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

## Walk raises funds, remembers Katie Brienzo



More than 150 people took part in the third annual Katie Brienzo Memorial Walk on Saturday, 9/13. Katie was killed when a car hit her as she crossed Sconticut Neck Road in Fairhaven on November 8, 2011, at the age of 29. A strong advocate for people with disabilities, Katie herself used the services of MO LIFE, her favorite charity and the recipient of the proceeds of the Walk. She was born with Turner Syndrome, but it did not stop her from being a successful advocate, worker, and motivational speaker. ABOVE: Walkers approach Daniel Street as they walk along Main Street in Fairhaven at the third annual Katie Brienzo Memorial Walk on Saturday, 9/13. The walk started and ended at the Our Lady of Angels Feast grounds. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com). Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Okay, here goes: no more saying I'm going to write a blog, because then I don't get around to it and my readers are looking for it and I'm just not getting it done. Sorry about that.

Just keep checking the blog periodically, okay? I'll write something eventually.

I did have a rant about the gate at Fort Phoenix being closed again (I opened it myself, hah!), but I didn't get around to making the phone calls to find out what happened.

The thing is: if you shut the thing, have the courtesy to make sure it gets opened the next morning. If you can't do that, just leave it open.

I fear, however, that his little territorial spitting match is not going to be so easily resolved.

I'll get to it...I will, really...just, well, don't hold your breath, okay?

We have meetings to cover.

And this week the Selectboard had a doozy. They voted to euthanize a dog. That's a tough decision. See page 4 for details.

The dog attacked another dog and almost killed it. The owners dispute the severity of the attack, of course.

In any case, dog owners, keep your animals under control. It's a frightening thing when even a friendly dog comes bounding toward you to lick you to death. If it's a dog that has a vicious streak, it's beyond frightening, it's downright traumatizing.

We have the kind of town that encourages people to walk along the street, be outside and enjoy the fresh air. No one can do that if a dog is going to come dashing from out of nowhere and attack.

Kids in the neighborhood should feel safe playing in their yards. It shouldn't be the responsibility of those who do not have dogs to fence themselves in for protection. It should be the dog owners who keep their dogs where they belong.

It's heartbreaking that the dog has to be put down, but it seemed that there was no other choice. The dog has a history of attacking people and other dogs, and the owners apparently tried to mislead the Animal Control Officer about the dog and its history.

Enough on that.

We have other stuff in here, of course. Our cover story is about the Katie Brienzo Memorial Walk. See page 12 for that. Although she died at only the age of 29, Katie's influence is still being felt in our little burg.

Jellyfish caused a scare in Fairhaven (see page 18), but that's nothing compared to the shark that scared the you-know-whatses out of two women when it bit one of their kayaks and dumped them into the water over (see page 10).

Well, guess that's it. Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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Nothing? Really? Don't be shy, now...tell us if we spelled your name wrong

# Bike bus starts to Wood School



The Bike Bus to the Wood School kicked off last week on Friday, 9/12. Students and adults met at the Pleasant Street entrance to the Phoenix Bike Trail in Fairhaven. More than 80 students participated. The Fairhaven Bikeway Committee received a grant to put bike odometers on bikes of students who request them. The committee has also been instrumental in getting bike racks around town. Their next meeting is on Thursday, 9/18, at town hall at 7 p.m. ABOVE LEFT: Participants in the "bike bus" to the Wood School get ready to leave on the bike path near Pleasant Street in Fairhaven on the first day of this year's bike bus, 9/12. ABOVE RIGHT: The bike bus arrives at the Wood School. Photos courtesy of Shari Durant. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)



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**10:45 A.M.:** 14 Grandview Avenue: Parcel containing approx. 9,000 sq. ft. of land. There is currently a four room home, which needs some repair. Fairhaven Assessor's Map 29C, Block 416.

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# Selectboard orders dog put down; pursues buying Mill Rd. prop.

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard decided at its meeting on Monday, 9/15, to euthanize a Seaview Avenue dog. Owner Samantha Armstrong cried openly after the board announced its decision to side with Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps to have the dog put down.

Resident Kathleen Sturtevant, who is also a Board of Public Works member and an avid runner and cyclist on Sciticut Neck, reported that she was walking with her dog on August 25th along Seaview Avenue, when a dog attacked her dog. Ms. Sturtevant was pulled to the ground, hurt her back and received some scrapes trying to break up the fight.

The rest of the story got a bit confusing as Ms. Armstrong and her boyfriend James Tavares gave a different version of events.

Fairhaven Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps said he could not verify if the dog had been properly vaccinated. Ms. Armstrong gave him the name "Birdie" for the dog, the vet had another dog named as hers, and Ms. Sturtevant said that Ms. Armstrong was not calling the dog "Birdie" during the attack.

As a result, both dogs were placed in quarantine for 10 days. Ms. Sturtevant's dog required stitches.

The ACO said he found that the same dog had attacked a man in New Bedford, resulting in serious injury.

Ms. Armstrong and Mr. Tavares told the board that in the New Bedford incident a man reached into the car and tried to steal a wallet on the front seat and that's why the dog bit him.

The man's wife, however, disputed that story. Her husband, she said, has since died. Selectboard member Geoffrey Haworth referred to a New Bedford police report that also disputed the claim that the man was trying to steal from the car.

Mr. Tavares admitted the dog was "not perfect," but asserted that she was a "happy, loving dog."

He asked the board to allow them to build a fence around the property, instead of killing the dog. He said the rope broke, and blamed his landlord for saying it was strong enough to hold the dog.

He said they would take responsibility for the actions of the dog, but he also said that the dog's actions were not due to negligence on their part, or aggression on the part of the dog. He said the dog was in a new environment after being in an "urban" setting its whole life.

"That was a one-time accident," said Mr. Tavares.

He added that he believed his dog was hurt more than Ms. Sturtevant's dog, but he did not take his dog to the vet. He did show pictures to the board. Ms. Sturtevant also had pictures of her dog's injuries.

Ms. Sturtevant became emotional as she listened to the recounting of events. She insisted her dog was on a leash.

"That is not the truth they are telling," said Ms. Sturtevant forcefully. "My dog protected me."

She said if she had a smaller dog, it would be dead, if it had been a child, it would be dead.

"My dog got the worst of it," insisted Mr. Tavares.

But that line of reasoning seemed to work against him with the board.

Mr. Haworth said that he felt Ms. Armstrong and Mr. Tavares were not responsible pet owners for a variety of reasons, including that they did not take

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their dog to the veterinarian after the incident.

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Mr. Haworth was not shaken, telling them he felt they were not responsible dog owners.

"You're not doing what you should be doing," said Mr. Haworth.

Several neighbors spoke, including Rita Pinto, who lives next door and said she was afraid of the dog. She said she did not see the attack, but she heard it and thought it was a coyote.

"It's a very bad situation," said Ms. Pinto.

Mr. Tavares countered the neighbors' complaints by saying that anyone can make up a story, including one man who is "on disability" and "has no life," who calls town officials to complain.

Ms. Sturtevant's friend and running/cycling buddy Nancy Green told the board that Ms. Sturtevant was "very shaken up" by the incident and that they had changed

their route to avoid the street.

In the hall after the vote, Mr. Tavares would not say if he was going to file an appeal in court to fight the euthanization order.

Ms. Armstrong left in tears, and Ms. Sturtevant was also crying, being comforted by Ms. Green.

The owners have 10 days to surrender the dog to the ACO, have it euthanized on their own, or appeal the decision in court.

In another matter, the board decided to pursue the purchase of 31.7 acres at 211 Mill Road for the purpose of one day building a new police/fire station.

The 61A Right of First Refusal has been on the agenda as an executive session item for several meetings. The property has enjoyed an agricultural tax exemption under the 61A statute, which gives the town the first chance to buy it when the owner decides to sell. Philip DeNormandie owns the parcel, which is also about to have a solar farm built on it.

John DeVillars of BlueWave Capital, told the board that his solar project was compatible with the uses the town has in mind. The 31.7 acres can accommodate both the solar farm and a safety facility, and is also large enough for the town to sell a portion to help pay for the project.

The board's Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch agreed that the board should support buying the property.

"I think it's an opportunity the town has to pursue," said Mr. Osuch.

He said the funds for the 1.465 million-dollar price tag will have to come from borrowing or the stabilization fund.

Fire Chief Timothy Francis and Police Chief Michael Myers both told the board that their stations were outdated and crowded.

Chief Myers said that the building is 50 years old and most buildings have a 20 to 50 year life span. He said the town had talked about a new building years ago. Now that the high school debt is close to being retired, he said it was time to plan for a new police/fire station.

"Our future is now," said Chief Myers. "There's no doubt that the facility has reached its life expectancy."

He also told the board that the facility was 42% smaller than it should be for a town the size of Fairhaven; four sergeants are sharing an office meant for one; the detectives are in the basement, which floods and has sewer backups; the climate control is not designed for a 24/7/365 operation; and there is insuffi-

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## ENTERTAINMENT:

Fri., 9/19, CJ Martin, 8 p.m.–Midnight  
 Sat., 9/20, Too Much Fun, 9 p.m.–1 a.m.  
 Fri., 9/26, James Gagne, 8 p.m.–Midnight  
 Sat., 9/27, The Relics, 9 a.m.–1 a.m.

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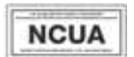


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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Autumn Soup Taste

Join us for our Autumn Soup Tasting Festival. Our Executive Chef Rogers Stevens will be making a variety of soups for you to enjoy on **Mon., 9/22, at 2 p.m. at Atria Fairhaven, 391 Alden Road, Fairhaven.** Entertainment by Gary Duquette.

**Tues., 9/23:** Mr. DJ Hollywood Quiz Show. Live Game Show of Trivia Questions, at 2:30pm

Both events. Free and open to the public. RSVP to 508-994-9238.

## 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](http://www.fairhavenma.gov/pages/fairhavenma_news/01E5FFA6-000F8513.0/2014%20BPW%20listing.pdf)

To learn more about the FBA visit [www.fairhavenbusiness.blogspot.com](http://www.fairhavenbusiness.blogspot.com) Owners or representatives of business entities operating within Fairhaven, Mass., are eligible for membership.

## Connecting the Dots

Join us for a Connecting the Dots Meet & Greet with Donna Palomba and Susn 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**

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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.

## Health Fair

Fairhaven Commission on Disability Health Awareness Fair, on **Mon., Sept. 22, from 1:00-3:00 pm, at the Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Avenue (near Stop & Shop).** Learn about local organizations and agencies that provide a wide variety of health care solutions.

The Southcoast Mobile Van will be performing health screenings. Raffles Coffee Pastry. 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 to reserve a ride. Free.

## Encampment

In September 1778, during the Revolutionary War, about 4,000 British soldiers who were landed from 36 transport ships attacked the four villages situated on the Acushnet River. During the raid houses, ships and business places in New Bedford, Acushnet and Fairhaven were ransacked and burned. The fort at Nolscot Point in Fairhaven, now called Fort Phoenix, was destroyed by British troops. It took years for the local waterfront industries to recover from the raid.

**On Sat. and Sun., 9/27 & 28,** members of the Fairhaven Village Militia, the Fairhaven Office of Tourism and guests will once again recall the days of the British attack during a weekend encampment at Fort Phoenix. Men, women and children dressed in period clothing will reenact life in 1778 and talk about the history of the fort. They will also be demonstrating campfire cooking, musket ball casting, military drilling, loading and firing flintlock muskets and rifles, cannon firing, colonial handcrafts, 18th-century dentistry and medicine, cannon firing and more. Visitors may try their hand at tomahawk throwing and children's games of the period.

**The highlight of the weekend will be the firing of the fort's five cannons, scheduled for dusk, about 6:45 p.m., on Saturday.** When fired near sundown, the cannons' plumes of flames and smoke make a

spectacular sight.

Once again this year, some members of a British reenacting group, the 54th Regiment of Foot, have been invited to take part in the weekend activities at the fort.

Both the cannon firing and the overnight encampment will be cancelled in the event of rain. Weather permitting, the militia will be at the fort from 9:00 a.m. Saturday until about 3:00 p.m. Sunday.

## WIIA Meat Raffle

West Island Improvement Association's Meat Raffle, **Fri., 9/26, 7-9 p.m. at the Community House, 41 Causeway Road, Fairhaven.** Doors open at 6:30 p.m., First Spin is at 7:00 p.m.

This meat will get your weekend started off right with steak, pork, burgers, shrimp and much more. Feeling lucky? Bring a cooler for your winnings!

How the Raffle works: There will be a table filled with various cuts of Meat and seafood; You buy tickets: 3 for \$5; 8 for \$10; 20 for \$20; Then the raffle tickets are drawn for prizes; The first ticket drawn gets first pick on the table, second ticket gets second pick, etc. Any questions call Marc, 774-259-5561, Bring your own refreshments

## Scarecrow Contest

HARVEST FUN DAY is the drop-off date for scarecrows entered in the Office of Tourism's Harvest Scarecrow Contest. Help get the town in the Halloween spirit by bringing your own homemade spooky (or not so spooky) scarecrow to be displayed along the Main Street sidewalk of Fairhaven High School. Scarecrows will be judged for prizes and will be on display until after Halloween.

**Drop off is Saturday, October 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during HARVEST FUN DAY, at Fairhaven Visitors Center, 141 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA**

The contest is open to all ages, youth (age 14 or under), individuals (age 15 and up), families, organizations, or businesses. One entry per person or group. Youth entries may involve some construction help by an adult, but the overall design and most of the work should be by the child.

For a link to complete rules and the downloadable application form, visit <http://harvestfun.blogspot.com/>

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Dock-U-Mentary

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on **Friday, September 19th at 7:00 PM** with an evening of **home movies** from the industry at the New Bedford Whaling Park visitor's center, 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. Free and open to the public.

The hour long program will include short videos and images of life at sea and on shore provided by fishing families. Get a firsthand view of life on a commercial fishing boat with film shot by fishermen at sea. Reminisce about the days of wooden boats and the old Scallop Festival. View images of lumpers, fish cutters, and other individuals who help bring fish from the ocean to our plates.

For more information, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, go to [www.nps.gov/nebe](http://www.nps.gov/nebe)

## YTI Play

Your Theatre, Inc. presents *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.

**Remaining performance dates are Sept. 18, 19, 20 at 8:00 p.m. and Sept. 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](mailto:info@yourtheatre.org). Visit [www.yourtheatre.org](http://www.yourtheatre.org)

## Ham & Bean Supper

Pilgrim United Church of Christ is sponsoring a Ham & Bean Supper with Chinese Auction. Includes potato salad, bread & butter, strawberry shortcake & beverages. **On Sat., 9/27, from 6-8p.m., Pilgrim Church Home, corner Purchase & School Streets, New Bedford.**

Donation: Adults \$9 (Seniors \$1 discount); Children under 12, \$5.

Proceeds to benefit church programs. For reservations: Sharon,

774-328-6179

## Rummage Sale Items Needed

Pilgrim Womens Club of Pilgrim United Church of Christ is holding its annual Indoor Yard/Rummage & Bake Sale on **Fri., Oct. 3, from 5-8 p.m.** and **Satu., Oct. 4, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** at Pilgrim Church Home, Corner Purchase & School Sts., New Bedford

To donate items, please call Lora: 508-998-1718 or Alice: 508-996-1498

Proceeds to benefit Club's Book Scholarship Fund and other charitable donations

## YTI Auditions

Your Theatre, Inc. Announces Auditions for *Italian American Reconciliation*, by John Patrick Shanley Director Suzanne Bergeron will audition actors on **Tues, & Wed., 9/23 & 24 at 7 p.m. at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. at St. Martin's Church, 136 Rivet St., New Bedford.** Parking and entrance at rear of church on County St.

Auditions will consist of a cold reading from the script. Bergeron is seeking actors to fill the roles of three women and two men. Characters: Aldo Scalicki, 30's; Huey Maximilian Bonfigliano, 30's; Aunt May, 40's; Teresa, 25-30; Janice, 30's.

The play follows Huey Maximilian Bonfigliano, who has a problem: While he is safely divorced from his shrewish first wife, Janice, who shot his dog and even took a bead on him, he feels he cannot regain his "manhood" until he woos and wins her one more time. He enlists the aid of his lifelong buddy, Aldo Scalicki, a confirmed bachelor who tries, without apparent success, to convince Huey that he would be better off sticking with his new lady friend, Teresa, a usually placid young waitress whose indignation flares when she learns what Huey is up to.

Further information about the audition is available by calling Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or by sending e-mail to [info@yourtheatre.org](mailto:info@yourtheatre.org). The theatre's web site is [www.yourtheatre.org](http://www.yourtheatre.org)

## Shred Day

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For questions about the event please call the District Recycling Coordinator at (508) 979-1493 or John Lobo from Community Services at (508) 979-1692.

## Spaghetti Supper

Habitat for Cats Spaghetti Supper on **Sat., 9/20, from 4-7 p.m.** at Cyds Creative Kitchen, 2331 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford. Tickets: \$12.00 adults \$10 seniors and children.

Call 508-642-3353 or tickets. All proceeds from ticket sales will be applied directly to helping homeless cats through spay/neuter, rescue and adoption programs.

## At the Military Mus.

The Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum is holding its **2nd Annual Car & Hot Rod Show benefiting the Military Museum on Sun., 9/21, at the Museum, 1000c Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford; 508-994-3938; info@forttaber.org.**

## Ruth & Emily Bday

Buttonwood Park Zoo, 425 Hawthorn Street, New Bedford, is preparing for their largest birthday bash of the year. **On Sun., 9/21, the Zoo will celebrate National Elephant Appreciation Day** as well as the birthdays of two of New Bedford's most cherished residents: Asian elephants Ruth and Emily.

Many local residents have celebrated countless birthdays with these girls since Emily arrived at the Zoo in 1968 and Ruth in 1986. Visitors frequently recount childhood tales of these beloved elephants to zoo staff as they introduce the next generation to Ruth and Emily. The Zoo is

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## Antique Tractors

An antique Tractor Show and Community Day planned at Smith Neck Friends Meeting on Sat. 9/13 from 10:00 am to 4 PM. Farmers from the Dartmouth area want to boost the understanding of agriculture among young adults, to increase appreciation of local farms produce, to promote the Meeting House as a gathering place and to give thanks for the land and its produce.

Russ Cornell will be bringing antique farm equipment. Peter Ashley will bring his Minneapolis Moline tractor and hay rides. The exhibits include small engine and equipment demonstrations, farm animals, card's gifts and treasures. Further interesting exhibits include antique gardening tools, quilts by the Paskamansett Quilters, and a demonstration of the importance of bees with beekeeper Joe Tardiff.

There will be tractor games, corn husking, and a portable sawmill. The Howland family will bring their Alpacas for a visit. The family friendly animals will delight adults and young people. **Lunch includes pre-order lobster rolls for \$10.00. The event is handicap accessible and admission to Farm Day is free.**

Please contact Smith Neck Co-clerk Carole Cannan at 508-994-5108 or 508-991-0459 for further information and to order lobster rolls. Smith Neck Friends Meeting is located at 594 Smith Neck Road, at the corner of Rock O'Dundee Road, So. Dartmouth.

## Amazing Race

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.

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

## Bird Club

**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 the Troops

Motorcycle run to benefit Homes for our Troops, on **Sun., 9/21, at Minuteman Harley Davidson, 799 State Road (Rte. 6), Dartmouth. Registration from 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Kickstands up at 11:30,** 50-mile escorted ride through scenic roads of Dartmouth, returning to Minuteman for food served at 1 p.m.

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## Portuguese Leader

The Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture at the UMassD is pleased to host the Portuguese military figure and political leader, Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho, from September 19-25, 2014. Carvalho will participate in a variety of events on campus and in the community.

Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho, who served in Portuguese Angola from 1961-63 and from 1965-67 and then in Portuguese Guinea between 1970 and 1973, was one of the principal figures of the Movement of the Captains (Movimento dos Capitães) and of the Armed Forces Movement (Movimento das Forças Armadas; MFA). He is considered the strategist of the Carnation Revolution, the movement which overthrew the regime of Marcello Caetano in Lisbon on 25 April 1974. He was also a member of

the Controversial FP25.

Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho will be greeted by a reception followed by a keynote address on the following dates and locations: **Wed., 9/24, from 6-8 p.m. at New Bedford Whaling Museum,** 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford; and **Thurs., 9/25, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at UMass Dartmouth,** Claire T. Carney Library Grand Reading Room, 285 Old Westport Road, No. Dartmouth, MA

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## Bike Path Hearing

A Public Hearing for the Mattapoisett Bike Path with the Mass. Department of Transportation is scheduled for **Thurs., 9/25, 7PM at Old Hammondtown School, 20 Shaw Road, Mattapoisett.** This is an important and a long awaited milestone for the project. The hearing is an opportunity for people to learn about the project and provide input or show support. A positive hearing will allow the project to move to the next stage of funding commitment and permitting. Plans will be available at OHS 1/2 hour before the meeting.

The proposed project will extend the bike path from Mattapoisett Neck Road to Depot Street parking area and provide a handicapped accessible path along our beautiful coast. When this section is complete there will be direct bike path access to the village and to a signalized Route 6 crossing This is a hearing, not a vote.

The general public, residents and visitors alike, are encouraged to come to the meeting or write letters to provide input. Letters can be brought to the hearing or mailed no later than October 5. Pre-addressed postcards and letters are available at Town Hall, Council on Aging and the Mattapoisett Free Library, as well as at businesses around town. More information is available at [www.mattapoisetttrail.org](http://www.mattapoisetttrail.org). Click on "Read our Blog"

The address for the letters is: Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT - Highway Division, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116-3973; 25% Design Public Hearing, Mattapoisett - Multi-Use Path Construction (phase 1B), Mattapoisett, Project File No. 605677, Roadway Project Management



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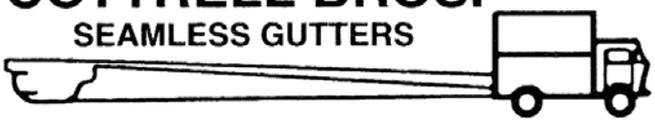
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# Recipe of the Week

## Cherry Chicken Salad

- 1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breast
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- 3/4 cup pitted and halved sweet cherries
- 1 cup thinly sliced celery stalks
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 1/4 cup roasted salted shelled pistachios
- 1/4 cup poppy seed dressing

Coat large nonstick skillet with cooking spray; place over medium heat. Season chicken with pepper. Cook 8-10 minutes per side or until completely cooked; let stand 5 minutes; thinly slice and set aside.

In a bowl, combine salad greens, cherries, celery, green onions and pistachios. Drizzle with dressing, toss to coat.

Place salad on plates and top with sliced cherries.

Shortcut substitute: 2 to 3 cups shredded chicken from a deli rotisserie chicken.

By Wendy Coutinho

# Shark bites kayak in Plymouth



A helicopter from the Massachusetts State Police Air Wing responded over the Plymouth coastline on Wednesday, 9/3, after two kayakers were attacked by a shark off Manomet. The air crew observed the Harbor Master's rescue operations. Neither woman was injured, although both of them ended up in the water with the shark swimming nearby. The three close-up photos of the bite marks on the kayak were taken by John Chisholm of State Marine Fisheries. The size and pattern of the bite suggest an exploratory bite from a Great White Shark. The striations around the tooth hole in the first two of these photos were caused by the serrated edges found on a Great White's teeth, according to Mr. Chisholm. From the Mass. State Police Facebook page

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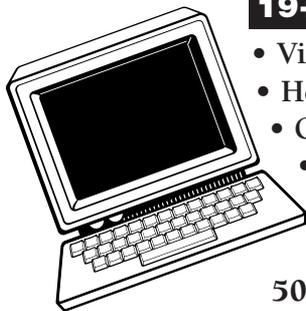
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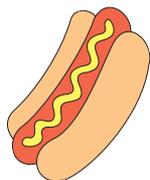
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# Katie's Walk raises funds for MO LIFE



By Beth David  
Editor

The third annual Katie Brienzo Memorial Walk stepped off under sunny skies on Saturday, 9/13, with 159 registered walkers and

lots of other people joining the fun. Held at the Our Lady of Angels Feast grounds, the walk festivities included a silent auction, some children's games, music, food, and a little speech-making.

The walk benefits the M.O. L.I.F.E. (Murphy and Others, Living Inter-dependently for Future Endeavors), a nonprofit that supports people with disabilities. Katie, who was born with Turner Syndrome, was not only a consumer at M.O. L.I.F.E., but also a strong advocate for others with disabilities. She was killed when a car hit her as she crossed Scoticut Neck Road in Fairhaven on November 8, 2011.

Dawn and Wayne Senerchia said they were at the walk to remember Katie and to support Ellery Reynolds, who was also hit by the car, but recovered from his injuries.

Phil Paleologos also joined the family, leading the crowd in a moment of silence, "so our hearts are filled with Katie's love," he said.

Charles Murphy, the founder of MO LIFE and a Fairhaven Selectboard members said he would remember Katie as a woman who made her hopes and dreams a reality.

Bristol County District Attorney Sam Sutter and his wife Dottie took turns at the mike, with Mr. Sutter telling the crowd to remember "Katie's magnificent spirit and life."

He also referred to legislation that he is working on with Katie's family to strengthen hit-and-run driving laws.

Dottie Sutter said she got to know the family during the trial, so she did not know Katie.

"But, oh, what a special girl she must've been if all of you are here," said Ms Sutter, adding that she stood in for her husband during part of the court proceedings.

"It was my honor to be there by your side and to get justice for the beautiful daughter you had," she said. "Just looking at that smile (on the poster) I feel I know her."

Katie's sister Gina Fitzgerald thanked the crowd for supporting the family and remembering Katie.

Katie's sisters Ashlee Lentini and Gina Fitzgerald both remembered their sister to the crowd, which included Katie's mother Karen Fostin; Katie's uncle Robert Waitt, who was also crossing the street with her and Ellery, but escaped with minor injuries; and Katie's father Dennis Brienza, who bought a metal garden stake with the word "Katie" on it.



Gina told everyone that Katie put the "life" in MO LIFE.

"I appreciate everybody for coming out to remember Katie and supporting our family," said Ms. Fitzgerald.

For more information on MO LIFE, visit [www.molifeinc.com](http://www.molifeinc.com)



TOP LEFT: A poster of Katie's big smile at the 3rd annual Katie Brienzo Memorial Walk held on Sat., 9/13 at the Our Lady of Angels Feast grounds in Fairhaven. Katie was killed when she was hit by a car as she walked across Scoticut Neck Road in Fairhaven in 11/8/11. TOP RIGHT: Katie's uncle, Robert Waitt, who was also crossing the street with her, smiles for the camera. RIGHT MIDDLE: Katie's sister, Ashlee Brienzo Lentini, speaks to the crowd while Phil Paleologos looks on. ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Justina Viveiros, Jen Perry, Kendal Hubert, Charlie Murphy and Ernie Mello get ready for the walk with a group picture for the local free sheet. ABOVE RIGHT, L-R: Wayne and Dawn Senerchia (the adults); L-R FRONT: Marcus Geloran (in carriage), Serenity Geloran, Charles Burnie, Thomas Geloran, wait for the walk to start. Photos by Beth See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com). Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) to see more photos of this and other events.

# “Hope Takes Flight” butterfly release helps with healing

By Beth David  
Editor

More than 200 people turned out for the third “Hope Takes Flight” butterfly release benefiting Southcoast Visiting Nurse Association’s Hospice Program. Anyone who lost a loved one was invited to buy a butterfly and release it at the event on Saturday, 9/13, at the Fairhaven Senior Center.

This year, the butterflies sold out at 220, said Joanne Gregory, Director of Community Affairs. She said the butterflies have to be ordered early in the spring. They are bred especially for the event, and the kind of butterfly, “Painted Ladies,” are also specifically chosen for the event.

Monarch butterflies would just fly off looking for milkweed, the only plant they eat. But Painted Ladies feed on many different kinds of flowers and love bright colors, so they will hang around the flower garden and even alight on people wearing bright colors or flowered shirts.



Sharon Jones, President and CEO of Southcoast VNA, told the crowd that the unique event was not only a fund-raiser, but was held to “bring renewed awareness for hospice care in our community.”

Hospice is more than just providing services for patients like pain medications, as valuable as that is, she explained.

“Hospice is more than medical care,” said Ms. Jones. “Hospice is a special type of care that focuses on the overall quality of life by providing comfort and support for individuals and their families at the end of life.”

SC VNA Hospice also provides alternative therapies like reiki and aromatherapy, and provides support services, including bereavement counseling after a loved one dies.

Ms. Jones presented the Compassion Award to Armanda Dunn and the Wings of Caring Award to Theodore Rich. Last year’s Hope Award recipient Robert Horne, presented this year’s award to Mark Shparber, MD.

After the awards, the envelopes were opened and the butterflies released. Some flew off right away, some hung around on their patrons’ hands and laps for awhile. Most of them eventually made their way to the flower garden

The small children in the group delighted in chasing the butterflies around.

Laura Ferreira said she was releasing her butterfly in honor of her brother Mark McEachern.

“It helps celebrate the memory of folks who have passed on,” said Ms. Ferreira. “It gives the children



Little Charlee Coleman reaches out to gently touch a butterfly at the butterfly release sponsored by Southcoast VNA on Sat., 9/13 at the Fairhaven Senior Center.

positive ways to celebrate the life of folks we are memorializing this year.”

“It’s wonderful,” said Norma Newhook, who was there with her children, grandchildren, and a great-grandson, to memorialize Arthur Hook, Norma’s husband whose one-year anniversary was the day before the event. “It just gives you peace.”

She said she loved the symbolism of the butterfly that undergoes a transformation in its cocoon and then flies away.

“It’s a symbol of life,” she said.

At the wall of remembrance, people could put up paper butterflies with written messages on them to loved ones being remembered.

The event also included a silent auction with items donated by local business, and pastries, including a butterfly cake made by Fairhaven’s Council on Aging Director Anne Silvia.

For more information about Southcoast VNA, call 508-973-3200, or visit [www.southcoastvna.org](http://www.southcoastvna.org)



TOP LEFT: Betty Gifford treads softly so as not to disturb the butterfly that has landed on her shoulder, probably thinking the bright flowers are real, at the third annual “Hope Takes Flight” butterfly release by the Southcoast Visiting Nurse Association at the Fairhaven Senior Center on Saturday, 9/13. ABOVE LEFT: The Arthur Newhook clan poses for a picture after releasing butterflies in Arthur’s honor. He died one year ago the day before the event. ABOVE RIGHT, L-R: Owen, Logan and Jeremy Lafferty marvel at the butterflies at the third annual “Hope Takes Flight” butterfly release. They were there to honor Owen’s and Logan’s pepe, Roland Lyonnais. Photos this page by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

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### South Coast LGBT Seniors

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### Senior Discount Day Trip

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COA at 508-979-4029 to reserve your seat, \$2.00 donation is suggested.

### Health Awareness Fair

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# Acushnet holds 9/11 ceremony at memorial

By Beth David  
Editor

“Acushnet will always remember.” That’s the message Acushnet fire chief Kevin Gallagher said came through at the ceremony the department held on September 11 at its 911 memorial.

He said around 100 people showed up to show their respects and commemorate that awful day in 2001 when terrorists attacked by flying two planes into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York, crashing another plane into the Pentagon building, and almost using a fourth plane for another destination. Passengers on that plane learned about the earlier attacks and stormed the cockpit, preventing the fourth plane from reaching its unknown destination, crashing it in a field in Pennsylvania.

More than 3,000 people were killed in the attacks.

Acushnet’s permanent memorial outside the fire station includes a piece of steel from the twin towers, a piece of the Pentagon building, and a stone from the field in Pennsylvania.

“It is unique in that regard,” said Chief Gallagher. “It’s not just steel from the trade center.”

“This memorial means a lot to the Acushnet Community,” said the chief. “We will continue each year to have a ceremony, even if no one showed up. It’s just that important to us.”

“We know that would never happen because this community has shown year after year that Acushnet will always remember,” he said.

Three hundred-forty-three 343 firefighters and paramedics, 23 New York City police officers and 37 Port

Authority police officers were killed when the towers collapsed.

This year in Acushnet, the Boy Scouts participated in the ceremony and lead with the Pledge of Allegiance. The “Back to Sweetness” girl singing group sang patriotic songs including the national anthem and “God Bless America,” and Msgr. Gerard O’Connor, of St. Xavier’s, led the group in prayer.

The town recently got a sign directing traffic to the site. The public is welcome to visit anytime. There is a spot to sit and quietly reflect.

The memorial is located in front of the fire station, 24 Russell Street, Acushnet.

It was completed in September, 2011, 10 years after the attacks. A ceremony has been held on September 11 every year since.



RIGHT: Flowers bloom in front of Acushnet’s 9/11 memorial in this photo taken in late August. ABOVE: A new sign on South Main Street directs drivers to the 9/11 memorial in front of the Acushnet Fire Station. The department holds a ceremony on 9/11 every year to commemorate the terrorist attacks from 9/11/01. The memorial has artifacts from all three sites: a beam from the World Trade Center, a piece of the Pentagon building and a stone from the field in Pennsylvania, where planes hijacked by terrorists crashed. Photos from the Acushnet Fire Department Facebook page.



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cient parking.

The chief also said the building has no holding facility for prisoners. They are handcuffed to a bench, which is a safety hazard for them and officers.

Chief Francis told the board that his department does not have enough room for firefighters to train inside the building. They have to move trucks in and out to accommodate various tasks.

The department keeps some vehicles outside because there is no room for them, and the new emergency generator is stored at the Department of Public Works.

Chief Francis said the department's 1983 truck needs replacing, but the new ones will not fit in the building. Equipment for ambulances and trucks is scattered around the building, wherever it will fit.

"We're running around like crazy just trying to pick up equipment," said Chief Francis.

The location of the facility on Washington Street is also an issue for the fire department. The Mass. Department of Environmental Protection has stopped the FD from using their smoke house for trainings because it is too close to homes.

That means firefighters need to go off site to train and that requires getting off duty firefighters to cover for them, requiring overtime.

"We just don't have the facilities anymore to do what we have to do," said Chief Francis.

The two chiefs also said the Mill Road property was more centrally located.

Chief Francis said he felt the current building could be used by many departments in town.

Nils Isaksen of the Rogers/Oxford School Building committee was quick to point out that the town has two school buildings that no town department wants.

Chief Francis assured Mr. Isaksen that the fire/police station building was in "10 times better" condition than the schools. He also noted that it has a large garage for storing equipment, something neither school has.

"I wouldn't compare it," said Chief Francis. "It has way more potential than both of those schools together."

John Roderiques, speaking as both a resident and as chair of the Finance Committee, took issue with the suggested funding. He said using the stabilization fund, which has about \$2.7 million in it, for a land purchase "goes against everything we have been doing for the last decade."

He also said it depends on a lot of

things that the board says "probably" will happen.

"I've heard a lot of 'probablies' in this town in the last 20 years," said Mr. Roderiques.

He also took issue with the matter being a surprise. The item has been on the agenda for months, in executive session, but it was supposed to be about a 4-5 acre piece for \$50,000 to \$70,000, not \$1.465 million, he said.

He added that he saw no legitimate reason why it was discussed in executive session in the first place.

"There's no necessity. It's a right of [first] refusal," he said.

Mr. Osuch said the owner changed his plan and suddenly offered up the whole 31.7 acres. He said he felt that a portion of the parcel could be sold to cover the purchase price.

The town has to notify the owner and file with the registry of deeds by October 1.

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[Fire Chief Timothy Francis]

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The board voted to pursue buying the land and set a special town meeting date tentatively for 12/9, when the matter will require a 2/3 vote.

In another matter that will require a TM vote, the board briefly discussed the Request for Proposals to dispose of the Rogers and Oxford School buildings.

The RFP has not been finished as board members still need to nail down specifics on how to divvy up the property at both properties.

The current plan seems to include 35 feet of the playground at the Rogers School. The decision on whether to carve out a special small lot at the Oxford School for the small fire station building that the North Fairhaven Improvement Association uses, or to grant an easement for the NFIA to use it, has not been made.

Selectboard chairperson Bob Espindola and board Mr. Osuch will meet to iron out those details.

In another matter, the board received into the record a letter from the Hands Across the River Coalition\* and discussed issues with the dredging in the harbor that would create a Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD) cell to bury polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) close the shore in

Fairhaven's Oxford Village.

Karen Vilandry, Vice President of HARC, has asked the board to set up an Oxford Village Environmental Review Commission to provide the Board with "regular updates on harbor activities involving the handling of PCB contamination in our river and how it [affects] public health."

She has also asked for better signage to warn people to stay off the shore in the affected areas and to get information on any previous notices the town has sent to warn residents of the dangers from the dredging.

The board explained that it was a federal project by the Environmental Protection Agency, and that they could not stop the project. A letter from town counsel Thomas Crotty advised the board that they had "no authority to control the project."

Ms. Vilandry, however, said that the town could still fight the EPA. She said Fairhaven was "taking the brunt" of the contamination caused by New Bedford businesses and that there were "cancer clusters" by the harbor in North Fairhaven.

The board set up a meeting with the EPA at its September 29 meeting. Residents are encouraged to attend and voice their concerns.

Al Benac managed to get a few minutes of the board's time to ask them to remove the new cigarette receptacle from the marble pillar in front of town hall. His assertion, however, that the chain would damage the pillar that is more than 100 years old was disputed by Mr. Osuch.

"I disagree with you," Mr. Osuch told Mr. Benac. "But that's par for the course."

In any case, it is too close to the door to be legal, said Mr. Benac, citing the 25-foot minimum from doorways for smokers, and should be moved.

"It does not belong there," he said.

The board instructed Mr. Osuch to find another place for the receptacle.

In other business, the board:

- Decided to move the time capsule upstairs to make room for holiday displays. The Chair of Honor will stay near the town hall entrance.
- Signed a letter with CGI, allowing them to put a link to a letter on the town's website, in return for some free website services. The board had been concerned that the letter looked too much like an endorsement. The board signed a letter with new wording.

*\*To download the reports, visit our website at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com). Ms. Vilandry's letter is on page 20.*

# BPW: Grease can cause damage to town pipes

By Kylie Schuster

## Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Board of Public Works had two appointments at its meeting on September 15th, both regarding grease traps. The board met with the Board of Health and also with Mario Ribeiro, owner of the Pasta House, to discuss regulations on grease traps and the damage grease causes to town pipes.

Department of Public Works superintendent Vincent Furtado told Board of Health members that "grease is an issue here in town."

He said that the BPW had been wanting to keep grease traps around town clean. The board wants to set up a system requiring businesses to empty their grease traps every six months, so that the grease does not leak into the town's pipes and clog them.

Health Agent Patricia Fowle explained that businesses are not only required to clean out their grease traps every six months, but they also have to send the Board of Health notification when they pump the traps.

She also explained that someone from the board checks to see if they are clean and up to code.

BPW member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson asked if the inspectors actually looked into the hole of the grease trap, and Ms. Fowle replied that they do not, because it would make the whole building smell and cause a health hazard. She also said the covers are heavy and she can not lift them.

Grease traps are designed to keep grease, fats and oils out of the regular sewer system. External grease traps

work like a septic tank and need to be emptied once or twice a year by a professional service. Internal grease traps divert the grease inside the building and are emptied by workers, usually daily. The waste is disposed of separately from the regular trash.

BPW member Steven Riley stated that he wanted the board to require businesses to pay a fine if they produce grease and it gets into town pipes.

BPW Chairperson Michael Ristuccia asked Ms. Fowle if she could get him the pumping records of the grease traps from businesses throughout town. Ms. Fowle agreed to

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for grease [Robert  
"Hoppy" Hobson]

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produce the records for the BPW.

Mr. Furtado will research regulations in other communities.

In a related matter, Mario Ribeiro, owner of the Pasta House, appeared before the board to negotiate who would pay for damage done to a pipe.

Mr. Ribeiro explained that twice a year, he pays a company to maintain pipe lines with grease traps. Recently the pipes had become backed up with grease, and upon cleaning them, Mr. Ribeiro found out the pipe was rotted.

After beginning construction, Mr. Ribeiro found that the 46-year-old pipe was not only rotted on his property, but also on the town's

property. All the pipes were replaced with PVC piping.

Mr. Ribeiro wanted the town to pay for the pipe that was on the town's property. Mr. Furtado explained that he saw the state of the pipe and confirmed that it had to be replaced.

Mr. Ristuccia said that the pipe was rotted because of the grease. He also said that he saw a picture of the grease in the pipe and it was, "a huge problem."

Mr. Hobson took the side of the restaurant owner saying that Mr. Ribeiro, "made a great case for himself," and that, "he did his part and it's the board's responsibility from the curb to the street."

"There are no rules for grease," added Mr. Hobson.

The board members agreed. Mr. Riley asked Mr. Ribeiro what would happen if the pipes became clogged again.

"Well if I'm doing what I'm supposed to do and it still gets clogged then it's my fault," said Mr. Ribeiro.

The board agreed to pay \$7,921.25 for the contractor and the police detail for the pipe replacement within the town layout. If the buildup happens again, Mr. Ribeiro will install an external grease trap.

In other business, the board also approved the payment of \$8,000 to Tata & Howard for work they did regarding the Tinkham Lane Well Evaluation. The company helped the BPW repair the well's roof when E.coli was found in the well water.

The board also announced that the town auction will be held this Saturday, 9/20, at 9 a.m. at the DPW garage on Arsene Street. ●●●

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## Jellyfish in bay cause pollution scare

By Beth David  
Editor

Coast Guard pollution responders, and the Fairhaven Harbormaster responded to a report of a large oil sheen in Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts Friday morning, 9/12.

At 2:00 p.m. Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England was notified by a local, experienced mariner of a possible pollution sheen in Buzzard's Bay.

Response crews with an MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter from Air Station Cape Cod, a 29-foot response boat from Station Woods Hole, and a 45-

foot response boat medium from Station Menemsha responded along with Coast Guard personnel from Marine Safety Detachment New Bedford and the Fairhaven Harbormaster.

After Coast Guard assets arrived on-scene, they did not find any pollution; rather they discovered a large area of jellyfish.

The area reported was off West Island, to Cormorant Rock, between Fairhaven and Mattapoisett, according to Fairhaven Shellfish Warden/Assistant Harbormaster Timothy Cox.

"We went and took a look at it, the Coast Guard sent a helicopter to take

a look at it and New Bedford sent a boat to look at it," said Mr. Cox. "We sent a lot of assets to look at jellyfish, but, you never know."

"Often, mariners will report such natural events like large concentrations of jellyfish or algae blooms as pollution to the Coast Guard," said Lt. Jarrod Pomajzl, the command center chief at Sector Southeastern New England. "The Coast Guard appreciates mariners reporting possible pollution incidents even if they do end up being nothing more than naturally occurring events." ●●●

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## From our readers

### Hands Across the River concerned about CAD Cells

*Editor's note: Karen Vilandry sent this letter to the Fairhaven Selectboard*

Dear Mr. Espindola,

Please let us know who on town government has kept the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen up to date on a regular basis about the planning by the EPA to bury 300,000 cy of PCB contaminated sediments in New Bedford Harbor, specifically, the Acushnet River, just yards away from Fairhaven's most historical area of Oxford Village since the decision was made many years ago. Please provide documentation that if this has occurred and when.

Please let us know how the Town of Fairhaven has distributed this information to town departments such as the public school department and Board of Health and when.

Please let us know if the town has ever placed warning signs along its shoreline near the EPA's Superfund Site, New Bedford Harbor and where.

Please let us know if the town has

arranged regular outreach efforts to town residents and when about the EPA's plans to bury PCB toxic sediment near Fairhaven's residential shoreline.

Please let us know if the Fairhaven Board of Health has documented cancer clusters and/or cancer illnesses throughout our town and where those residents may be located (no names or exact address is requested). What are the results? When was it taken?

Please let us know if the Town of Fairhaven has documented deaths and illnesses of domestic pets owned by residents of cancer. How many are there and where in town were they located?

The Town of Fairhaven has a responsibility to inform and protect its residents of events that can contribute to ill health.

The above questions [are] why we need an Oxford Village Environmental Review Commission to provide the Board of Selectmen regular updates on harbor activities involving the

handling of PCB contamination in our river and how it [affects] public health. We have provided you 4 reports\* from experts in the field of examining the circumstances of the Impact of Dredging and CAD cell Disposal on Air Quality. We are also working with a fifth expert. How many do you need to see the urgency of this situation?

All refute what the EPA states and comments on the inadequate assessments they have done, all of them.

Please review the reports again and we hope you will have this as a line item on the agenda for the BOS meeting on Monday, September 15, 2015.

Thank you.

*Cordially,*

*Karen A. Vilandry, Vice President  
Hands Across the River Coalition, Inc.*

*\*Visit our website at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com) to download the reports.*

*Editor's note: The Board discussed the letter on 9/15 (see page 4) and arranged for the EPA to attend the Selectboard meeting on 9/29.*

## Lions & Scouts hold flag retirement ceremony



The Lions Club of Fairhaven and Scouts from Troop 52 from St. Mary's Parish in Fairhaven held a flag retirement ceremony on Thursday, 9/11, in Benoit Square in North Fairhaven. Residents turned in old and tattered American flags to be properly disposed of in a solemn ceremony that included cutting the stripes off the flags and burning the flags.

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#### 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:

1. **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.

2. **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.

3. **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.

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encouraging visitors to sign Emily's 51st and Ruth's 56th birthday cards currently on display in the Zoos Wildlife Education Building.

At 12:30 p.m., zoo keepers will give a birthday cake and cards signed by the Zoo's visitors to the elephants. There will be education stations where families can learn more about Asian elephants and small steps that can be taken at home to help make a big difference for all elephants. **Elephant Appreciation Day activities will run from 12-3 p.m. on Sunday, September 21**, and are free with zoo admission.

For more information, visit [www.bpzoo.org](http://www.bpzoo.org).

## Portug. Film Fest

The New Bedford Whaling Museum will host three major programs highlighting Portuguese culture — both traditional and contemporary — in film, political history, and music on **September 18 & 24, and October 17**. The events are in partnership with the Portuguese Consulate in New Bedford, the William M. Wood Foundation and the University of Massachusetts Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture.

The Film Festival is free and open to the public, through registration is recommended. For more information on each film or to register, visit [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org) or call 508-997-0046 x 100. This event is sponsored, in part, by the William M. Wood Foundation.

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Bikeway Committee

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

### Board of Public Works

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

### Board of Appeals

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

### Capital Planning Comm.

Tues., 9/23, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

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

### Finance Committee

Thurs., 9/25, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Government Study Comm

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

Thurs., 10/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Marine Resources Comm

Wed., 9/24, Town Hall, 6:30 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., 9/29, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Agricultural Commission

Thurs., 9/18, Town Hall, 7 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. p.m.		LOW a.m. p.m.	
Thursday	18	0406	1636	1144	----
Friday	19	0509	1735	0019	1233
Saturday	20	0602	1823	0100	1313
Sunday	21	0644	1902	0135	1343
Monday	22	0721	1939	0136	1308
Tuesday	23	0757	2015	0110	1327
Wednesday	24	0834	2054	0135	1400
Thursday	25	0913	2134	0209	1439
Friday	26	0953	2215	0248	1520
Saturday	27	1035	2257	0329	1601
Sunday	28	1120	2345	0410*	1642

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
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# No injuries in rollover accident on 240



The Fairhaven Fire Department reports that this rollover accident resulted in no injuries. The call came in to the police department at 6:26 a.m. on Wednesday, 9/17 about an accident on Route 240 n Fairhaven. The accident involved a white 2002 Chevrolet Trailblazer and a green 2012 Toyota Prius. The Trailblazer rolled over onto its roof. According to the fire department, there was no fire truck required at the scene, no one was transported to the hospital. The police report was not finished by press time, so no cause of the accident was available. *Photos courtesy of Adam Katz. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com*



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