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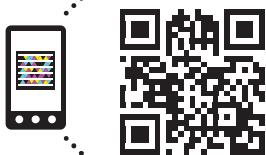
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

163 Run Fort Phoenix Road Race



Runners get started at the Fort Phoenix Road Race in Fairhaven on Sunday, 9/7. The race awards scholarships to local high school seniors. 163 runners finished the race on Sunday; 186 registered. See page 12 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.

Wow, is that autumn I feel out there? Geesh. It's like the weather just flipped a switch.

C'mon New England weather, give me a few more good boating days before you go all cold on me.

This past weekend we had a crazy number of activities going on. I tried to get to them all, but...well, I'm sure I missed a few. I did get to the Road Race, though (see page 12), and to the DAV Summer cookout (see page 12), and Apple-Peach Festival in Acushnet (see page 13), and to Dartmouth's big parade (page 13). Phew...I'm tired just listing them.

We also have some good meeting coverage for you this week. Kylie is back with a BPW story on page 22 and appeals (page 18). Look at that. She's on the job two weeks and I'm already trying to burn her out.

This coming weekend we have the third annual Katie Brienz Memorial Walk. Katie was killed by a car as she crossed Sconticut Neck Road in 2011. Although it came out of a sad event, the walk should be fun. Katie is still very much missed by those who knew her. See page 3 for details. And even if you don't want to walk, go, eat, hang out.

Now, back to last weekend. You should have seen Main Street in Acushnet! Wow. It was like one big, used-anything sale. Yard sales were everywhere, obviously trying to capitalize on the increased traffic to the Apple-Peach Festival. I saw motorcycles for sale, furniture (some really nice pieces, too), and all the other little doo-dads and stuff you see at yard sales.

I've got to say, if you're in the market for something used and you can wait a bit, you might want to wait until Apple-Peach Festival next year. Now, I wonder how many people never made it to the festival because they kept stopping at yard sales.

I also managed to get to the big parade that Dartmouth had for its 350th birthday. The Clydesdales were there...need I say more?

The primary results are in (see page 17). The Democrats and Republicans have chosen their champions. Let the games begin!

At least the primary is over so there aren't as many candidates, and hopefully that translates into not as many of those stupid robocalls. I stopped answering all calls from the 617 area code for awhile, so, don't be insulted if I ignored you. I just couldn't take it.

I hate them. You can't even yell at anyone because it's a ridiculous machine. Ugh....

Another couple of months and it will all be over, until the next time. I guess it's better than having those guys come to the door, although that can be fun, I must admit. And it would be nice to know that they actually can find us down here. Everyone knows you can't see the Southcoast from Beacon Hill. Alas.

Until next week then, see ya



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our Conservation Commission article in our 8/28 issue, we made an error on a hearing for wetlands replication. Michael Ristuccia was given permission to fill in 300 square feet of wetlands on Bass Creek Road and will have to replicate at least that same amount at Long Road, a different location than stated in the article. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

Katie Brienz Memorial Walk is this weekend

Press Release

Join us on Saturday, September 13, 2014 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 Brienz 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.

You can Pre-Register at the M.O.L.I.F.E. website or download a registration form at <http://molifeinc.com/events/>, print it up, fill it out, and mail in a check/money order made payable to "M.O.L.I.F.E., Inc." for the \$15 registration fee. Pre-Register by credit/ debit card via PayPal at : <http://molifeinc.com/events/>

You MUST include your PayPal confirmation number on the

Registration Form when mailing it in to show proof of payment.

If you are unable to attend and would still like to donate to the Katie Brienz Memorial Walk, you can check the line on the Registration Form to Sponsor A Walker for the \$15 fee. This donation will go to those who want to participate, but who may not have the money to do so.

** WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT EVERYONE WHO ATTENDS TO PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATION TO HELP THE M.O. FOOD= LIFE FOOD PANTRY IN NEW BEDFORD **

Registration begins at 11 a.m. and the walk begins at 12 noon, sharp! There will be music by DJ JT Stevens, raffles, games, and face painting following the Walk. Food and drinks will be available to purchase as well. Again, ALL proceeds go to M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc.

Thank you all in advance for helping to keep Katie's memory alive. This is an opportunity to do some great things in her honor. It's going to be a fun day so we hope to see you all there and please spread the word!



In this Neighb News file photo, Katie Brienz waves to the camera at the Our Lady of Angels Feast on 9/5/11. Katie was killed just two months later on 11/8/11, when a car hit her as she was crossing Sconticut Neck Road in Fairhaven. A memorial walk was started the same year and raises funds for M.O. L.I.F.E. Inc.

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ConCom approves swimming pool, shed; holds off on med. bldg.

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission made quick work of several hearings it held on Monday, 9/8, adjourning at 7:40 p.m., a welcome departure from recent meetings that dragged on into the night.

In the only new hearing of the night, Project Engineer John Keegan of Scitek and applicant Richard Barnes explained their plans to build a 10,350 square foot medical office building at 214 Huttleston Avenue, which is behind Walgreens and Frontera Grille. The project is 10,800 square feet including landscaping and requires the reconfiguration of an existing retention pond.

Mr. Keegan told the ConCom that the project will use a series of basins with filters to clean up the water before it passes into the retention pond. He said there would be no increase in runoff from the project.

There was some discussion on the changes in regulations over the years and whether or not the developer should go before Planning Board first or ConCom first.

In the end, the ConCom scheduled a site visit for 9/14 and continued the hearing to its 9/22 meeting. The project is slated to be on the agenda of the Planning Board on 9/23.

Amy Lorvidhaya received approval for an in-ground swimming pool at her 33 Bayview Avenue property.

Neighbor Hedy Albert reiterated her concern that there would be increased water runoff and flooding at her home next door.

Wetland Specialist John Rockwell, who acts as advisor to the ConCom through the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program, suggested some changes to the plan to be sure that drainage would not be a problem.

Ms. Albert said she felt that rocks would serve the purpose, but Mr. Rockwell suggested a raised bed of some sort that would hold plantings

that would stop the water flow.

At his urging, the ConCom would not sign off on a pipe that was directing water to the marsh.

Mr. Rockwell said the pipe was directing the water across the grass to a coastal bank and saltmarsh.

He said the new plan changed the direction of the water completely.

Ms. Lorvidhaya said it was just a quick sketch that was a suggestion to address concerns the ConCom had at the last meeting.

Mr. Rockwell said he was not satisfied with the quick drawing because it was not clear where the runoff would end up.

The ConCom decided to require raised landscape beds instead of

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riprap or other stones.

Ms. Albert showed her skepticism, saying she believed stone would work better.

She repeated that her neighborhood had another project that is still causing a lot of flooding on her property and there is not recourse to get it fixed. She wanted to know what would happen if this project made the problem worse.

Mr. Rockwell told her that if the drainage plan does not work the way it is supposed to, that the owner is supposed to fix it.

Mr. Albert wanted to know if someone would hold a certificate of liability in case it did not work the way it was supposed to.

ConCom chair Jay Simmons and Mr. Rockwell both claimed that the

work is supposed to be done according to plan and therefore it will work.

The ConCom approved the project and will issue an order of conditions at its next meeting.

Arthur Oliveira appeared before the ConCom to receive approval for an 18x20-foot shed at his property at 1 Harborview Ave.

At the last meeting there was some confusion about the size of the shed, with some members saying they thought the staked out area was smaller.

Mr. Oliveira said the stakes they saw were, indeed, 18x20.

He said the whole shed would be in the grassy area and that he was not changing the pitch of the ground.

Mr. Oliveira also told the ConCom that he did have plans to develop some of the land in the future, that he has already subdivided the property.

He said the back area is higher and he suspected that at some point, he would need to move to higher ground.

The Commission, however, stuck to the business at hand and approved the shed.

In another matter, the board issued an order of conditions to Michael Ristuccia for his property at Bass Creek Road. They approved his plan to replicate wetlands at Long Road, and stressed that the replication must take place before the work can begin at Bass Creek Road.

Mr. Ristuccia is filling in 300 square feet of wetlands at Bass Creek Road and will replicate wetlands at Long Road to offset the damage.

In other business:

A Request for Determination hearing to verify the wetland line for Carapace LLC, the car dealership at 250 Bridge Street, was continued to 9/22 at the request of the applicant.

In other business, Louise Barteau brought up a sticky issue that she came across when a resident asked her about a plant on his property. It

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 Sat., 9/13: Daddy Don't Jump, 9 p.m.–1 a.m.
 Fri., 9/19, CJ Martin, 8 p.m.–Midnight
 Sat., 9/20, Too Much Fun, 9 p.m.–1 a.m.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Katie Brienz Walk

On Saturday, 9/13. See page 3.

Car Wash

The Fairhaven High Girls Soccer Team is having a **Car Wash this Sun., 9/14, from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. at the Fairhaven Fire Station on Washington Street.**

Tickets are only \$5.00 and are available at the Car Wash, or can be purchased in advance by calling 508-989-0350. Donations are always welcome.

Spirit of Grace

The "Spirit of Grace," a **special church service for autistic and other special needs children and young adults, will hold its next monthly service on Sun., 9/14 at 2 pm at the Judith Clarke Center at St. Peter's Church, 351 Elm St., So. Dartmouth.**

This service aims to provide a spiritual and meaningful faith experience in an informal setting with storytelling, crafts, music and a Holy Eucharist with Rev. Rebecca Blair. **Reservations are required.** Please call Andrea at 508-991-8596 for more information.

Blood Drives In Memory of Amy Johannessen

Amy Johannessen Memorial Blood and Marrow Drive will be held **Sat., 9/13, 10: a.m. - 2 p.m. at What A Find! Consignment Furniture, 154 Huttleston Ave., Rt. 6, Fairhaven**

The Rhode Island Blood Bank will have its mobile van on the premises. Be The Match marrow kits will be available for those who may consider being a marrow donor.

Amy lost her 4 1/2 year battle with leukemia. The blood drive will be held on Amy's birthday. Blood donation helps those who suffer from life threatening accidents, medical surgeries and chronic illnesses.

Masonic Lodge & Red Cross

The George H. Taber Masonic Lodge and the Red Cross are teaming up for another blood drive at the Fairhaven Rec Center on **Mon., 9/15, from 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

For the fastest service, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment, but walk-ins are welcome.

With your participation we can all

help the Red Cross to fulfill its mission of ensuring the availability of a safe and reliable blood supply to area hospitals.

Beach Clean-up

Be the Solution to Pollution will be hosting a Coastsweep Cleanup at Fort Phoenix Town Beach on **Sat., 9/13, from 9 a.m. to noon.** Each piece of litter will be documented on data sheets which will be sent on to Mass. Office of Coastal Zone Management and added to all of the other Mass. Coastsweep cleanup data. The final destination for our logged data will be the Ocean Conservancy's 2015 International Coastal Cleanup Trash Free Seas Report.

Meet near the cannons. We will provide gloves, tools, bags and refreshments. Please wear closed-toe shoes and sunblock. Children are welcome when accompanied by an adult. For more information: bethesolutiontopollution@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/pollution solution www.oceanconservancy.org

Book Discussion

The Millicent Library's interactive book discussion group begins its Thursday morning discussions on **Sept. 18, at 10 a.m., 45 Center St., Fairhaven, Walnut Street entrance. Accessible.**

The book chosen for this month's review is Heidi W. Durrow's "The Girl Who Fell From the Sky." It's the story of Rachel, the child of a white Danish woman and a black man. The parents die when she is a young girl. Her father's mother becomes the sole remaining parent. The author addresses Rachel's emotional pain as she finds herself both grieving her parent's death, and confronting a community that wants to see her either white or black.

The book is available at the library, and can be reserved through the inter-library web-site, SAILS. Call Norma Markey, 508-993-3745 for info.

Connecting the Dots

Join us for a Connecting the Dots Meet & Greet with Donna Palomba and Susan Soares on **Thurs., 9/25, at the Seaport Inn and Marina 110 Middle Street, Fairhaven. Doors open at 6 p.m., event begins at 7.**

Cash Bar and Petite Menu. \$10 Adults, Students free with school ID

Connecting the Dots... is dedicated to leaving our children a world balanced in compassion... accountability... justice. For more information: www.connectingthedots-info.org 508.994.8254

Donna Palomba, founder of Jane Doe No More, Inc., is dedicated to improving the way society responds to victims of sexual assault through awareness and education.

Susan Soares is Vice President of Retail Operations at Alex and Ani, a company that is pioneering its own definition of corporate consciousness and is empowering individuals to actively create the world they want to live in.

Town Auction

The Fairhaven town auction will be held on **Sat., 9/20, at 9 a.m. at the town garage on Arsene Street.** Items include office equipment, including printers, computer monitors, telephones, calculators, fax machines and copiers; office furniture, including a wooden cabinet, file cabinets and a computer desk; assorted bicycles; a couple of motor vehicles.

A complete list is available on the town's website: http://www.fairhavenma.gov/pages/fairhavenma_news/01E5FFA6-000F8513.0/2014%20BPW%20listing.pdf

FBA Fun-day

Please join us for the first annual **Fairhaven Business Association Mini Golf Family Fun Day on Sat., 10/4, from 9 a.m.-noon, At Captain Barnacle's Mini-Golf and Snack Shack, 2 David Drown Blvd., Fairhaven.** Open to the public, family and friends are all welcome. Benefits the FBA, scholarships, and the Fairhaven community: **\$10/adults; \$5/under 12.** Promote your business, sponsor a hole, \$50; other sponsorship, \$25. Join the FBA and play for free!

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To learn more about the FBA visit www.fairhavenbusiness.blogspot.com Owners or representatives of business entities operating within Fairhaven, Mass., are eligible for membership.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

YTI Play

On September 11 Your Theatre, Inc. will begin a run of *Broadway Bound*, the third and final play in Neil Simon's acclaimed autobiographical "Eugene trilogy." Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr. of New Bedford, who directed the previous two plays in the trilogy, will direct.

With a cast of six South Coast actors, the play revisits Eugene Jerome and his older brother Stanley, who are trying to break into the world of show business as professional comedy writers while coping with their parents' failing marriage. When their material is broadcast on the radio for the first time, the family is upset to hear a thinly veiled portrait of themselves played for laughs.

You won't want to miss this third and final visit to the Jerome family.

Your Theatre, Inc. is grateful to our 68th Season Sponsor, BankFive, for their third year of strong support for the arts. We also thank First Citizens' Federal Credit Union for its support of this production.

Performance dates are Sept. 11, 12, 13 & 18, 19, 20 at 8:00 p.m. and Sept. 14 & 21 at 2:30 p.m. at the Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse located at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, in the wheelchair accessible auditorium of St. Martin's Episcopal Church. Free off-street parking is behind the church off County Street.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$13 for senior citizens, students, and military personnel. Season Subscriptions still available for \$12. For reservations call 508-993-0772, or email info@yourtheatre.org. Visit www.yourtheatre.org

Polish Women's Club

The Polish Womens Business and Professional Club will sponsor a Polish Exhibit including **food tasting and folk music on Sept. 11, from 6-8 p.m.** at Pilgrim Church Home, corner of Purchase and School Streets, NNB. Free. Not wheelchair accessible.

NB Preservation

The New Bedford Preservation Society will hold its 40th Annual Meeting on AHA! Night, **Thurs., 9/11, at 7 p.m. at the New Bedford Free Public Library**, Third Floor Meeting Room. The public is cordially invited to attend. After a brief annual

meeting, the society's plaque and Elm Awards will be presented.

To learn more about society programs, call 508.997.6425 or visit nbpreservationsociety.org.

Walking Tours

Explore New Bedford's history this fall through a guided walking tour. Free tours last approximately 45 minutes to an hour, and step off from the National Park Visitor Center at 10:30 AM on weekdays, and 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM on weekends. The tours take visitors through the cobblestoned streets of the park with waterfront views, while exploring the many stories associated with the New Bedford's maritime past and present. Tours run through September 30.

For additional information and schedules, go to the park website at www.nps.gov/nebe or visit the park's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>

Diabetes Boot Camp

A community education series about diabetes self-management consisting of four segments: Blood sugar monitoring; Medications; Nutrition; and, Activity. Each segment includes presentation, discussion, and questions and answer time.

Sept. 16, 23, 30 and Oct. 7 from 1-2:30 p.m. At Olympia Tower, 651 Purchase Street, New Bedford. A collaboration of Community Nurse & Hospice Care and Walgreens. RSVP to 508-992-6278.

Schwartz Ctr Walk

The 26th Annual Walk to Benefit the Schwartz Center for Children will be held on **Sun., 9/14, 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 that has been serving children with a variety of special medical and developmental needs from birth to age 21 in SE Mass. since 1947. For more information

visit: schwartzcenter.org

Blood Drive

A blood drive, sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 7, will be held on **Wed. 9/17, from 1:30-6:30 p.m., at Waypoint Events Center at Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, 185 MacArthur Drive.** Walk-ins welcome, appointments preferred.

To make an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767), or visit www.redcrossblood.org

Boy Scout Troop 7 New Bedford, meets on Tuesday Nights from 6:30-8:30 at Gifts to Give 20 Cove St. New Bedford. Boys 11-18 welcome to join us! Visit our website for more info www.troop7nb.org; Email troop7nb@gmail.com

Welcoming America

During the week of Sept. 12-21, Welcoming America and its partners across the country will host National Welcoming Week, a nationwide event that will highlight the contributions of immigrants to American communities. Throughout the country, these events will bring together immigrants and U.S.-born community members in a spirit of unity.

We invite you to join us for the following local event: **Love The Ave Photo Exhibit**, at vacant storefronts on Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford.

For details contact Siggy Meilus at lovetheave@gmail.com or 508-979-4684. For information about Welcoming America, visit <http://www.welcomingamerica.org/>

Spinner Celebrates

Join us at our annual fund-raiser, celebrating 33 years of recording the history and culture of Southeastern Massachusetts, on **Sat., 10/18, from 6-1 p.m. at Fort Taber Community Center, Fort Taber Park.**

Enjoy an evening of art, big band music, fine food and drink: Live art auction featuring well-known local artists; The Meadowlarks, big band sounds of the 40s and 50s; Fine Food by Jadine Loo, eclectic ethnic faire; Open Bar with beer, wine and signature cocktails; Silent auction & raffle.

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HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Sanity Chase

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Amazing Race

As part of Dartmouth's 350th birthday celebration, DNRT is hosting the "Amazing Reserve Race," a fun competition that will take teams of four to locations around Dartmouth on Sunday, 9/21.

DNRT's version of TV's Amazing Race will begin at the Slocum's River Reserve at noon on Sun., 9/21. Up to 20 teams of four will travel to four different DNRT Reserves all over Dartmouth and perform warm-up and challenge activities at each Reserve. These activities, such as throwing a Frisbee at a target, finding items along a path, and completing a brain teasing puzzle, will be timed from check-in to check-out. T-shirts will be provided to all participants and prizes awarded for first, second, and third place teams.

For the past 43 years, DNRT has been an important part of Dartmouth, helping to protect over 5,000 acres. Come and explore some of these treasures while having loads of fun during the "Amazing Reserve Race."

Space is limited; so register your team of four at www.dnrt.org. Registration: \$20 per team. For more information, please call 508-991-2289.

Bird Club

Sun., 9/14, 7:30 a.m. Fairhaven Favorites Bird Walk. As Fall migration picks up we'll be exploring some of Fairhaven's best places to see warblers and other migrating birds. **Meet at Park & Ride, North Street, Mattapoisett** or check the website for contact information: <http://massbird.org/Nasketucket/>

Name That Bird! Thurs., 9/25, 7 PM Mattapoisett Public Library, 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett

What's that little brown bird? We often pass over the "little brown birds" that we can't identify at our feeders or on a walk. Jim Sweeney of the South Shore Bird Club, MassAudubon, and an all-around expert in the field will be speaking on sparrow identification.

The Nasketucket Bird Club meets every 4th Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Mattapoisett Public Library unless otherwise announced. Annual membership is \$10. New members are always welcome. "We're not just bird-friendly, we're friendly birders"

Ride for Alex

The eighth annual Ride for Alex Poker Run will be held on **Sun., 9/14, at VFW Freetown, 89 Middleboro Road.**

Registration, 8:30–10 a.m. Poker Run start at 10 a.m. BBQ to follow around 12:45. Music, prizes, raffles, 50/50, vendors. \$20 per rider/\$10 per passenger in advance; \$25 per rider/\$15 per passenger day of event. Free t-shirt to first 50 people. For tickets contact Scott, 508-742-8243.

All are welcome, even if you don't ride. Come for the food (\$10 if not riding), music and raffles!

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Farmers Market

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

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Youth Sports Safety

A groundbreaking conference for youth sports stakeholders featuring a stellar roster of national experts giving educational, "TED-talk"-style presentations on health and safety best practices. The summit will coincide with the launch of MomsTEAM Institute's innovative SmartTeam™ program implementing best practices in pilot programs around the country this fall.

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Tickets are \$45 per person (including lunch). For more information or to register, visit <http://www.smartteamsplaysafe.com/>

WHEN: Monday, 9/15, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Doors open at 8 a.m.). Reception to follow.

At Joseph B. Martin Conference Center at Harvard Medical School, 77 Avenue Louis Pasteur, Boston.

Visit MomsTeam.com

Women's Club

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club will hold their first regular meeting of the fall on **9/18 at noon in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street.**

Now that summer company has departed, kids are back in school, the garden is looking good, and you have a free afternoon, please be our guest and enjoy a delicious, informal luncheon while chatting with new acquaintances and renewing old friendships.

Learn about our upcoming programs and small-group activities. We welcome interested residents of all nearby towns to our meetings. You do not have to be a Mattapoisett resident to be a part of our Woman's Club. Questions or need a ride? Call Barb at 508 864-5213.

Newport Boat Show

The 44th Annual Newport International Boat Show will take place **September 11-14, on the Newport waterfront** along America's Cup Avenue in Newport, Rhode Island.

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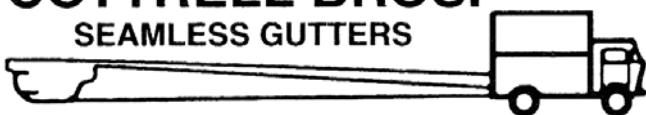
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Youth Football: Fairhaven vs. Portsmouth



Fairhaven's youth football teams faced Portsmouth on Sunday at Livesey Park. LEFT: Conner Araujo, #9 of the Fairhaven Blue Devils Junior Pee Wee team, tries to avoid the aggressive attack of the Portsmouth defense on Sunday at Livesey Park. MIDDLE: Stephen Viator, #13 of the Fairhaven Blue Devils Unlimited Division, tries to find some open space to bring the ball up field against Portsmouth on Sunday at Livesey Park. RIGHT: Owen Cebula, #37 of the Fairhaven Blue Devils Pee Wee Division, throws out a stiff arm in order to gain a few more yards but that wasn't enough as the Blue Devils pee wees lost to Portsmouth 24-6 on Sunday at Livesey Park. Photos by Ryan Feeney. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

Recipe of the Week

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1/2 cup melted butter

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buttered or Pam-sprayed casserole dish. Begin with scallop layer, end with crumbs on top.

Season to taste.

Pour 2/3 cup evaporated milk over top.

Bake in 300° oven for 45 minutes

Submitted by Janic Girard-Rose

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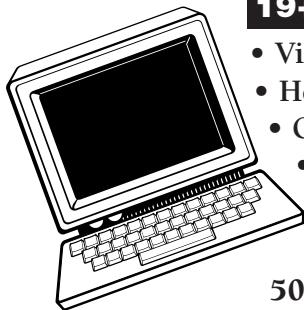


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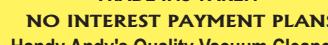
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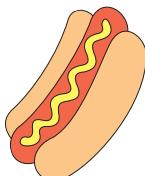
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Road race draws 186 registrants

By Beth David
Editor

The 14th annual Fort Phoenix 5K Road Race drew 186 registrants, with 163 runners and 16 registered walkers finishing the course on Sunday, 9/7.

Proceeds of this year's event will go to various organizations and scholarships, including \$500 to the Curtis L. Lopes II Scholarship Fund, which is part of the Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars fund. This year the race will also contribute to the Fairhaven Field Hockey Team and the Fairhaven

Dog Park. The amounts will depend on the final tally.

In previous years, the race has donated to Better Community Living, the high school band, the After Prom Committee, Bicentennial Committee, sports teams and nonprofits. The race committee decides each year where the money will go.

Sunday's weather was a tad hot for runners, but it was so much cooler than Saturday that most runners were okay with it. The cool breeze off the ocean helped at the finish line.



ABOVE: Shelly "Nana" Fitzgerald approaches the finish line at the Ft. Phoenix Road Race on Sunday, 9/7, with her cheering squad in tow and her running buddy Amanda Batista (front). TOP RIGHT: "Uncle Geoff" Souza gets a high five from his niece Sophie Souza, 4, who cheered him on before and during the race.

Photos by Beth David.

Before the race, Shelly Fitzgerald, aka, Nana, and running partner Amanda Batista, got a morale boost from three supporters holding signs to cheer on Nana.

It was the first race for both women, who started running in March.

"I enjoy it," said Ms. Fitzgerald. "It destresses."

Ms. Batista said they started by walking, but that got boring.

"So we started picking up our pace a little and decided to try our first 5K," she said.

"Uncle Geoff" (Souza) got his inspiration from his niece Sophie Souza, 4, who cheered him on before and during the race.

The Sumner siblings, Brad,



10, and Kirsten, 11, both won in their respective categories, with Kirsten taking second in the females 1-10 group with a time of 28:29, behind Meg Hughes, who came in first with 21:29; Brad was the only male in that age group, so he took first with a time of 26:04.

For the big kids, Jason Foster of Fairhaven took first in 17:04; Anne Preisig of Falmouth, was first woman over the line in 19:11.

For complete results, visit www.JBRace.com

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DAV holds annual cookout at Fairhaven Senior Center



The Disabled American Veterans Dr. C.E. Bert Chapter 7 held its annual summer cookout at the Fairhaven Senior Center on Saturday, 9/6. Membership in the group has grown rapidly in the last couple of years and they needed bigger digs for their annual bash.

Fairhaven Council on Aging Director Anne Silvia offered up the center. Fairhaven's traveling "Chair of Honor," to remember POWs/MIA, was also there. The day included a cookout with lots of food, a DAV meeting, and lots of socializing inside and outside. "It was a good time," said Sr. Vice Commander Nick LaRoca. "It was a good meeting, good food, good friends. It was nice." LEFT: The kitchen crew dished out the goods at the DAV annual summer cookout at the Fairhaven Senior Center on 9/6. Pictured: Ryan (middle) poses with twin brothers Paul (left) and Peter (right) Corchado. RIGHT: The women of the Ladies Auxiliary showed up in force, with mascot and official hugger Jonathan Gibbs at the annual summer bash. The chapter meets at 10 a.m. the first Saturday of the month at its headquarters, 19 Willis St., New Bedford, MA 02740. Membership is open to any disabled veteran. Dues are \$40/year. For more information about the chapter and the DAV's services, call 508-992-3766, or visit <http://www.davma.org/>

Apple-Peach Festival delights all ages



Acushnet held its signature event, the 35th annual Apple-Peach Festival under hot and sunny skies this weekend. The hot weather, however, did not deter the public. Many vendors said they had great sales all weekend. The parade was held on Sunday, with hardy souls starting out at Pope Park and traveling all the way to the festival grounds at the Long Plain Museum. Yard sales galore all along Main Street gave the whole town a festival feel as people stopped along the way looking for treasures. A free shuttle took people from the Ford Middle School to the festival on a continuous loop. On the festival grounds, people could find all manner of handmade crafts, and of course, the bounty from the farms of Acushnet: apple and peach pies, jams, cobblers and ice cream. Food vendors sold everything from lobster rolls to hot dogs. The beer was cold, the weather was hot, and the crowd was entertained by a string of local bands and other acts from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Young Olivia from Fairhaven, looked positively stunning in her Elsa (from *Frozen*) hair. She ate an apple cobbler for the first time, but said the bubble bounce was her favorite thing at the festival. LEFT: Mae Peters from Peters Family Orchard reacts to seeing someone in the crowd at the 35th annual Apple-Peach Festival in Acushnet on Sunday, 9/7. MIDDLE LEFT: Olivia shows off her Elsa (from *Frozen*). MIDDLE RIGHT: Robert D. Wing of R.W. Catering carefully adds drawn butter to a lobster roll. RIGHT: Two young girls pose on a bale of hay at the Apple-Peach Festival. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.

Dartmouth's 350 anniversary parade is one for the ages



The Town of Dartmouth has been celebrating its 350th birthday all year. This weekend's events included a parade the likes of which the town has never seen. LEFT: Victor Bariteau (left) of Fairhaven marches in the parade publicizing "Ghoulie Manor," the professional haunted house that grew from his haunted yard in Fairhaven and was featured in the movie, "American Scream." RIGHT: The Hallamore Clydesdales, always a huge hit in a parade, take the left turn from Slocum Road onto Elm Street at Dartmouth's parade celebrating its 350th anniversary. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.

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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.

Health Awareness Fair

Come meet local organizations and agencies who provide a wide variety of health care solutions. September 22, 2014, 1:00- 3:00 p.m. Transportation to and from the event will be provided by the Council on Aging van for residents in Fairhaven Housing and Fairhaven Village. Call 508-979-4029 reserve a ride. Raffles-Coffee-Pastry will be served.

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Mary Lou Francis appointed to Acushnet School Committee

By Michael Smith

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet School Committee and the Acushnet Selectboard appointed Mary Lou Francis to fill a vacant seat on the school committee on Monday, 9/8.

In a joint meeting of the two boards, a roll call vote produced a 6-1 vote in favor of Ms. Francis with Selectboard member Garry Rawcliffe opposing.

The vacancy on the school committee was a result of long-time school committee member Douglas Coray stepping down from his position last August.

The appointment of Ms. Francis is only temporary to fill out the term of the vacated seat until April of next year, when she will have to run for the seat. The seat will expire in 2016.

Sarah Gomes also sought the vacant seat. Ms. Gomes attended the meeting, Ms. Francis did not.

Chairperson Kevin Gaspar read the application letters from both candidates stating their credentials to the board and school committee.

School committee member John Howcroft motioned for Ms. Francis to

be appointed.

"Both candidates expressed great strengths," said Mr. Howcroft. "But Ms. Francis has been voted twice to the school committee."

Ms. Francis had previously served on the school committee from 2004 to 2010. She became superintendent of the New Bedford Public Schools and was ousted two years later in 2012, with a \$200,000 severance package.

While Ms. Gomes was not chosen to serve on the committee, Mr. Gaspar strongly encouraged her to run for the position next April.

The Fire Department's request for a reserve fund transfer of \$3,000 to replace twelve windows at the station prior to bids going out to contractors to install the windows was tabled by the board.

"I think it's prudent to hold off till we get the three bids," said board member David Wojnar.

Town Administrator Alan Coutinho suggested using a "virtual town hall" web hosting site to upgrade and improve the town's website.

"Our website is a lot to be desired," said Mr. Coutinho, noting the town spent a whopping \$12 last year maintaining it. "I think our town residents are becoming more and more Internet savvy, and we're lagging way behind."

Mr. Coutinho mentioned that most towns in Massachusetts are using Virtual Town Hall to

develop municipal websites. VTH is the largest municipal website developer in the northeast, according to Mr. Coutinho.

"They have over 140 in Massachusetts alone," he said. "They bring the next step to web hosting and websites."

He said some of the services VTH offers include Facebook and app integration to websites. The annual fee would be \$2,000 per year after a one-time charge of \$7,500.

"This is a first step of turning us into a first rate webpage design," said Mr. Coutinho.

Mr. Wojnar, noting after he got elected in 1998 and led the effort to get the town's first website, jokingly said he was happy to see his website was still in use.

"If we can get an app out of this thing (Virtual Town Hall), it would be great," he said.

The board unanimously supported putting an article on the Town Meeting warrant in October.

In other business the board:

- Approved a request from a resident on 186 Hathaway Road to be placed on the Selectboard's agenda for their next meeting on September 22 to address his concerns of a Renee Street storm drainage system.
- Approved a car wash to be held at the fire station on September 13 to raise money for the Old Colony Varsity Girls Soccer team.
- Reviewed and approved a final water commitment of \$604.87 and a sewer commitment of \$262.82.
- Convened in Executive Session to discuss the City of New Bedford water contract and pending legal issues with White's Woods and JR Plastics.



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Fairhaven resident wins work award for high performance

Press Release

Veronique Sylvia from the Boston General Office of New York Life Insurance Company, has received awards and recognition for her accomplishments with New York Life this past year. Veronique has been named a member of the 2014 Executive Council of New York Life Insurance Company. Members of the Executive Council are among the most successful of New York Life's elite sales force of 12,250 licensed agents.

She received both the Career Life Success Award & the Career Life Producer Award, company awards that recognize agents who achieve case rate and commission milestones in their first three and six months of employment.

"As a first year agent we applaud Veronique Sylvia for these achievements," said Peter McAvinn, managing partner at the Boston General Office in Waltham. "Veronique is a valuable asset to families in our community and her dedication to helping families as they work to protect their financial futures is being recognized with this award."

Veronique was also invited to attend New York Life's Career Development Conference held at NYLIC University's campus in Dallas, Texas. NYLIC University is the company's comprehensive agent training program that provides a curriculum designed to train and develop agents throughout their sales careers.

Invitees are among the most successful new agent hires at New York Life. Agents must meet certain qualifications to be invited to attend this conference, which has been considered a standard of excellence

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"With this registration, Veronique will be better able to serve both new and existing clients in our community," said McAvinn. "We are pleased with her dedication to furthering her education."

Veronique received a B.A. degree from American University in Washington, DC. She has lived in Fairhaven with her husband, Mark, since 1998 and is the proud mother of two young children. She has been a member of the MOMS Club of Fairhaven since 2006 and has served as Board President. She is an active member of the Parent Teacher Association and also serves on the School Council board. In her spare time Veronique also enjoys participating as a member of Little Theatre of Fall River community theater group.

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Primary voters choose Baker & Coakley; Tierney loses in upset

Fairhaven and Acushnet agreed with the rest of the state on candidates for statewide office. Both towns, however, chose Walter Moniz over Joseph Ferreira, who won the Governor's Council seat for District 1.

Martha Coakley was chosen as the Democratic nominee, to face Republican Charles Baker for Governor in the general election on November 4.

Ms. Coakley, who is the current Attorney General, and who lost to Scott Brown in a surprising defeat for

Senator in 2010, beat out fellow Democrat Stephen Grossman, but she only beat him by 5%, causing many of the pundits to speculate that she will have a tough time beating Mr. Baker in the general election.

Ms. Coakley received 42% of the vote, Mr. Baker got 36% and Donald Berwick received 21%.

In a snoozer of a race for Lt. Governor, Democrat Stephen Kerrigan beat out Lelan Cheung and Michael Lake to face Republican Karyn Polito in November.

The race for Attorney General on the Democrat side was a little bit of an upset, with first-time candidate Maura Healey beating out rival Warren Tolman, 62% to 38%. Ms. Healey, who works in the AG's office, will face Republican John Miller in the general election.

In a race that was closely watched throughout the state and nationwide, long time U.S. Rep. John Tierney lost his seat representing the 6th Congressional District to newcomer

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ZBA approves docks, camper; revotes shed

By Kylie Schuster

Neighb News Correspondent

In a move that was rather confusing, the Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals at its 9/2 meeting, re-voted a matter from its 8/5 meeting.

At the beginning of the 9/2 meeting, chairperson Peter DeTerra announced a revote for a variance for a shed at 56 Bayview Avenue that had been given on 8/5.

Mr. DeTerra said there was a "question" about abutter notification and a board member, but he did not say which member or what the question was, or what the answer to the question was.

When board member Rene Fleurent tried to speak on the matter, Mr. DeTerra did say the hearing was closed and would not entertain any discussion on it.

The board voted to approve the variance again.

Follow-up inquiries revealed that board member Peg Cook was an abutter to the Bayview Avenue property. It is unclear how the matter came up and how it was decided to be re-voted. It was not on the agenda filed with the Town Clerk's office.

Mr. DeTerra did not return two phone calls seeking clarification for this story by press time.

In another matter, Susan Nilson, of CLE Engineering, representing Max and Gail Isaksen, appeared before the board in a continued hearing to seek a Special Permit to construct a dock at 5 Widemarsh Beach Way. Ms. Nilson began by stating that the dock would be 75 feet long, which complied with the town bylaws. She also explained that the dock would be equipped with a boat hoist for small craft and jet skis.

She said she had already appeared before the Conservation Committee and they had approved it.

Ms. Nilson also explained that she had been in contact with Shellfish Warden Timothy Cox who stated that the Isaksens must relocate the shellfish that are affected by the new dock. The board approved the permit.

Ms. Nilson also appeared before the board to represent Jose Cordeiro in obtaining a Special Permit to construct a dock at 28 Fort Street. Ms. Nilson stated that when the Cordeiros bought the house, there was already a dock at the residence. She stated that

the floating dock that is there was not built to code and was over the town bylaw length limit.

The proposed dock will be 150 feet long, complying with the bylaws. Also, the new dock will have a set of stairs going up and around for people to have a safe exit from the beach.

The dock will be used for a 29-foot boat; and all shellfish affected by the building of the dock will be relocated.

The board approved the permit unanimously.

Town bylaws state that docks inside the hurricane barrier cannot exceed 150 feet, docks outside the hurricane barrier cannot exceed 75 feet.

Resident Gary Staffon, who is also on the Planning Board, appeared before the board on behalf of his sister Linda Crompton, who re-

Mr. DeTerra, however, stopped Mr. Fleurent, calling it "a conflict of interest" because Mr. Fleurent serves on both the Planning Board and the Board of Appeals.

quested a Special Permit to use her camper as a storage unit on her property at 41 Seaview Avenue.

Mr. Staffon explained that Ms. Crompton used the camper for storage, but will sometimes go in the camper "to sit and get some peace and quiet while the teenagers are in the house."

Two of Ms. Crompton's neighbors, Michael De Coninck and Janice Martin, said they had no problem with the camper as long as no one would be sleeping in it.

After Mr. Staffon pointed out where the camper was on a photo of Ms. Crompton's property to board member Rene Fleurent, the board motioned to approved the permit as long as no one would be sleeping in the camper.

Iskandar & Rouba Sarkis of A&A Auto appeared before the board to ask permission to put vehicles closer to the curb on a lot adjacent to A&A. Bylaws require a 20-foot setback.

The company purchased the Shirley Street lot and cleared it of weeds and other brush. Ms. Sarkis said that she wanted to push the cars closer to the street so that she could ask the Planning Board for permission to put more cars on the lot.

Board member Rene Fleurent, who is also a member of the Planning Board, started to make a point about the lot, referring to a matter that went before the PB for the adjacent property. Mr. DeTerra, however, stopped Mr. Fleurent, calling it "a conflict of interest" because Mr. Fleurent serves on both the Planning Board and the Board of Appeals.

After a bit of an exchange, Mr. Fleurent managed to make his point: that he was concerned about visibility for traffic leaving the old Lukoil property, which is vacant now, but has been approved by the PB for a take-out business.

Ms. Sarkis said that she would make sure the cars were not too close to the street to obstruct visibility.

The board approved the request.

The board also heard from Monica and Donald Kelly to discuss their new fence at 345 Bridge Street. Assistant Building Inspector Andrew Bobola inspected the fence and the land around it after he received complaints from the neighbors saying that the fence was too high and they could not see the oncoming traffic.

Mr. Bobola said that he measured the fence around the property and it was 6'6" high in some places.

Board member Kenneth Kendall read a letter from Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau stating that the fence was actually on town property and needs to be moved 20 feet back.

Mr. Kelly asked if he moved the fence eight feet if it would be okay, but Mr. DeTerra said it would not, adding, "we don't make the rules, we follow them."

Mr. Kelly then stated that the only reason he built the fence was because he went to the Town Hall and asked a clerk if it was okay to build a six-foot fence and the clerk said it was okay.

"If Mr. Kelly came to the town hall then he should have left with a sheet of paper stating what he needed to do

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to put up this fence," said Mr. Kendall. "I don't care if he asked the janitor."

Then Mr. Fleurent asked Mr. Bobola if he thought the fence was on town property.

"In my professional opinion, yes, the fence is on town property," answered Mr. Bobola.

The discussion got heated and a bit contentious as the board asserted its position that the fence needed to be removed and the Kellys insisted that they were told by a clerk at town hall that they could install a six-foot privacy fence. Mr. Kelly also said he believed the fence was on his property because it was very close to his septic system.

The board members argued about what to vote on, and in the end they voted that Mr. Kelly needed to either move his fence back 20 feet into his property or take the fence down.

The Kellys also told the board that other neighbors had fences that were lined up with theirs and maybe they all needed to appear before the board.

While leaving the meeting after the vote, Ms. Kelly stated that she wanted

to bring the issue to court.

In another matter, Robert Fitts, Jr. appeared before the board to get a Special Permit to use his house at 448 Main Street as a home office for his electrical business. Mr. Fitts said he wanted to use the office for "just a computer, a printer, and a planning table."

One of Mr. Fitts's neighbors, Sheila Dean, wrote to the board that Mr. Fitts was a "great neighbor" and that he was "responsible."

The board approved the permit.

In other business the board continued a hearing for Paul Downey, seeking permission a parking lot at 200 Mill Road, at Mr. Downey's request. The original proposal was 10 feet short of the required 50-foot landscape setback.

Suburbia is where the developer bulldozes out the trees, then names the streets after them.
Bill Vaughn

Roxanne's Return



Staff and volunteers of Fairhaven's Social Day entertained clients and guests with another production of *Roxanne* (played by Evelyn Richard). A visit home finds Roxanne in the midst of a dilemma when her old flame (Al Borges) and new flame (Julio Morales) meet up. One thing leads to another and poor Roxanne finds herself in trouble with the law once again. The clients enjoyed lunch of linguica wraps, nachos, and in the spirit of the play, virgin jello shots and virgin strawberry margaritas. As always, the play delighted the clients and they look forward to their next visit from Roxanne. The skit was written by Joyce Cookinham, Social Day Coordinator. *Submitted photo.*

Carnival fun at the COA



Clients of Fairhaven Social Day accepted an invitation from Westport Social Day to attend a Carnival at the Westport Senior Center. Westport hosted a cook-out for Fairhaven Social Day clients and Fairhaven supplied popcorn and game prizes. There were several carnival games for the clients to play and prizes were awarded to the winners. Everyone had a great time. *Submitted photo.*

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Seth Moulton, a business owner and former Marine.

Mr. Tiernery had held the seat for 18 years, but his wife and inlaws had been embroiled in scandals in recent years.

Mr. Moulton will face Republican Richard Tisei in November.

Across the border in New Hampshire, in another race closely watched nationwide, former US Senator for Mass. Scott Brown beat out his rivals to win the Republican nomination for Senator in New Hampshire. He will face incumbent Jeanne Shaheen, a Democrat.

Mr. Brown beat Bob Smith, a former US Senator, and a former state senator, Jim Rubens, to win the Republication nomination.

In the Governor's Council seat, Mr. Ferreira beat incumbent Oliver Cipollini, Walter Moniz, and Alexander Kalife. There is no Republican nominee.

Former New Bedford City Councilor John Saunders won his bid for County Commissioner against fellow Democrat Daniel Dermody. There is no Republican nominee.

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Havelock Ellis,
The Dance of Life, 1923

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on September 22, 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.

- Request for Determination Applicant Matthew Thurlow, Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation Location 1 Old Fort Road Plot 1 Lot 01, 02, Purpose improvements to playground area within a 100' buffer zone to a coastal dune and within a VE flood zone.

Jay Simmons Chairman,
Fairhaven Conservation Commission

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on September 23, 2014**, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and Public comment on the following applications. 1) The applicant, *Rick Barnes*, is requesting a Special Permit to construct a new 10,380 SF medical office building including parking and landscaping. The location is 214 Huttleston Avenue, Map 30A, Lot 91. 2) The applicant, *Paul Downey, Mill Bridge Holdings, LLC*, is requesting a Special Permit to construct a new parking lot with approximately 90 spaces and landscaped berm on the northeast corner of the property along Mill Road. The location is 200 Mill Road, Map 36, Lot 11A.

Copies of the applications are on file for public

review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9.

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board

Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

CONTINUED HEARINGS:

1. **Petitioner: Old South Wharf Realty, LLC**, RE: 24 Water Street, Plat 7, Lot 1, Book 9109 and Page 268; 198-22: Short 4' of the required 5' setback for an Accessory Structure.

NEW HEARINGS:

2. **Petitioner: Lynn Souza**, RE: 20 Shaw Road, Plat 31A, Lot 352; Book 6474 and Page 53; 198-16: Livestock raising under 5 acres requires a Special Permit in a RA District.

3. **Petitioner: Keith & Susan Amaral**, RE: 7 Beachwood Street, Plat 28B, Lot 75; Book 6308 and Page 245; 198-22 A-4 - Accessory Buildings: Short 2' on the east and south sides of the required setbacks. 198-18: 3% over the maximum allowed building coverage 30% in a RA District.

4. **Petitioner: Dennis Daniel**, RE: 55 Chestnut Street, Plat 5, Lot 99-100; Book 9182 and Page 179; 198-18: Short 3' of the required 10' side setback in a RA District.

4. **Petitioner: Kevin & Melisa Viveiros**, RE: 34 Davis Street, Plat 20, Lot 55-56, Certificate #23280, 198-18: Short 9' of the required 20' front setback, short 7' of the required 30' rear setback and 1% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 30% all within a RA District.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Public Works

Mon., 9/22, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Beautification Committee

Wed., 9/17, Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 10/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Commission on Disability

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

Conservation Commission

Mon., 9/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Government Study Comm

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

Thurs., 10/2, 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

Mon., 9/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Agricultural Commission

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

Board of Health

Tues., 9/16, Parting Ways Bldg., 6 p.m.

Board of Assessors

Wed., 9/24, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 9/22, Long Plain Mtg., 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

Sept. 2014	HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.	HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.
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Friday	12	1102	2326	0416* 1649*
Saturday	13	1153	----	0454* 1729
Sunday	14	0019	1248	0534 1816
Monday	15	0116	1345	0621 2109
Tuesday	16	0213	1440	0735 2225
Wednesday	17	0307	1535	1038 2328
Thursday	18	0406	1636	1144 ----
Friday	19	0509	1735	0019 1233
Saturday	20	0602	1823	0100 1313

* = Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft

**Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

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turned out to be Jimson Weed, a toxic plant.

Conservation Agent Wayne Fostin said that the issue had come up in town before and was handled by the Board of Health. He said Jimson Weed should only be removed by a professional. Just touching certain parts of the plant can be toxic.

BPW okays flex time, for now; causeway pipe to be repaired

By Kylie Schuster

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Board of Public Works addressed flex time, a decaying water pipe, and a traffic study at its meeting on September 8t.

In a matter continued from the last meeting, West Island Treatment Plant Operator Douglas Pinard was joined by George Belanger, Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Officer of Teamsters Union Local No. 59, to request flex time so Mr. Pinard can take pick up his son from high school a couple of days a week.

Mr. Belanger began the conversation by stating that flex time is a benefit to the employees, and that "if flex time can be given without hurting the operation then it should be done without stipulation."

BPW member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson stated that he "voted against flex time for Mr. Pinard last year," and that he would, "vote against it again this year."

Mr. Hobson said that Mr. Pinard could use comp, sick, or vacation time instead of using flex time.

Mr. Hobson said he knew people who had to use comp time because Mr. Pinard was "using all of the flex time."

Mr. Belanger asked Mr. Hobson if this said person ever asked for flex time, and Mr. Hobson replied, "I think so."

Board member Brian Wotton asked Mr. Pinard what would happen if someone else needed flex time while he was using it.

Mr. Pinard replied that he would work with others in his department to make flex time work for everyone

Mr. Belanger explained that he thought flex time should be handled on a case by case bases.

"I think as a board we are trying to be fair," said Mr. Wotton.

BPW Chairperson Michael Ristuccia talked about the "spirit of flex time," and how it was put in place to help someone who is in a difficult situation.

"If Mr. Pinard needed this time to bring his mother to the doctor's or go see a lawyer then it would be okay," added Mr. Hobson.

He also asked what would happen if another 15 town employees needed flex time.

Mr. Ristuccia interrupted Mr. Hobson saying, "We aren't going to keep talking about that, it's not productive."

The board produced three motions, two of which were seconded.

Mr. Hobson said that Mr. Pinard could use comp, sick, or vacation time instead of using flex time.

Mr. Pinard interrupted the motioning to state that he thought the board had to vote on a motion that was seconded before hearing the next motion.

Mr. Hobson cut him off, "we don't need your advice."

"You don't run this show," added Mr. Ristuccia. "You sound like you do, but you don't."

After some silence, the board passed the motion to approve Mr. Pinard's flex time for 60 days. After that he needs to appear before the board and go through the process again. The measure passed with Mr. Hobson voting against.

In another matter, the BPW

received an inspection report the Causeway Road bridge. The bridge passed, but the water pipe on the north side received a 4 rating, meaning that the town needs to repair it.

"It looks pretty bad," said Mr. Ristuccia. "It's in critical condition."

The pipe supplies the whole island with drinking water.

The board voted to approve Tata & Howard Engineering Services to make the repairs to the pipe. Estimate for the work is \$14,500.

The board also voted to ask for a traffic study for the corner of David Drown Boulevard and Sconticut Neck Road.

The issue came about when a resident told the board, at its last meeting, that she witnessed a car trying to make a left turn near the bike path on Sconticut Neck Road to David Drown Boulevard and another car passed on the right, almost hitting a pedestrian using the bike path.

At the last meeting, board members proposed asking for a traffic study to find a way to make the street narrower without causing traffic problems on Sconticut Neck Road.

Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) will conduct the study.

Mr. Hobson brought up the issue of the grass growing on Route 6 around Green and Adam Streets that he said is getting "too tall."

He said the state needs to cut it because it's not town property. Also on the same note, Mr. Hobson said that a lot of the streets in Fairhaven have overgrown trees and brush that should be cut back.

Public Works superintendent Vinnie Furtado will call the state to get the Route 6 portion mowed.

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