you haven’t seen for a long time.”

Joe and Joyce Almeida met at the feast 41 years ago when they were teenagers. Joe said he spotted her at the big feast in New Bedford, then again at the Senhor da Pedra feast two weeks later. Finally, at the OLOA feast, he got the courage to talk to her, but not until Monday night, after they had both marched in the procession. Had she spotted him?

“Of course I did,” she said.

Their mutual stalking of each other ended on the third night of the third feast and the rest, as they say, is history. They have been married to each other for 35 years.

In addition to food and drink, the feast featured Portuguese music, a bounce house for children, vendors, face painting and a chance to win a goldfish.

The feast started on Saturday night with a short parade at 6 p.m. The big procession on Monday started a little after 1 p.m. and featured marching bands, religious organizations and statues, and politicians.

The nearly 800-pound statue of Our Lady of Angels is the crowning feature of the procession and is carried by six men at a time, switching off with three or four other teams. The statue is carried from St. Mary’s Church on Main Street to Benoit Square and back. On the way out of the parking lot at the church, the statue is maneuvered so that the outstretched hand hooks onto a flowered wreath with paper money hanging down.

Spectators lined both sides of Main Street all the way to Benoit Square. Taking place on Labor Day Weekend,



ABOVE: Joe & Joyce Mello tell the story on Sunday, 9/1, of how they met at the Feast of Our Lady of Angels more than 40 years ago when they were teenagers. BELOW: Two boys play in the procession for the OLOA Feast on Monday, 9/2.



the event mixes solemn religious rituals with plain old fun and marks the end of summer for students.

Various unique items are auctioned off throughout the weekend, raising money for the organization and giving lots more reason for good-natured fun. Besides the usual lobsters and dinners-for-two, one could have been lucky enough to get a cooler of Jello shots, or, at least, could have gotten one as they were passed out to the crowd by the generous bidder.

The event generally has little of the criminal element of the larger feasts, and this year saw only a couple of minor issues requiring one person to be taken into protective custody.

This year’s feast did end on a sad note, though. Joe Garcia, who was the feast president for four years, died on Tuesday morning. As the large statue passed his tile business on Main Street, the group stopped for a moment of silence to honor him because they knew he was gravely ill.



LEFT: A group of friends enjoying the last weekend before school starts at the Feast of Our Lady of Angels on Sunday, 9/1. RIGHT: A group of cousins and friends watches the procession on Monday, 9/2. The Feast is held every Labor Day weekend and mixes solemn religious ritual, with plain old fun.

Presenting...the new Leroy L. Wood School

By Beth David

Editor

The new Leroy L. Wood School in Fairhaven, believed to be the only school in the country named after a bus driver, opened to the public for tours this weekend and the place was packed. Superintendent of Schools Robert Baldwin said that it was clear from the crowds that not only parents and students came out to see the school, but the “whole town.”

The oohs and aahs were audible as people filed around the halls, some getting tours from staff and school committee members, others just wandering around.

In the technology room off the library, Director of Instructional Technology Nicole Potter, demonstrated the smart whiteboard. The board projects what is on a computer and can synchronize with students' iPads and laptops.

“You can pretty much do anything with them,” said Ms. Potter. “It’s amazing.”

The new school combines the student populations of the Rogers School in the center and the old Wood School at the same site on Scoticut Neck Road. It has separate rooms for physical therapy, occupational therapy, a nurses area with two exam rooms, music area with practice

rooms and a place to lock up instruments. It will have a little more than 400 students this year.

Each grade has one classroom with a “frequency modulation” (FM) system for children with cochlear implants to hear the instructor better. Other improvements include extra sinks in the art room, indeed, an art room to begin with, and stocked with supplies.

“No more art in a cart,” said school committee member Brian Monroe, referring to the art cart that used to get wheeled around to classrooms.

But, mostly, people raved about the colors.

One woman told school committee chairperson Pamela Kuechler, “you had me at the purple lockers,” she said.

And the technology.

“It’s astonishing,” said Vicki Gintis. “It made me want to go back to school.”

Even the lights are on smart sensors. They only go on when there is movement in the room and they get brighter the farther from the window they are, maximizing the natural light.



Schools have “whiteboards” now, not blackboards, and they are “smart,” too. This board in the technology room at the new Wood School in Fairhaven is projecting an image from a computer. Students can use a special pen to write on the board and erase. The board also synchronizes with iPads and laptops. *Photo by Beth David See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos.*

The students liked it, too.

“I like it much better than the old school,” said Mahyr Rizzo, who attended the old Wood School. He said his favorite place was the library because the old one was “cramped.”

“It’s amazing, the opportunities for the kids. The new technology is amazing,” said fifth grade teacher Amy Silvia. “And the building itself, the colors are so bright and cheery. It’s going to be an amazing place for kids to learn.”

And now for the first day

By Beth David

Editor

The new Leroy L. Wood School greeted students within its bright new walls on Wednesday, 9/4, while outside, under a crisp, cloud-free sky, the air had that unmistakable nip that makes children cringe and parents grin.

This day, however, most of the children were grinning, too. It was day one in the brand-new school for grades one and up. Kindergarten and pre-K start next week. That’s when we expect some tears.

But for this week, it was all smiles and fond greetings as principal Amy Hartley-Matteson held the first ever assembly in the new gym.

Alyssa Costa said she was “a little nervous” heading into the school for third grade. Her twin brother Aiden, said he thought the new school was “great,” but also admitted to being a little nervous.

Erin DaSilva’s first-grade twins,

Alexander and Allison, along with her third-grader Lauren, were not the least bit nervous as they posed for pictures.

“They have been very excited about this since the open house,” said Ms. DaSilva.

Inside, the students were treated to a welcoming committee, complete with red carpet, by the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, with a sign saying “Welcome Bach to School.”

In the gym, Ms. Hartley-Matteson greeted her new charges with a big “good morning.”

“We did it,” she told them. “We talked about it. We planned it. We built it. We cleaned it — a lot. We fixed it. We invited you to come and see it.

Now you are here. This is your school. So welcome. You are the very first students to attend the brand new Wood School.”

She told students that they were just as responsible for making the school a good and safe place as she was.

“I have the best job in the world,” said Ms. Hartley-Matteson. “That’s why I’m always smiling. I get to be your principal.”



Wood School principal Amy Hartley-Matteson leads the very first assembly at the new building on Scoticut Neck Road on Wednesday, 9/4. *Photo by Beth David.*

Energy Exodus passes through Fairhaven



ABOVE LEFT: A group of activists organized by Better Future Project, 360 Massachusetts and Students for a Just and Stable Future walk along the bike path in Fairhaven on their way to Barnstable, the site of Cape Wind, on Thursday, 8/29. The group started their "Energy Exodus" in Somerset near the Brayton Point Power Plant. The energy "exodus" borrows on the theme from the Book of Exodus in the bible (LEFT), fleeing the "Fossil Fuel Pharaoh" to the Promised Land. ABOVE RIGHT: Daniel Freitas from Friends of Fairhaven addresses the group behind the Senior Center, where they ate lunch in view of Fairhaven's two industrial wind turbines. Mr. Freitas told the group about the opposition the turbines face and what his group is doing to counter it. He said the WindWise group had taken over many meetings in disrespectful ways. "IT was an embarrassment to the town of Fairhaven," said Mr. Freitas. He said that since his group has become visible at meetings, they are "much more civil." Lisa Purdey, 20, of Waltham, Evan Bell, 20, of Bethel, CT, and Byron Hinebaugh, 35, of Brookline, took turns with the bullhorn explaining the trek and how it relates to the bible's Exodus story. The group mostly walked along visible routes, but decided to use the bike path on the way to Mattapoisett to enjoy the scenery and pass by the wind turbines. To learn more visit www.energyexodus.org. Photos by Beth David. Visit www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos of this event.

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Working Waterfront Fest to feature Friday night concert teaser

Press Release

The Working Waterfront Festival presents a Festival Sampler, Friday, September 27th from 7:30-9:00 pm at the New Bedford Whaling Museum Theater. The ten-dollar ticket helps support the free Festival. Seating is limited; tickets will be sold at the door, with advance tickets available through the Festival website.

Designed to whet the appetite of festival goers, the evening will feature songs, stories and poetry presented by 10 performers who hail from fishing communities in Newfoundland, New England, Alaska and the Chesapeake Bay: Anita Best (traditional songs and stories from Newfoundland), Calico Jack (music and poetry celebrating the people, places and history of the Chesapeake), Janice Marshall (parodies drawn from a life in the Maryland crab fishery), Daisy Nell & Captain Stan (traditional and original songs about the seafaring heritage of Essex, MA), Jon

Campbell (original poetry and songs about commercial fishing and coastal communities), Jon Broderick, Jay Speakman, and Dave Densmore (poetry and songs about the Alaskan fishing industry). In addition, a retrospective slide show chronicling the first nine years of the event will be shown.

As always, the Festival brings together a unique array of music, storytelling, and poetry. Performances include traditional sea chanteys and music reflecting the fishing industry's ethnic diversity as well as songs, stories, and poetry about commercial fishing and the sea often performed by musicians who work in the industry. In addition to the performers taking part in the Friday concert, the Festival line-up includes: Sharks Come Cruisin' (sea chantey punk), Joao Cerilo & Pilon Batuku (Cape Verdean funana and batuk), Ana Vinagre (Portuguese fado), SAMspill (Norwegian music),

Souls of the Sea (folk-rock), New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus. Songwriters Michael Troy and Joanne Doherty, and poet Charlotte Enoksen will also perform. Performer bios and a full festival schedule are available on the festival web site.

The Working Waterfront Festival is a project of the Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern Mass., a non-profit organization. The FREE festival, a family friendly, educational celebration of New England's commercial fishing industry, features live maritime and ethnic music, fishermen's contests, fresh seafood, vessel tours, films, author readings, cooking demonstrations, kids' activities and more. It all takes place on working piers and waterfront parks in New Bedford, Mass., America's #1 fishing port, on the last full weekend in September.

Navigate to us at www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org

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Book about rum-running published by Mattapoissett author

Press Release

Scotch and Water, written by Adrian L. Lonsdale of Mattapoissett, is a fictional story based on the career of his grandfather Lorenz A. Lonsdale, chief warrant officer for the U.S. Coast Guard. It tells about the sea phase of rum-running on Puget Sound from British Columbia, Canada, to Seattle, Wash., during the years 1920 to 1926.

To the public, rum-running was a respectable crime. There was little support for effective enforcement. Consequently, the only effective barrier on Puget Sound was one small antiquated Coast Guard cutter, the *Sentinel*, described as a "donkey chasing gazelles." It was commanded by Chief Boatswain Karl Hirsch, known on both sides of the law as Grandad, whose honesty and cunning resulted in a record of captures matched by no other seagoing unit in the Northwest.

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few cases of booze and disposed of the cargo quietly. They were argonauts exploring the commercial possibilities of violating the 18th Amendment. One of these men was Fortune Landeck, a former shipmate and a friend of Grandad. But now they are on opposite sides of the law. Fresh out of the navy, Christian Lance, a young quartermaster, reports to the *Sentinel*. But the morale of its crew is low and it's being corrupted by the leadership of the second-in-command, Will Sylvia. Lance almost joins the party, but his sense of duty is too strong.

In Seattle, Deputy Sheriff Johnson foresees the tremendous profit potential of an efficiently managed enterprise. He forms a rum-running syndicate and begins to undercut all competition. Despite warnings from

Grandad, Landeck joins the new organization. Grandad plods along in his 12-knot cutter. His efforts are undermined from within as well as without. But through persistence and cleverness, he continues to be a sore spot to the syndicate.

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have a second house."

She added that most of the lots on West Island are non-compliant in very similar ways as hers were.

Mr. Crotty, though, wrote that once contiguous lots are under common ownership, they become one lot for zoning purposes and they cannot be split again. Furthermore, the two lots were once non-conforming lots and once combined, conformed. Mr. Crotty wrote decisively that a conforming lot cannot be divided to form two non-conforming lots.

Ms. Marcoux's situation, Mr. Crotty wrote, was typical of a "self-created hardship."

Also at the meeting, the board granted a variance to Joseph Travis of 10 Gull Island Road to build a storage shed.

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Fairhaven Meetings

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Community Preservation

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

Conservation Commission

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

Council on Aging

Tues., 9/10, Senior Ctr., 9:30 a.m.

Government Study Comm.

Thurs., 9/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Personnel Board

Tues., 9/17, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 9/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Rogers/Oxford Bldg Study

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

School Committee

Wed., 9/11, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Thurs., 9/9, 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

Board of Appeals

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

Board of Public Works

Mon., 9/9, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 9/11, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Police Station Bldg. Comm.

Wed., 9/4, Town Hall, 3 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 9/7, Long Plain Mtg House, 4 p

TOWN MEETING

Mon., 10/21, Ford Middle Sch., 7 p.m.
Article submission D/L: 9/18

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Saturday	7	0945	2201	0303	1527
Sunday	8	1028	2246	0336	1607
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Friday	13	0225	1502	0740	2136
Saturday	14	0330	1608	0907	2245

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Friends of Fairhaven Clean Wind Energy Powering Fairhaven's Future

Mitigate:

Peter DeTerra and Jeannine Lopes have worked with the developer on a mitigation plan that will insure the turbines remain in compliance. The mitigation plan calls for the blades of the turbines to be feathered when the wind is coming in the direction that has caused the 5 violations. The mitigation plan is being implemented as we speak and the DEP is overseeing the project. Peter DeTerra and Jeannine Lopes also voted to bring in a consultant to look at all the information to better help the Board of Health with future decisions. Barbara Acksen voted against the proposal, why? Peter and Jeannine have done a tremendous job under extreme pressure from WindWise who have stated publically that they want the turbines taken down.

Litigate:

John Wethington stated at the Board of Health race debate that he “would never be a friend to Fairhaven wind LLC.” He stated that the “victims” are suffering from wind turbine syndrome. There is no scientific evidence that “wind turbine syndrome” exists. Multiple studies have been done in numerous countries throughout the world on WTS. They all have concluded that wind turbines do not sicken people. Make no mistake about it: if Wethington is elected to the Board of Health he will vote along with Barbara Acksen to shut down the turbines. The health board can order the turbines to be shutdown. That is why WindWise is expending all their energy to get John Wethington elected. Make no mistake about it, John Wethington is a member of WindWise even though he denies it!

If John Wethington is elected on September 9th the following things will happen. The mitigation plan will be scrapped. Barbara and John will vote to turn the turbines off from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. The owners of the turbines, Fairhaven Wind LLC will proceed to the nearest courthouse. The long and protracted lawsuits will begin. The town will pay its lawyer tens of thousands of dollars to defend the lawsuits. In the end the developer will win the lawsuit. The taxpayers will be held responsible for any judgments against the town. The judgment could reach into the millions of dollars. You will be asked to take out a bond to pay for the judgment. If that proposal is voted down the only thing left to do is reduce the municipal services offered to you. When the services are reduced to bare bones your taxes will increase. Please, do not think this is a scare tactic; this is a real scenario! Do not let WindWise members who have opposed this project from the beginning divide this town any further!

***Join us in voting for the right man for the job!
Vote for Peter DeTerra on September 9th***

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Letters from our readers

Common Core is not exceptional

It's hardly September, and already we're seeing evidence of how "common" Common Core is. The Hastings Middle School principal sent a letter in the mail explaining that my daughters are among others who have been "invited to participate in a new Math Enrichment class." Due to their classroom performance and MCAS scores, they may "opt to participate in a Math Enrichment period every other day" in addition to their required "Common Core Math" period. If they "opt in," the class will be graded.

Why are students, who already perform exceptionally well in Math, in need of a second Math period? Why can't they learn "advanced math" in a single period like students did just last year?

Here's my guess: The mandatory, so-labeled "Common Core Math" class only meets the Common Core Standards, the new required standards. In order for students to receive instruction on material that exceeds the Common Core Standards, they now have to "opt" to take another period of instruction (called Enrichment).

Administrators may feel good when it's documented at the end of the year that a higher percentage of students passed math. But don't be disillusioned. It's only "common" math.

Michelle Furtado, Fairhaven

Residents face tax increases if turbines shut

My name is Danny Silvia. At 29 years old I am in the part of my life where I am about to get married, buy a home and start a family. I would love to be able to purchase a home here in Fairhaven. I was born and raised here, just like my mother. We both went through the Fairhaven public school system and both graduated from Fairhaven High school.

My biggest concern is where the town is headed. I fear buying a home in Fairhaven. One candidate claims he is not a part of Windwise, but he has taken their donations, used their homes for parties and has had free legal help from an attorney who coincidentally is a Windwise member.

He can say he's not a Windwise

member all he wants but clearly if he's elected how do you think he will vote, Windwise member or not? The main objective of Windwise is not to stop the turbines at night, nor get them in compliance. It's to tear them down. This will cost the town tens of millions of dollars! After losing many firefighters, police officers, town workers and school teachers the taxpayers are still going to be hit with the rest of the bill, in the range of many millions of dollars.

How can I ever hope to buy a house in Fairhaven if I can't afford the taxes? I see what my parents and 80-year-old grandmother pay. I see people already losing their homes and businesses because they can't pay the taxes. I can't imagine the tax increases if the wind turbines are stopped or even torn down!

My dream of owning a home in the town I grew up in is in jeopardy. Please, I beg all voters, for the future of our town, go down to the turbines listen for yourself, decide for yourself and vote on your own decision.

The future is up to you and me, the Fairhaven taxpayers. Find out what the turbines are really like and vote to protect our town from financial disaster. Please!

Danny Silvia, Fairhaven

New school too close to turbines

I am writing out of concern for the children and parents of the newly expanded Wood School community. The grounds of the new Wood school facility are only a little over 2000 feet away from the wind turbines, and there is currently a Board of Health that has been unable to separate the needs of the Fairhaven residents affected by the wind turbines' noise, flicker, and infrasound activity from the business needs of turbine developers who have been operating out of compliance with the law.

Despite these clear violations, Peter DeTerra and Jeannine Lopes of the Board of Health have both, once again, dismissed the health needs of those who are impacted by recently accepting a motion from Ms. Lopes to continue allowing full operation of the turbines. This motion used so much jargon and legalese, it is now considered a common assumption that it was prepared for her and given to her to be read at the meeting.

When the public and media had questions about the motion, [DeTerra and Lopes] were nowhere to be found after the meeting and chose not to give any explanation. Dr. Ackson was the only board member that would comment and stated that even she didn't get an explanation on the motion.

It strongly appears that these two board members are suspect of not representing the health of town residents nor using their own minds to make their board decisions related to any turbine health-related outcomes.

As a parent myself raising two children on Sciticut Neck (near the turbines but still further than Wood school), I cannot vote for Peter DeTerra. Why would I? I already know what I would get from him if I ever needed to be heard on behalf of myself or my children.

I know from past experience that the school committee will also stay out of any potential issues with turbines as they are "not under their jurisdiction. Go see the Board of Health."

If you've ever been caught in the well-orchestrated runaround that government has become too good at, you will want to avoid it in the future. Elections allow us the opportunity to rise to the occasion to have our say about it with our vote.

We all believe we deserve the best representation from our town officials and expect them to listen when we need them. We also hope that our family members will stay healthy and that we as parents can protect them from things that can bring them harm.

You've heard about the risks to health and wellbeing that can occur near turbines and you've also seen and heard about Peter DeTerra's history in dealing with them as BOH chairman.

Being equipped with this knowledge, we owe it to those who can't speak for themselves to make an educated decision when voting.

Chris Andersen, Fairhaven

Wethington plan baffles

After attending last [week's] debate between the BOH candidates, I have to say that Mr. Wethington's plan of action if he became a BOH member baffles me. Other than eliminating the turbines, which I

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believe is his true agenda, his only plan is to educate the public on topics such as outdated medication disposal, recycling, childhood obesity, mosquito and tick-borne illnesses via schools, senior centers and mailings.

That type of education by the BOH is already happening within the constraints of the budget and the established purview of the BOH as dictated by State regulations. From what I heard that night, I believe Mr. Wethington is planning to acquire the free certificates available through the State and he mistakenly thinks he can get them quickly.

In truth he could never match the same number of licenses, certifications and the same level of experience as Peter DeTerra without years of commitment and money out of his own pocket. Mr. Wethington said he would take the stipend that BOH members receive and donate it to scholarships because he doesn't think the board should be paid. What does he think the money is for? He could take it and apply it toward getting some of the licenses and certificates that Peter already has.

Mr. Wethington was arrogant enough to state in an August 24th Standard-Times article, "Whoever is on the Board of Health will have those certifications no matter what" and "I can get his septic experience; he can't get mine unless he goes to nursing school."

According to the State's Division of Health Professional Licensure, Mr. Wethington's RN was awarded in June of 2003 after he earned a two-year Associate degree from BCC. I'm not putting that down as my husband also is an Associate's Degree RN and he will tell you that after 30 years in the medical field he is not qualified to be on the BOH. As opposed to Mr. Wethington's lack of experience in the areas under the purview of the BOH, Peter has gained the experiences, licenses and certifications outlined in the 15 points on his campaign flyers during his 9 years on the BOH and through his line of work.

Mr. Wethington is qualified to go into schools (if the school department would allow it) and senior centers to educate the public, but he can't do what Peter can without many more years of educating himself first.

On Monday September 9th I intend

to vote for the experience Fairhaven needs.

Diane Hahn, Fairhaven

Anti-wind forces want to take over the whole town

There is a coup developing in Fairhaven and it's tearing the town apart. It began with opposition to the wind turbines but has recently morphed into a takeover of the town government and the removal of any person who has had the audacity, not only to support the turbines, but refuse to demand their destruction.

Our officials have been harassed in town meetings. People have been called Nazis and KKK. They have been told you are either with me or against me. Movies with very creative editing have been produced, letters with falsehoods written as facts to editors of the press and threatening letters to local businesses warning them of doing business with our local newspaper. Now our town counsel is being viciously attacked in the press and by innuendo by a town official who is calling for bids to replace him for representing the town while negotiating with Fairhaven Wind.

We have seen all this before and many of the same people are at it again under the umbrella of Windwise. Remember all the nastiness by our most famous car dealer on local cable? Imagine if Windwise had that media to bombard us today? There are some good people who put their faith in that organization, but they are being led astray by their leadership, and it's turning the town against their cause.

Tom Crotty has served the town professionally and honestly for over thirty years. Like any lawyer, he works for those who hire him. It's his job to make sure everything is done above board and legally to protect the town, its officials and citizens. There always has been and always will be those who disagree for personal reasons, but personal reasons should not trump legality and the good of the whole town.

To think that anyone, be it a town official or resident, would want to cause harm to a neighbor is ludicrous. But that is the message we are being bombarded with by a small vocal group of political activists.

Originally they were there to support those who claim they are

being affected by the turbines. That group has shrunk in size dramatically and is now throwing everything at the wall to see what sticks, not only to remove the turbines but to take over our town. People I know in town will take offense to this but it's way beyond the time to stop the name calling and take the high road to work out our differences. Those tactics have only alienated those who claim to be affected by the turbines from the rest of the town.

As a town we voted to be a green community and have the turbine placed in the best possible location. As a town we can resolve the issues with the turbines and their neighbors, but it's imperative we remove the opposition to progress who insist it's their way or the highway. Fairhaven is so much better than that and should not tolerate those types of bullying tactics.

The first step is to vote on September 9th. The incumbent, Peter Deterra has served the town honorably for many years. He has paid for much of his Board of Health training out of his own pocket. He is a local business owner who is available to address town health issues on the spot if necessary and his availability is not limited to Tuesday afternoons. Peter is committed to do what is right for all of the people of Fairhaven and is not limited only to the turbine issue.

There are too many things that need to be addressed in our wonderful town, and to elect yet another one-issue official will do nothing but divide us even further.

Before you vote take a moment to reflect and think about how our town will be if Windwise gets control of our government. Do you really want that to happen? Don't you agree that we are so much better than that and we can work things out in an adult manner without all the innuendo and name calling?

It's our choice on September 9th and know that if you don't choose your government with your vote, Windwise will choose one for you.

John Sullivan, Fairhaven

WTs not costing town money, WindWise is

I have just finished reading Curt Devlin's latest treatise on the Fairhaven Wind Turbines.

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I was unaware that Curt Devlin was a contract lawyer, besides being a medical expert, a mechanical and civil engineer with profound knowledge of Acoustics. I'm sure I've missed a few of his areas of unquestioned expertise.

In this latest diatribe, he wants the taxpayers of Fairhaven to "buy" his proposition that one paragraph (because it is in capital letters) taken out of context proves anything. A paragraph, even in capital letters, does not a contract make. The paragraph is part of the entire

contract. Additional paragraphs will define, narrow and give meaning and direction to the contract in its entirety.

WindWise has cost the town upwards of \$50,000 dollars in legal fees to defend the Town against their many lawsuits. THEY HAVE LOST ALL OF THE LAWSUITS. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has chastised WindWise's legal minds for their not filing the appropriate Political Action Committee (PAC) application and not properly reporting all contributions.

Curt, the taxpayers and voters of Fairhaven are not stupid.

The Wind Turbines are NOT COSTING the Town money, Wind Wise is.

Nancy Ann Mulcare



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Candidates responded to questions on a variety of issues besides the turbines and the shipyard.

As an excavator who installs septic systems, Mr. DeTerra responded to a question asking how he handles the possible conflict of interest this causes when the BOH fails a system.

He briefly explained that he abstains from voting on septic system matters of which he is the contractor, and someone from a neighboring town checks his work.

"Nobody in Fairhaven checks my work," he said.

Mr. Wethington said that he finds it to be a complete conflict of interest, saying, "I'm guessing that he (Mr. DeTerra) does most of the septic systems" in town.

As for a medical marijuana clinic possibly being located in town, Mr. DeTerra said that as long as the state properly oversees them, he does not have a problem with a facility opening in Fairhaven.

Mr. Wethington, however, said he is opposed to them and believes that medical marijuana should be dispensed by a regular pharmacy like CVS and only for legitimate reasons like cancer and not for back pain.

"You could drive a truck through the legislation."

He said that people did not read the law and understand it before voting on it and, because of the lax regulations, soon there will be people selling medicinal marijuana on the streets.

Mr. Wethington has also faced criticism about his limited availability for board business because of his job.

He said meetings will simply have

to be held on Tuesday evenings; and he is against meetings being during the day anyway.

"I work a lot of hours," said Mr. Wethington. "I'm a registered nurse. There's nothing I can do about that."

He said Mr. DeTerra himself is not reachable sometimes, claiming that recently the Selectboard was unable to reach him during the day.

Mr. DeTerra countered that he is available during the day, and he goes to Town Hall every day. He said he has had to go for training and certification for about 15 different licenses related to serving on the BOH.

"It takes a lot of time," he said.

Mr. DeTerra also faced questions about buying into the town's health insurance plan and whether or not he is eligible for the town employee pension.

Mr. DeTerra answered that he does not qualify for the pension because he makes less than \$5,000 annually as a board member. For health benefits, he pays 60/40 just like other town employees.

Mr. Wethington said he found it abhorrent that a board member who works "three to five hours a week" receives the same health benefits as a police officer or firefighter.

"And people have the audacity to say I cost the Town money by suing," said Mr. Wethington, and promised to donate his stipend to local scholarships.

In a bit of sparring over the cost and need for a new election in the first place, Mr. Wethington explained that at first he won by three votes, then won by one, and ultimately

ended in a tie when a judge threw out a ballot that had been counted for Mr DeTerra.

"If you saw the ballot that I lost on, it was a joke," said Mr. Wethington. "I did nothing wrong."

He added that he is praying that, whoever wins the election, wins by 100 votes.

Mr. DeTerra chose to focus on the cost, saying the whole situation cost the Town \$17,000 in court-related costs and \$8-10,000 for the revote.

"That's a lot of money," said Mr. DeTerra.

The two also disagreed on how to conduct educational programs, with Mr. Wethington saying he wanted to get into the schools to talk to students about obesity and encourage them to exercise more.

"Your life is going to be a heck of a lot better," he said he would tell them.

Mr. DeTerra stressed that the BOH is a compliance board, and schools have their own designated educator to address health matters such as obesity.

In closing, Mr. DeTerra asked the residents to "Please vote for experience," while Mr. Wethington said to go specifically with health care experience.

Mr. Murphy just encouraged everyone to vote: "Please," he said. "Every vote counts."

The event was recorded by government access and is being broadcast on channel 18 in Fairhaven until election day. It is also available on demand online and can be accessed from the town's official website: www.fairhaven-ma.gov ●●●

Appeals denies lot split

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Caroline Marcoux tried to convince the Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals that she has suffered hardship due to the zoning restrictions at her property on Balsam Street, but to no avail. On 9/3 they unanimously denied her variance request to divide her conforming lot back into the original two non-conforming lots in order to sell them separately.

Ms. Marcoux explained how she has suffered stress-related health issues and financial burdens during the four years her house has been on and off the market only to hear ZBA Vice Chairperson Francis Cox read a letter from Town Counsel Tom Crotty advising the board not to grant the variance because Ms. Marcoux's hardship was "self-inflicted."

Ms. Marcoux addressed the board armed with a copy of the hardship clause in the town bylaws and Selectboard Chairperson Charles Murphy behind her for support. Mr. Murphy, though, did not speak at the meeting.

She read the part which states that the board may grant a variance based on "substantial hardship, financial or otherwise." Ms. Marcoux focused on

the "otherwise."

She described how for four years she and her husband Roger had been living under stressful conditions, with real estate agents giving just a 24-hour heads up before showing the house to prospective buyers, which often meant canceling plans, rushing to stage the interior, and sometimes having to shut down her jewelry shop in the middle of her work. The stress, she said, has caused her to suffer health problems.

"We had no idea we'd be in the same four-room house for four years," said Ms. Marcoux, after describing how she has been paying \$240 monthly for storage for four years. She said she also had to make repairs to the house and purchase new household items because the belongings in storage were so inaccessible.

"We've done everything in our power to change the situation," she said.

Meanwhile, Charles Caron of 113 Balsam Street sat silently, shaking his head "no" and waiting for his opportunity to again speak against the petition. He said he was worried about someone buying the vacant lot, if the board votes to separate it, and

installing a septic system.

"It scares me," he said, "It just doesn't seem right."

"I'm appealing to your sense of compassion, as well as your common sense," Ms. Marcoux pleaded to the board. "...so that my husband and I can finally move on with our life."

Anne Rogers of 106 Balsam Street also opposed the petition and gave her own interpretation of the same bylaw she had in her hands while Ms. Marcoux sat nearby.

Concerned that a buyer may try to build on the lot, she said the bylaw was crafted to prevent high density neighborhoods.

"Giving a variance that increases density," said Ms. Rogers, "does denigrate from the purpose of the bylaw."

Ms. Marcoux reminded the board that, back on 8/7, she had neighbors with her at the meeting who supported her, as well as a few letters from other abutters. She also told the board that the people who opposed her were not Fairhaven residents because they do not live in Town year-round.

"We don't have a winter house to go to," said Ms. Marcoux. "We don't

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Coast Guard can't find source of two oil spills in harbor

By Beth David

Editor

The investigation into the source of the diesel fuel spill into New Bedford Harbor continues as U.S. Coast Guard crews, along with New Bedford port officials, state emergency responders and a private cleanup contractor concluded diesel-fuel sheen clean-up efforts in New Bedford Harbor on Friday afternoon.

Investigators from the Coast Guard and the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection continued to inspect vessels in the harbor, reviewed surveillance video taken in the area at the time of the spill and tested samples of the fuel recovered to determine the origins of the spill.

The authorities are looking for help from the public; anyone with information about the source of the spill can contact the MassDEP emergency spill number at: 1-888-304-1133. Information provided to this line will be kept confidential.

"I urge the responsible party to do

the honorable thing and report it to us immediately. Failure to do so will likely increase the penalty when we find you. And we will," said MassDEP Commissioner Kenneth Kimmell.

The Coast Guard received a report of a diesel-fuel sheen in New Bedford Harbor in the vicinity of Fish Island Bridge at approximately 8 a.m., Thursday, 8/29.

Response teams deployed more than 150 feet of boom to contain the spilled fuel and resulting sheen, and used absorbent pads to target specific areas for cleanup, with a focus on the Pier 3 area along the New Bedford shoreline. A spill volume estimate indicates that more than 500 gallons of diesel fuel has been recovered from harbor waters.

As of Tuesday, the source of the spill had still not been identified, but the USCG was still actively investigating, according to Lt. Brian Swintek from USCG Sector Southeastern New England. He said the USCG was continuing to work with the DEP and

the New Bedford Police Department reviewing videotape from that morning. He said matching the oil to find its origin is "a long process."

"Anytime we have a pollution case like this we investigate it thoroughly and we try to identify the source," said Lt. Swintek.

Responding were crews from: U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment New Bedford; MassDEP Emergency Response Unit; New Bedford Fire Department

The Coast Guard and local state agencies worked with Frank Corp. of New Bedford, an oil spill response contractor, during the two-day clean up efforts to limit any pollution impact to the environment. There were no reports of any spill impact on birds, fish or other species within the harbor ecosystem.

In an average year, the Coast Guard responds to 250 reports of pollution to waterways in the northeastern United States. ●●●

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A HEALTHIER FAIRHAVEN

I would first move to develop a mission statement for Fairhaven's Board of Health. A Mission Statement will provide the board with guiding principles as we govern in a compassionate and responsible way. I pledge to work together with the state, other town boards and most importantly my neighbors to foster a healthy Fairhaven. Using my education, knowledge and experience in the medical field I will protect the community from environmental hazards, prevent the spread of disease and assure safe water, food supply, clean air and acceptable housing. I will strive to promote and educate healthy behaviors and develop and implement reasonable regulatory guidance to assure these goals. I believe that the Fairhaven Board of Health is entrusted to monitor the health of our residents and support them in collecting, analyzing and sharing data and most importantly listen with compassion. These are serious responsibilities and I will take them and all of Fairhaven's health concerns as such. I will work for and with YOU in moving toward a healthier and reunited Fairhaven.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

The issue will land in Fairhaven very soon. Up to five dispensaries could be in Bristol County. I will move for the Board of Health to present to the Board of Selectmen options and medical information related to this topic. It will be the responsibility of the Board of Health to assure that Fairhaven is able to balance need with safety. The siting of medical marijuana dispensaries creates the concern that dispensaries would increase marijuana access to the general public. The Massachusetts Medical Society agrees that the ruling needs to be further researched. Strong leadership, the willingness to listen to both sides of the argument and the fortitude to act swiftly will be essential in dealing with the medical marijuana issue and I'm prepared to do this.

TURBINES

First of all I am not a member of Windwise or for that matter beholden to any organized political group or organization. I am however a concerned neighbor and sympathetic to all those who are being affected in any way. It is very concerning to me that my opponent called the turbines his "greatest success". The current concerns of these turbines and with the addition of more turbines this could grow into the greatest health issue that our town has ever seen. This concern must be addressed head on and not ignored. I'd move toward holding public hearings and listening to the concerns of those who are experiencing the adverse health effects caused by the turbines.

Please Vote on Monday September 9th

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