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## Walkers remember Katie Brienzo



Friends, family, and supporters take to Main Street at the start of the second annual Katie Brienzo Memorial Walk on Saturday, 9/14, that began at the Our Lady of Angels feast grounds. Katie was killed in 2001 when a car struck her as she crossed Sconticut Neck Road in Fairhaven. Proceeds from the walk will go to MO LIFE, an organization that supports people with disabilities and where Katie was both a client and a volunteer. See page 16 for story. *Photo by Mike Smith See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Got a bunch of good stuff in here this week, including a first person account of the Hurricane of 1938. The 75-year anniversary is coming up on the 21st. We'll have more on that next week. Meanwhile, read Ray Covill's recollection of the storm on page 18.

Feel free to send in your own 1938 hurricane stories, family stories, photos, etc. We'd be happy to run them.

The Fairhaven Historical Society is back in the news this week. A group of residents has been trying to join and be involved, but seems that no one's running the store. As you'll recall, the Historical Society is the private non-profit entity that has control of the Academy Building...for free, an arrangement that has caused controversy in the past. They resisted mightily when Tourism Director Christopher Richard wanted to locate the Visitors Center in the Academy. Now, they are nowhere to be found, apparently, although the president, Barbara Acksen, did talk to us. Read the story on page 22 and decide for yourself.

It has been almost two years since Katie Brienzo was struck by a car and killed on Scoticut Neck Road. Her family started a memorial walk in her honor, and this weekend was the big day. See page 16 for that, and how her family is making it possible for Katie to continue to help others, even though she is no longer with us.

There was a bit of excitement on the Neck on Sunday. Someone dumped a bunch of chemicals in the woods and there was a big to-do about it. Now, I hate to criticize when people are just doing their jobs and going by the book, really I do, but...the state hazmat team, guys? Really? The chemicals were all in containers and inside totes. What is this country coming to when we are afraid, literally afraid to touch a plastic bottle that is sealed because of what might be in it?

Heaven help us all. I'm going to stay on this one, because I'm curious about what it all will end up costing the taxpayer. Why someone couldn't just take those bottles, throw them back in the totes and haul them away in pickup truck is beyond me. See page 26 for what is a perfectly logical explanation: really, I get it... they could have been "reactive" and caused a... well, reaction. But there was all of 16 ounces worth of each chemical. How "reactive" can 16 ounces of stuff be?

I'm supposed to tell you that if you see something like that to please call the authorities so they can handle the situation safely and properly. But, honestly, if that's the proper handling of it, then I'm tempted to say you should just call anyone you know with a pickup truck and take the stuff away. Hang onto it until the next hazmat day and keep the totes for your trouble. The totes were in good shape, too. Maybe I'm just jealous because I kind of liked that lavender one.

Well, that's it for now. There's lots of meeting coverage and other fun stuff in here this week, including a revised school bus schedule. People in the center should be happy about that at least.

Until next week then...see ya

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

## Woman attacked at Ft. Phoenix

The Fairhaven Police Department is investigating an assault that occurred in the parking lot of Fort Phoenix Monday night, 9/16. At approximately 10 p.m. a 26-year-old female was returning to her vehicle after going for a jog when she was attacked by an unidentified male.

According to the victim, a white male, approximately 5'9" in height grabbed her arm-band iPod and stole it from her. The assailant also struck the victim in her abdominal region and fled into the wooded area north of the state parking lot. When the victim returned home, she discovered a small puncture wound in the area where she was struck by her attacker.

Officers from the Fairhaven, Acushnet and Mattapoisett Police Departments searched the entire area on foot and were assisted with K9 Officers from the Bristol County Sheriffs Office. The incident remains under investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Fairhaven Police Detectives at 508-997-7421.

## Encampment this weekend

*Press Release*

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 businesses 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.

On Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22, members of the Fairhaven Village Militia 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 demonstrate campfire cooking, musket ball casting, military drilling, loading and firing of flintlock muskets and rifles, cannon firing, colonial handcrafts, 18th-century dentistry and medicine, 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 6:30 p.m., on Saturday. When fired near sunset, the cannons' plumes of flames and smoke make a spectacular sight. There will be no large-scale battle reenactments.

The Fairhaven Village Militia, which is sponsoring the event along with the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, is made up of members who are interested in local history of the Revolutionary War period. They hold historical encampments in Fairhaven and nearby communities and host educational programs. The group's commander, Ellsworth Sylvaria Jr., is a descendant of Bartholomew West, whose home was burned by the British in 1778. The group includes individuals and families from Fairhaven and surrounding communities.

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

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# Planning Board approves Brooklyne Diner plans

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

It looked like a real gamble at first when Planning Board Chairperson Wayne Hayward asked Engineer Ken Ferreira on 9/10 if he preferred to hold the vote that evening or hold-off in order to garner the support of board members who were not ready to give approval for Kathy Melanson's application, which had been before the board twice before.

In the end, his decision to go ahead with the vote that required two thirds of the board to approve paid off, with a 6-2 vote in favor of the plans.

Representing Kathy Melanson, owner of Emma Jean's, who has been seeking approval to build EJ's Brooklyne Diner at 111 Huttleston Avenue, Mr. Ferreira looked to his client's stand-in who gave the nod, despite two board members who frankly stated they would not support the project that evening.

Ms. Melanson's husband Ken stood in for her because she was out of town.

Board Member Rene Fleurent Jr. was still not satisfied with Ms. Melanson's efforts to meet the required amount of parking spaces. Back on 8/26, the plan was still short 10 spaces; but with the elimination of a planter island and some determination, the engineer was able to squeeze seven more spots into the lot and hoped the board would waive the last three.

Mr. Fleurent, however, was not budging. He said he wanted the parking regulation to be fully met, either by squeezing three more spots, or scaling down the size of the building and decreasing the seating capacity to lessen the amount of required spaces.

"I still have reservations on the parking spots," said Mr. Fleurent on several occasions. He said he was concerned with safety issues surrounding the lot being short three spaces and the congestion of that part of town.

Board Member Francis Budryk told

Mr. Fleurent and the rest of the board that they needed to "look at the big picture."

"We're talking about three cars," said Mr. Budryk. "As a board member, I'm comfortable with it."

Board Member Gary Staffon was absent during the last meeting, but, instead of abstaining, invoked the Mullin Rule which allows a board member to vote on an issue, providing he only missed one public hearing, reviewed the online recording of the meeting, and certified in a letter that he had done so.

Mr. Staffon alluded to his support of the project throughout the public hearing, and said the engineer and Ms. Melanson "stepped up to the plate" when it came to the board's

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call for more parking, with Board member John Farrel concurring with Mr. Staffon.

"As long as the [fire] chief is OK with the new spots," said Chairperson Wayne Hayward. He said accommodations for parking were pretty much exhausted at that point, and a little spill-over into the surrounding neighborhood would not be an issue.

At one point, Vincent Garcia of 134 Bridge Street offered up some of his land for Ms. Melanson to construct more parking spaces.

Board Member Kaisa Cripps was preoccupied with the absence of a draft of the crossover easement required in a condition placed on granting the special permit, and said she could not support the project until she read it. Four weeks into the discussion, Ms. Cripps said by now the applicant

should have submitted something more timely than a draft of the easement the board received only that afternoon.

Director of Planning and Economic Development Bill Roth said the easement has always traditionally come later, and is usually not finalized before the board votes to approve. He said condition number six very specifically addressed the requirements of the easement and this is typically how it has been done, with no problems.

"Just because we've done it in the past doesn't mean we've been doing it correctly," said Ms. Cripps.

Mr. Staffon commented that if there was a problem with the easement, Town Counsel Tom Crotty could fix it, since he will ultimately be looking over the document. Attorney John Markey is drafting the easement for Ms. Melanson and Mr. Ferreira said to trust him

"He knows what towns want," said Mr. Staffon, adding, "...Now we should address it in the way we've always addressed it," before he made the motion to approve.

Also at the meeting, the board voted in favor of forwarding to the Selectboard a request for a moratorium on medical marijuana treatment centers in Fairhaven.

Within 14 days the Selectboard needs to return the document to the Planning Board with their approval. A subsequent public hearing will be scheduled for residents to ask questions about the moratorium and give input as the board drafts a bylaw regulating the particular use of medical marijuana propagation and dispensing.

The moratorium is not a ban and, pending Annual Town Meeting approval next year, would expire in June 2014 after a bylaw is created and accepted by Town Meeting members.

If a fall Town Meeting is not called, it could have an impact on the progress of the moratorium due to the limited time frame.

The board also continued the special permit for Brahmin Leather Works at 77 Alden Road while the applicant seeks approval from the Conservation Commission.



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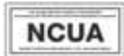
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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

**FORT:** cont'd from page 3

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.

Members of the militia will also be holding a fundraising bake sale and selling T-shirts during the event.

For more information, call the Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@aol.com.

## Open Forum Gov't Study Committee

The Fairhaven Town Government Study Committee invites you to join us for our first public forum. The forum will be hosted by the **West Island Improvement Association (41 Causeway Road) on Thursday, 9/19 at 6 p.m.** and refreshments will be served. This forum is focused on hearing your feedback on our town government structure and your ideas for how it can be better organized to provide more effective and efficient delivery of services to our community. We will also provide an update on our process thus far and a general roadmap for the upcoming work we have planned. We encourage everyone to attend and be heard. Your feedback will be an important addition to the information we use to determine and propose changes to our government to serve you better. Please join us!

## Town Auction

The town of Fairhaven will hold an auction on Saturday, 9/21, at 9 a.m. to dispose of various surplus property items at the BPW garage on Arsene Street. Items from various town departments for sale include vehicles; lawnmowers; office equipment, furniture and supplies; tools; bicycles and other assorted items.

## Motorcycle Run

To benefit hospice, at the Ice House, Fairhaven. Registration at 10 a.m., kickstands up at noon; \$15/person. See ad on page 28 for details.

## Thrift Shop Open

Heavenly Treasures Thrift Shop at the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven at 34 Center Street invites you to check out new seasonal

inventory. We are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm.

## Bike Rides continue

The Fairhaven Bikeway Committee is still holding bike rides on **Saturday mornings**. The Committee plans to continue these rides to the end of the fall. The bike rides will start at Fort Phoenix at 9:00 AM each Saturday Morning. This will be a family friendly ride led by members

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

## Farmer's Market

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

## Safe Routes to School

The Fairhaven Bikeway Committee is working with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation on the startup of a Safe Routes to School Program. The program is brought to you by MassDOT, with funds from the Federal Highway Division. The models emphasize a collaborative, community-focused approach that fosters mutual partnerships between advocacy groups, law enforcement, education leaders and public health departments which all work together to promote safer routes for children to get to school. For more information, visit [www.mass.gov/massdot/saferoutes](http://www.mass.gov/massdot/saferoutes)

The Fairhaven Bikeway Committee will be coordinating this program with the Police Department, the School Department, and the Board of Public Works. Students and Parents will meet at pre-arranged locations and ride from these areas in a bike bus to the Wood School. A bike bus is a line of students led by an adult that ride to school and from school. **We will be doing this one day a week starting on October 4th.** Meeting points and routes have been planned.

**We are looking for adult volunteers** to assist us in leading the bike bus and in monitoring the students at

the school and from the school. We are looking for donations to help with the purchase of bike odometers that measure miles and calories used.

The goal of the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee is to promote good health, to reduce the use of automobiles as a means of transportation, and to promote community

If you are interested in helping us in this program please e-mail Bikeway Committee Chair Ken Pottel: [K\\_pottel@hotmail.com](mailto:K_pottel@hotmail.com)

## CYO Tryouts

CYO Basketball tryouts for St. Joseph/St. Mary's Fairhaven for boys and girls will be held on Friday, 9/27; grades 4-6 from 6-7 p.m. and grades 7-8 from 7-8 p.m. For details call Bob Demanche at 508-984-7468.

## One-Man Show

The Millicent Library (<http://millicentlibrary.org/>) will present character actor, Richard Clark, in a one-man show entitled "Atticus" based on the novel "To Kill a Mockingbird."

The performance will be on **Wednesday, September 25, at 7 p.m. Please use the Walnut Street entrance.** The library is on the corner of William, Walnut and Center Streets. The official address is 45 Center Street, Fairhaven. Our number is 508-992-5342. This event is supported in part by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Atticus Finch steps from the pages of "To Kill a Mockingbird" and brings to life the tragedy and triumph of Harper Lee's classic novel.

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Richard Clark has spent over 30 years in New England Regional theater and New York Theater. His website is <http://darrowactor.wordpress.com/>

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Biloxi Blues

Your Theatre Inc. presents the hilarious antics of WWII Army Recruits in Neil Simon's *Biloxi Blues*. See page 13 for ad.

## Dan Pires Schol.

Applications for the Dan Pires Memorial Scholarship are currently available and **due on October 18**. Two \$500 awards will be funded by the Light Foundation in memory of the late Standard-Times reporter who covered the New England Patriots for more than 12 years. The scholarship is open to area high school students who will graduate in 2014 and intend to attend college next year. Applicants will be asked to write an essay on one of two topics and the winners and finalists will be invited to attend a Patriots home game as guests of Patriots offensive tackle Matt Light.

Dan died unexpectedly in June of 2008 at the age of 52. He was loved and respected by all who knew him including fellow journalists and the Patriots players. The Scholarship was established by Patriots offensive lineman Matt Light through the Light Foundation.

The application and criteria are available on the Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford/Wareham's website [www.bgcnewbedford.org](http://www.bgcnewbedford.org). Matt Light will present the scholarships at the Boys & Girls Club annual Steak and Burger Dinner to be held November 25th at the Century House in Acushnet.

## Wine Fest/Auction

The Waterfront Historic Area League (WHALE) will hold its 23rd Annual International **Wine Festival & Auction on New Bedford's working waterfront on Friday, October 4, from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.** This year's event will take place inside the State Pier Building at 93 State Pier with free parking available at the Elm Street Garage.

The Wine Festival is WHALE's largest annual event, attracting hundreds of foodies, wine and beer enthusiasts, and supporters of historic preservation.

Tickets are available in advance, \$65, and can be purchased from WHALE by calling 508-997-1776, online at [www.waterfrontleague.org](http://www.waterfrontleague.org),

and at Crush Fine Wine Boutique, 801 Purchase Street, NB. Tickets are also available at the door on the evening of the event for \$75. Seventy percent of each ticket is tax deductible.

## Car Show

Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Historical Association, Inc., (FTFRHA) will host a **Classic American Super Cruise car show at Fort Taber Park on Sunday, September 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Guests are invited to attend the event and view the cars and motorcycles at no cost.

The Military Museum and Fort Rodman will be open for viewing during the Super Cruise. Musical entertainment will be provided by Johnny Angel. Food will be available for purchase.

Cars and motorcycle owners wishing to display their vehicles are welcome to register for the event for a ten dollar entry fee. To register, call Joe Barclay at 508-542-1871. Vehicles can register the day of the event, but must arrive by noon. Trophies will be awarded. Dash plaques will be given to early arrivals.

Supporting clubs include the Massachusetts Corvette Club, Cuz's Car Club, Downshifter's Car Club, Bay State Street Machines and Factory 5. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum.

For additional information call Joe Barclay, at 508-542-1871. In the event of rain call the Military Museum, at 508-994-3938.

## Dock-U-Mentary

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on **Friday, September 20th at 7 p.m. with "Hanging by a Thread: Family Farms and Floating Trap Fishermen,"** a narrated slide show presented by photographer Markham Starr. Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the Working Waterfront Festival. Films about the working waterfront are screened on the third Friday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. All programs are open to the public and presented free of charge.

The first European settlers to New

England brought working traditions with them that would last for centuries. Their fishing and farming lifestyles transplanted well, with little need for modification. Despite initial difficulties, abundant land and fish stocks made their long-term success inevitable. With the dawn of the industrial revolution, however, life for farmers and fishermen alike began to change in ways they couldn't have predicted. Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, the rapid pace of progress has threatened their very existence, and today these ancient lifestyles hang by threads.

The Working Waterfront Festival is a project of the Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern MA, a non-profit organization. The free festival, a family friendly, educational celebration of New England's commercial fishing industry, features live maritime and ethnic music, fishermen's contests, fresh seafood, vessel tours, author readings, cooking demonstrations, kid's activities and more. It all takes place on working piers and waterfront parks in New Bedford, MA, America's #1 fishing port, on the last full weekend in September, this year on September 28 and 29.

## Pedal Party

In an effort to celebrate the benefits of bicycling and to support those working to build a more bicycle friendly community, Mass in Motion New Bedford, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, and the New Bedford Bicycle Committee will host the first annual New Bedford Pedal Party. Everyone is encouraged to attend the free event. Mayor Jon Mitchell will kick off the NB Pedal Party with a 3.7 mile Family Bike Parade which **will begin at the Andrea McCoy Rec Center, 181 Hillman St., at 10:30am on Sat., 9/21.** Police escorts will accompany the riders.

Also featured: a Bike Rodeo, which will include bike handling and safety clinic; free Bike Safety Check; giveaways of bike safety items like helmets, bike locks and bike lights.

For info contact Tony Ionno, at 508-961-3015; or Kim Ferreira, Mass in Motion New Bedford at (508) 979-1500 ([www.massinmotionnewbedford.org](http://www.massinmotionnewbedford.org)) or the NB Bicycle Committee, [officers@nbbike.org](mailto:officers@nbbike.org) ([www.nbbike.org](http://www.nbbike.org))

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Rummage Sale

The Ways and Means Society of the Acushnet-Wesley United Methodist Church, **67 Main Street, Acushnet, will hold its annual Rummage Sale on Fri., Sept. 20 from 5:30-8 p.m. and Sun., Sept. 21 from 9 a.m.-noon.**

There will be good, clean clothing for men, women and children, homemade baked goods and flea market items.

## Senior Tennis

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## Faltus Fund-Raiser

**Jessica Faltus Perkins** has been diagnosed with cancer. Her family is holding a fund-raiser to help her with the many bills that go along with such a serious diagnosis. **Join the Faltus clan and friends on Sunday, October 6, from 1-7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Mattapoisett** for a spaghetti & meatball dinner. The afternoon will feature raffles, music, face painting, children's crafts. Dinner will include salad and dessert. **Tickets, \$15. Free for children 5 and under.** Call Debbie: 508-717-7041.

## Free Film

On **Tues., Sept. 24 at noon, the Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly hosts a free showing of "42" at the Council on Aging.** Pizza is available for \$2.00. Pizza requests must be pre-paid by Monday, September 23 at 3:00 PM. Please RSVP the Mattapoisett

COA at the Center School, 17 Barstow Street, or call 508-758-4110, even if you're not having pizza, so we know how many seats to set up.

"42" (PG-13, 128 min). Hero is a word we hear often in sports, but heroism is not always about achievements on the field of play. "42" tells the story of two men — the great Jackie Robinson and legendary Brooklyn Dodgers GM Branch Rickey — whose brave stand against prejudice forever changed the world by changing the game of baseball. In 1946, Rickey broke Major League Baseball's infamous color line when he signed Jackie Robinson. Both faced unabashed racism from every side. Any incident could destroy both their hopes. Number 42 let his talent on the field do the talking, paving the way for others to follow.

## Seeking Singers

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

**New members are welcome to join until September 23.** Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to register. Semester dues are \$35.00.

Visit our website at [www.sippicanchoral.org](http://www.sippicanchoral.org).

## Farmers Market

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

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## Watershed Ride

The Buzzards Bay Coalition's **seventh annual Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride will take place on Sunday, Oct. 6** and you can celebrate the beauty of our region while helping to keep it clean and healthy. Cyclists ages 12 and over are welcome to sign up. All proceeds support the Coalition's work.

Choose between a 75-mile course

and a 35-mile option. To learn more visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/WatershedRide](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/WatershedRide).

## Women's Leadership Breakfast

The 6th annual Women's Fund Leadership Breakfast will be held **Fri., October 11th from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. at Woodland Commons, UMass Dartmouth** with parking and a shuttle available in Lot 7. The breakfast and registration open at 8:00 a.m. Tickets are \$15, or \$5 with student ID. Pre-registration and payment online at [www.cfsema.org/womensfundsema](http://www.cfsema.org/womensfundsema). This year's focus is on "Leadership In Transition: Talking Turkey about Education, Women and Change."

The program will feature a panel of three women leaders who recently took the helm at Southcoast educational institutions: Dr. Pia Durkin, Superintendent, New Bedford Public Schools; Dr. Divina Grossman, Chancellor, UMass Dartmouth; and Sarah Herman, Head of School, Our Sisters' School. This extraordinary panel will be moderated by Representative Patricia A. Haddad, Speaker Pro Tempore of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

The Women's Fund is a fundraising organization with a mission to advance the educational attainment and economic security of women and girls in SE Mass. For more information, call (508)-717-0283 or email [kfentress@womensfundsema.org](mailto:kfentress@womensfundsema.org)

## Fish Meeting

The public is invited to attend the September 24-26 New England Fishery Management Council meeting beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Cape Codder Resort, 1225 Iyannough Road, Hyannis. For further information about the location visit [www.capecodderresort.com/](http://www.capecodderresort.com/).

The webinar will be activated beginning at 8:00 a.m. and end at approximately 5:00 p.m. each day. Webinar Registration: For free online access to the meeting visit <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/154786471>.

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# Recipe of the Week

## Orange-Glazed Salmon

- 3T. Cajun salt-free seasoning
- 1 t. Brown sugar
- 1/4 t. kosher salt
- 4 boneless, skinless salmon fillets (6 oz each)
- 2T. Veg oil
- 1/4 c. Seville orange marmalade (If unable to find Seville brand use sweet marmalade and double lime juice.)
- 1 T. Lime juice
- Lime wedges

Combine seasonings, sugar and salt in a small bowl. Rub over all surfaces of fillets.

Sauté filets in oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat for 3-4 minutes.

Blend marmalade and lime juice; swirl in skillet until melted. Carefully turn fish to glaze on all sides. The salmon is done when it begins to flake when tested with a fork.

NOTE: Check salmon for pin bones. Remove w/tweezers before rubbing spice mix.

Serve with home-style fries.

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Enjoy!! *Bevy Lussier*

# Knox comes back to take F.A.L.L. title

Knox Electric and Roland's Tire were tops in the standings all season for the Major League division of Fairhaven-Acushnet Little League. Knox came back from a lopsided loss in the best-of-three opener to take the championship series, two games to one with a 6-1 victory in the final game.

Game two was a pitching and defensive gem by both teams. After eight innings the game was tied 2-2 before Knox Electric pulled out a 3-2 win, forcing a Game 3.

In the deciding and final game,

Knox Electric came out aggressively on offense and on the base paths. Solo home runs by Noah Camacho early and Brendan DaSilva late were key, while Cameron and Colby O'Neil had two hits each and Jason Camacho, Noah Perdigao, Sean Ferreira, Nate Couto, Justin Hankins, Joshua Freitas, and Jeremy Brown added hits. On the mound Knox's Jason Camacho dominated, keeping Roland's bats silent, pitching five scoreless innings. Colby O'Neil closed out the final inning in relief.



Knox Electric took the 2013 championship of the Fairhaven Acushnet Little League. L-R, FRONT ROW: Justin Hankins, Nate Couto, Colby O'Neil, Brendan DaSilva, Jason Camacho, Jeremy Brown, and Cameron O'Neil. L-R, MIDDLE ROW: Sean Ferreira, Noah Perdigao, Noah Camach, and Josh Freitas. COACHES: Joel Freitas, Fred Ferreira, Joe O'Neil, Carlos DaSilva, and Dan Hankins. Not pictured coach Tony Couto. Submitted photo.

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# Acushnet sees \$455,000 in surplus revenue

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

Sticking with tradition, the Acushnet Selectboard held their first post-Apple-Peach Festival meeting 9/11 at the Long Plain Friends Meetinghouse, and after a moment of silence to honor those who perished on 9/11/01, they dove right into business with some good financial news for the Town.

For fiscal year 2013, the actual total amounts for local receipts and motor vehicle excise tax exceeded the budgeted amounts, resulting in \$455,031.41 in surplus revenue, five-percent higher than FY12.

Chairperson Leslie Dakin read aloud the details of the almost half-million dollars in additional surplus from a memo received from Finance Committee Chairperson Cathy Doane which compared the actual amounts to what she referred to as the "conservative" budgeted amounts.

Local receipts were budgeted at just over \$405,000, with an actual amount of about \$542,000, for about \$137,000 in extra revenue. The motor vehicle excise was budgeted at \$800,000, the actual amount totaling \$1,117,000, a surplus of over \$317,000.

Ms. Doane, in her memorandum, explained some of reasons for the local receipts surplus, such as higher one-time items like Medicaid and Medicare D reimbursements to the Town, and FEMA reimbursement for FY13 hurricane expenses. She also said that higher penalties and higher interest on delinquent taxes helped to drive up the increase in surplus revenue.

Regarding motor vehicle excise, Ms. Doane explained that the number of motor vehicle commitments remained level, however the Town's

"aggressive collection efforts" continued, affecting the increase.

Town Meeting earlier this year voted again to keep the conservative budgeted amount at \$405,000 for FY14 local receipts, and \$800,000 for MV, which Ms. Doane said was recommended by the Department of Revenue.

In the breakdown of the surplus, items of significant increase for FY13 include the Water Fund up 10% over last year, which Ms. Doane said was primarily due to the addition of a June billing period as the Town transitioned to quarterly billing.

EMS receipts for services were up 19%, and general Fund related revenues increased by 8%.

The Golf Enterprise Fund receipts actually dropped 5%, or \$70,000, due to a decrease in the number of rounds played because of inclement weather. The fund did, however, maintain a profit of \$31,000 which Ms. Doane attributed to "cost containment initiatives."

Also at the meeting, Mr. Dakin read the letter from Board of Public Works Chairperson Jeffrey Schuster responding to the board's own letter asking for information about the charge the BPW received for failure to engage in negotiations with the union.

In the letter, Mr. Schuster explained how the union itself was now responsible for a stall in the negotiations process by failing to keep with the two previously scheduled meetings.

"It now appears that the ball is in their court," said Mr. Dakin referring to the union. He also stated that the possible punitive costs to the Town appear to be put off for now. "Their (the BPW) actions impact a great many people in Town with the decisions they make."

Town Administrator Alan Coutinho commented vaguely on the latest water rates the BPW set back on 9/9, in response to Ms. Doane's rejection of the prior rate the board set.

"I have some concerns on how the water rates have been calculated," said Mr. Coutinho.

After the meeting, when asked to be more specific with his apprehension over the rates, Mr. Coutinho would only say that he was concerned about how the rates would affect the water users since the billing system has changed. He said he was sending a memo to the BPW and sending a copy to the Selectboard and would comment no further. The letter was not available by press time.

In other business, an update on the Perry Hill Church project produced an expected total cost for the rehabilitation of the exterior of the structure, coming in at about \$41,000.

The board voted to approve the total amount to restore the church, built in 1851, at \$45,000 to allow for other small exterior projects such as signage. The Community Preservation Committee will need to approve the amount.

Also discussed at the meeting was a letter received from state Senator Mark Montigny's legal counsel informing the Town of \$200 million in earmarks for towns to use to for water/sewer improvement or open space conservation projects.

The board agreed that funding would be best suited for a comprehensive wastewater management plan, and board members talked about funding for projects like a dock for the town beach on Lake Street, or waterfront bike paths.

"We'll take all the money we can get for the residents," said Mr. Dakin.

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# Boy Scouts retire flags in Benoit Square on 9/11

By Beth David  
Editor

Boy Scouts from Troop 52 in Fairhaven held a formal and solemn flag retirement ceremony at Benoit Square in North Fairhaven on Wednesday, 9/11.

Eagan Cabral of Fairhaven led his fellow Scouts in a ceremony that included separating the colors of the first large flag to be burned, explaining as the colors were burned separately, reading "I Am Your Flag" and playing taps. About 50 members of the public joined the Scouts in the square, many bringing their own flags with them to be disposed of.

The American flag should never just be thrown away. When it is tattered and torn, it should be disposed of in a dignified way in a formal ceremony. Anyone with old flags may always take them to the Fire Department for future disposal.

Dan Cabral of New Bedford took three flags to be disposed of. He said he flies a flag at his house regularly and usually takes them to the fire department. He had never attended a ceremony, though, and welcomed the

chance to see on first hand.

Gene Aillery and Ken LeBlanc, both Vietnam Veterans, put a couple of flags into the pile to be destroyed,

This was the first flag retirement ceremony the troop held in Fairhaven and they had two large barrels of flags from the public. Everyone stayed completely quiet as the first flag was cut and Mr. Cabral read a version of "I Am Your Flag."

Part of that reads:

*My Red Stripes ... symbolize the blood spilled in defense of this glorious nation.*

*My White Stripes ... signify the burning tears shed by Americans*

who lost their sons.

*My Blue Field ... is indicative of God's heaven under which I fly.*

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Boy Scouts from Troop 52 in Fairhaven dispose of old American flags in a glad retirement ceremony in Benoit Square on Wednesday, 9/11. The flag should never just be thrown away, but should be disposed of in a dignified, formal ceremony. Photo by Beth David. See more photos of this event at [www.Facebook.com/Neighb News](http://www.Facebook.com/Neighb News).

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# Katie Brienzo remembered with fund-raising walk

By Michael Smith

Neighb News Correspondent

A gorgeous Saturday afternoon was bestowed upon family, friends and supporters of the late Katie Brienzo as they gathered at the Our Lady of Angels feast grounds on Jesse Street to participate in the second annual Katie Brienzo Memorial Walk.

Brienzo was killed in 2011 when an automobile struck her while she walked to her sister's house. She was 29 years old.

Proceeds from the walk will help support Murphy and Others Living Independently for Future Endeavors (M.O. L.I.F.E.), a non-profit organization founded by Charles Murphy that supports enhancing the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities. Brienzo was both a client and volunteer at M.O. LIFE.

Katie Brienzo's sister Ashlee Lentini, who coordinated the walk, praised the event and her sister.

"The hope is that people come out, not just to support M.O. LIFE, but to know Katie was an important person in this town," Ms. Lentini said.

"Katie has given us a very beautiful day today," Mr. Murphy said.

"This beautiful woman stole a lot of

our hearts," said State Senator Mark Montigny. "I think of her life as a legacy in how much of her life she gave for others. She was giving constantly."

This year's walk was a half a mile longer than last year's one-mile route.

"People complained that it was too short," Ms. Lentini said.

The walk began and ended at the feast grounds on Jesse Street, traveling along Main Street, Nicholas Street, Alden Road and Glenhaven Avenue.

While some supporters wore their black t-shirts from last year's walk, many wore this year's gray t-shirts donning twice the number of sponsors on the back.

Last year's event raised more than \$4500; this year the walk raised \$5,000, with more than 120 walkers participating. A silent auction and raffle were also part of the day's festivities and included photographs from local photographers, gift certificates and handmade scarves.

"It's always a joy to see people support this each year," said Dennis Brienzo, Katie's father. "Nice to see everyone turn out knowing they haven't forgotten Katie."



Katie's mother Karen Fostin sent a special "thank-you" to Phil Paleologos from WBSM, who emceed the event and to Sen. Montigny, who Katie called "Markie," she said. OLOA also donated the use of the grounds.

"It was a real, huge success," said Ms. Fostin. "It's amazing the people who gave their time and efforts."

She said the pain of losing her daughter, and so tragically, though, is still not any easier.

"It doesn't get easier, it gets different," said. "It's a journey. It's a proces. Anyone who's lost a child will tell you there's never anything easy about anything."



TOP: Ashlee Lentini, sister of the late Katie Brienzo, addresses supporters and volunteers prior to the start of the second annual Katie Brienzo Memorial Walk on Saturday, 9/14, at the Our Lady of Angels feast grounds on Jesse Street in Fairhaven. ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Katie's mother Karen Fostin and Katie's sister Ashlee Lentini listen as state Senator Mark Montigny addresses the crowd. ABOVE RIGHT: Nicholas Alphonse of Acushnet wears a t-shirt honoring the late Katie Brienzo. Photos by Michael Smith. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

# Butterfly release honors the memory of those gone

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

Some of the guests attending the "Hope Takes Flight" butterfly release benefit are holding envelopes up to the sunlight, each revealing the silhouette of a butterfly, sometimes resembling the shadowy shape of a heart. Each sleeping Monarch butterfly waits to be released into the world as a symbolic gesture honoring the memory of someone's loved one who has passed.

Others are writing simple, heartfelt messages to Nana, Pa, Mom, and Dad upon colorful paper butterfly cut-outs and hanging them on the wall, while the children play together on the playground.

For the second year, Southcoast Health System Visiting Nurse Association hosted a butterfly release at the Fairhaven Senior Center to benefit Southcoast VNA's Hospice Program.

This Saturday, September 14 event brought over two hundred guests to the grassy yard behind the Senior Center for an afternoon of celebrating the lives of those dear to them who have passed with prayer, music, smiles and tears, and, of course, butterflies.

The Rev. Judith Chamberlain, leading the invocation, acknowledged all of those before her who have experienced "the sharp edges of separation."

"...But we can still come and celebrate together through our tears," she said, before asking God to

bless the butterflies. "May they be a symbol of our ongoing love, and our hope for tomorrow."

Dianne Chandler, who sits on the Board of Trustees, read a tale about capturing a butterfly and whispering to it your secret wish before releasing it to take to the heavens.

It was just about 3:00, almost time to let the butterflies out to fly off, but first, a little instruction on how to do it with finesse.

The butterflies inside each envelope had been sleeping for the past 24 hours under frigid conditions, so guests were warned that their butterfly might not just spread its wings and fly off into the sky the instant they opened the envelope.

Some may linger for a bit before fully awakening to their surroundings, guests were told. And if the butterfly seemed to stay there too long, they could walk it over to a flower or bush and place it there until it was ready to fly off.

At that, the envelopes were unfolded all at once, with several of the butterflies taking flight above the heads of the seated crowd who let out a collective "ooh," awed by their beauty.

"Oh how beautiful," more than a few people gasped. "Oh my gosh," and "that's amazing" were other shared reactions among the crowd.

Some guests, like Andrea Rebello of Fall River, still sat with their butterflies on their fingers.

Ms. Rebello watched as its wings

slowly opened and closed, providing Andrea a moment of reflection on the life of her sister Rachel. Andrea's son Lucas named the butterfly Auntie Rachel as Andrea carefully passed the butterfly from her finger to his before it flew away.

"It's nice," said Andrea still mesmerized by her butterfly. "I've never been here. It's so pretty."

In the background, the Concordia Choir sang "let's go down, let's go down to the valley to pray" while one after another the butterflies took flight and children chased after them.

Identifying herself only as Blanche, one woman held a butterfly honoring her mother and father and whispered to it, "Come on big guy, fly!" as the paper butterflies on the wall behind her fluttered in the soft breeze.

Guests also participated in a silent auction and raffle, and refreshments were served to the music of a flutist and violinist from the Sonaré Chamber Ensemble.

Almost all the butterflies had flown away by now, except little Xavier Eires's, which still dallied on his finger. His father, Antonio Eires, a hospice nurse in Fairhaven, said Xavier was releasing his butterfly in the memory of their beloved dog Ernie who they lost this past year.

"My butterfly is gone!" shouted Xavier excitedly as it flew away; and the choir sang "Somewhere over the Rainbow" as empty yellow envelopes were collected and the butterflies, now free, prepared to fly the wishes of their emancipators to the heavens above.



LEFT: Lucas reaches for the butterfly in the hand of his mother, Andrea Rebello, in honor of Andrea's sister. Lucas named the butterfly Auntie Rachel in her honor at the second annual Hope Takes Flight event at the Fairhaven Senior Center on Saturday, 9/14. More than 200 people let butterflies loose in honor of loved ones who died. RIGHT: Xavier Eires waits for his butterfly to warm up enough to fly away. The butterflies were frozen and kept in envelopes until it was time for them to be released. *Photos by Jean Perry.*

# How We Survived the '38 Hurricane

By Ray Covill

## Special to the Neighb News

The '38 Hurricane was a near tragedy for my family. At that time I was in the third grade at the Washington Street School in downtown Fairhaven, and we lived at 14 Green Street, not far from Fort Phoenix.

The school was built as a wooden church in the 1800's until Rogers built the Unitarian Memorial Church around 1903 or so. It then became a school, and in the mid 1940's it was the Boys' Club and is now home to the Northeast Maritime Institute.

My classroom was on the second floor, west side. In early afternoon on the day of the storm the sky darkened, the wind picked up out of the Southwest, and torrents of rain came down — sideways it seemed. The wind was blowing rain in around the windows, so my teacher, Miss Smith, moved us all to the east side of the room, away from the windows. Then the Principal came in and ordered us all to the rear exit on the northeast side in the lee of the wind.

Many parents were there to take their children home — some walked and others came by car. The teachers escorted other small groups in various directions, depending on where the teachers and children lived.

Soon the parents stopped coming as the storm worsened. The Principal finally told the remaining children to run home if they lived only a few blocks away. Many did so.

Among the first to leave was Ruth Porter, a third grader like myself. She took off running down the middle of Washington Street through the wind and rain, lunch pail in hand, heading for her home on Summer Street six blocks away. She got home safely. (Seventeen years later we would get married.) Her parents were not home. Her dad had volunteered to help the Fairhaven Fire Department rescue people from rooftops and debris in the area between Harbor View and the beginning of Scoticut Neck. He got home later that day.

But before he left, he was successful in getting a neighbor to come in and babysit Ruth until her mom or dad got home. Her mom ran the office at Rounseville Sawmill in Rochester and could not get home until the next day.

There were now 11 children and the Principal left at the school. They all lived in the south part of

Fairhaven. The situation now must have looked bleak to the Principal.

Then we saw the headlights of a car approaching. It was my mom in her '36 Ford two door coupe! It had bucket seats in the front with a big floor shift in between. The back bench seat could accommodate two more people.

The Principal ran to the car to ask mom which way she was heading. When she said south, he then asked her if she could take anyone else left besides me. Mom agreed. The Principal then stuffed all 11 children into the car, and away we went. We were all frightened by the severity of the storm. The girls were crying. The boys less so, because we were fascinated by the storm raging outside.

The children soon figured out which way mom should go in order to

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watching for any sign  
of dad.

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make the trip as short as possible. She had to make one detour to avoid a fallen tree, and later had to drive down a sidewalk and over a lawn to get through. Each time she approached some child's home, mom leaned on the horn, and some anxious mom or dad would come running out to retrieve their child. Eventually all of us got to our homes safely.

Later in the afternoon the wind suddenly dropped off to 20 or 30 mph, and the sun came out. Mom let my younger sister and me go outside. The sky was yellowish and smelled of sulfur.

A few minutes later, mom called us into the house again when the wind suddenly resumed at hurricane strength. The eye of the storm had passed through the area and was now gone. As the winds increased, the noise of the wind streaming around the trees and houses became a steady roar — like a high speed train approaching. When the wind reached a maximum velocity later that

evening, the roar became a high pitched steady scream. It was frightening.

My dad worked at Humphrey & Covill Insurance Agency with his partner, Ernie Humphrey, in downtown New Bedford. By early afternoon, they closed the office and sent the staff home while the trolleys were still running.

Dad phoned mom to tell her he was on his way. When he reached the middle of Pope's Island on Rte. 6, the motor stalled due to the deepening water. He saw another stranded driver. It was Charlie Dvorak, a friend of dad's. Together they went arm in arm along the bridge towards home.

They then heard someone yelling for help from amid the floating debris in the river. They managed to rescue him and the three of them then went hand over hand along the rail to Middle Street at the Skipper Restaurant. Here they went their separate ways.

Dad had planned to make his way south on Middle Street, but it was under water. He then tried the next street, Main Street, but that, too, was under water. He then continued up Huttleston Avenue to Green Street and started south. He got to Bridge Street, one block away, and then could see that up ahead Green Street and Cushman Park were both under water.

He then went up Bridge Street to Adams Street and started south past St. Joseph's Church to Center Street. Here he went right to Pleasant Street and then south past the Rogers School. At South Street next to the Atlas Tack Co., the railroad tracks crossed and were under two or three feet of fast-moving water. Dad waded through and went to Cottage Street and then south on Green Street. Meanwhile, mom was very worried, but tried not to show it. She sat in a chair by the living room window, watching for any sign of dad.

Finally, she saw a figure staggering south through the rain and wind. It was dad! She raced out and helped him into the house. He was completely exhausted and drenched. His hat was gone and his face was cut. He was so tired and out of breath he could not talk at all. It would be the next afternoon before he could tell us his story.

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# Motorcyclist cited after crash on Route 6

Fairhaven Police Press Release

The Fairhaven Police and Fire Departments responded to a two vehicle crash at the intersection of Route 6 and Scoticut Neck Road around 8:00 Thursday morning, 9/12. The vehicles involved were a single passenger motorcycle that was traveling eastbound on Route 6 and a Dodge sedan that was traveling northbound, exiting Scoticut Neck Road.

The operator of the motorcycle was identified as 27-year-old Jeremy Peasely of Fairhaven and the operator

of the Dodge was identified as Laurie Bertrand, also of Fairhaven. The Fairhaven Fire Department was dispatched to assist with fluid spills and for medical evaluations.

Neither party was transported to the hospital for medical treatment. Peasely will be issued a citation for impeded operation after it was determined that he was riding his motorcycle with a cup of coffee between his knees. It is unsure at this point if either party failed to stop for a red light.

If anyone witnessed the crash and can provide any further information, they are asked to contact Officer Kevin Viveiros at the Fairhaven Police Department at 508-997-7421.

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Steve Polyak

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# Letters from our readers

## Voters have spoken

The Election in Fairhaven is over. The voters spoke loud and clear that they want an end to the nasty politics for the last year and a half.

Peter DeTerra has been re-elected by over 800 votes. It is time for government to get back to working on all the issues. It is also time for all folks to start working together to find a middle ground on the turbine issue.

The turbines will be part of the Fairhaven landscape for the next 19 years, at the very least. Hopefully we can ALL learn to live with them. The wave of the future is green energy. If we continue bickering about the turbine project we will potentially lose other green projects in town. Who would want to do business with a town that has seen nasty politics and numerous lawsuits over a clean energy project?

We have to start thinking of our future generations! I want my children to grow up and raise their families in the town I have called "home" for 44 years. I want them to be proud of the place they grow up in, and yes, I want them to be involved in making Fairhaven an even better place to live!

*Daniel Freitas, Fairhaven*

## Fairhaven Historical Society needs to be revived

I'm writing today in support of the new Facebook group "Revive the Fairhaven Historical Society." The purpose of the "revival" group is to continue the important work of the private Historical Society to collect and preserve historic artifacts and promote our town's history. In my opinion, that work has not been evident in recent years.

While many people believe preservation of town history is the official job of the Fairhaven Historical Commission, it's not; the Commission is funded by Town Meeting to maintain the town's historical structures, including the Fairhaven Academy Building.

According to an agreement made between Selectmen and the Commission and the Society in 1992, the commission and society were charged with operating the Academy as a cooperative endeavor, with the society taking on the role of collecting and sharing historical artifacts in a museum.

In 2012 the Historical Society lost

its status as a legal non-profit entity by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts after not filing reports for 25 years. However, that doesn't mean the society can't continue to preserve town history in the Academy Building. The "Revive the Fairhaven Historical Society" group's issue, and mine personally, is that the society has neglected to realize its primary purpose of preserving and promoting Fairhaven history.

For example, prior to the beginning of the Farmer's Market several years ago, and even during its first year of business, the Historical Society would open the Academy to the public for four hours per week in the summer and rarely in the winter; not at all during the Farmer's Market. They have since expanded their hours to include four hours on Sunday afternoon. Many people who have lived in town for decades tell me they have never been inside the Academy because they never saw it open.

Regarding the operation of the museum, anyone who walks through the Period Room can see that the historical domestic furniture, an eclectic mix of different time periods and origins, is usually covered with sheets. The floor has not been swept for quite a while, and cobwebs and dead flies litter the area. Upstairs, the conditions are no better. Antiques and artifacts sit idly inside glass cases that are covered with dusty cloths. Old papers, photos, linens and other items are packed away in drawers without any apparent organization. Instead of welcoming visitors to neat, informative displays, we welcome newcomers into an abandoned-looking attic.

For comparison purposes, visit Acushnet's Long Plain Museum to witness how a small, meagerly funded museum can look professional and inviting. No doubt that members of the Historical Society love our town's history, but it's not enough; they must actively care for it by giving time and energy to it. That dedication

is apparent in the Long Plain Museum, but not in our own Museum of Fairhaven History. Finally, and most importantly,

members of the Fairhaven Historical Society (of which I am one) cannot attend board meetings because we don't know when and where they are scheduled. We haven't been provided with a list of officers, a meeting schedule, or any information regarding the group, even though we have paid annual dues. Efforts to obtain this information via email have gone unanswered. For all intents and purposes, the society — and consequently, the museum — belongs to a select group of unnamed officers. Hopefully, you can see our concern regarding the ineffective leadership of this group.

We feel the Academy Building belongs to all townspeople, who pay the taxes to maintain it. We feel the society, as the curator of the museum, owes it to the public to take care of its contents and share its priceless treasures with everyone. Rather than resembling an exclusive club for a few residents, it should be open to and enjoyed by anyone who wishes to learn about our collective past. Ultimately, the future of our town's history is too important to neglect.

This is why we, the "Revive the Fairhaven Historical Society" group, are making an effort to rejuvenate the society. To join us in this endeavor, visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/FairhavenHistoricalSociety](http://www.facebook.com/FairhavenHistoricalSociety) or email us at [FairhavenHistoricalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:FairhavenHistoricalSociety@gmail.com).

*Lori A. Richard, Fairhaven*

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### Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

- Petitioner: Black Bear Cranberry Corp.,** 2 Antone Drive, Plat 38, Lot 7L, Book 7341 and Page 61; 198-28-G: Special Permit required for construction of a single-family dwelling in the Nasketucket River Basin.
- Petitioner: Black Bear Cranberry Corp.,** 4 Antone Drive, Plat 38, Lot 7K, Book 7341 and Page 61; 198-28-G: Special Permit required for construction of a single-family dwelling in the Nasketucket River Basin.
- Petitioner: Anthony & Catherine Zelano,** 3 Ellis Place, Plat 2, Lot 9 & 192, Book 10535 and Page 318; 198-18: Short 4' of the required 10' east and west side setbacks in a RA District.
- Petitioner: Pho Le Tieu,** 3 Hidden Drive, Plat 39, Lot 27C, Book 10802 and Page 284; 198-28-G: Special Permit required for construction of a single-family dwelling in the Nasketucket River Basin.

*Peter DeTerra, Chairman*

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*Pam Shaw*

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*My Stars ... clustered together, unify  
50 States as one, for God and Country.  
"Old Glory" is my nickname, and  
proudly I wave on high.*

*Honor me, respect me, defend me  
with your lives and your fortunes.*

*Never let my enemies tear me down  
from my lofty position, lest I never  
return.*

People attending were invited to put flags into the fire in memory of someone, and many did. Roland Lavalley put a flag into the fire in memory of Charles Albaugh, aka "The Flag Guy," who tended the flags on Rte. 195 overpass on Main Street after the 911 attacks. Mr. Lavalley has since become of the caretaker of the Charles F. Albaugh Memorial Flagpole.

Anyone wishing to dispose of an old flag may always take it to the fire department, but there is also a special box outside the North Fairhaven Improvement Association building in Benoit Square. It is an old mailbox that has been decorated with the stars and stripes. You may deposit your old flags there for proper disposal.

For more information on flag retirement ceremonies, visit [www.usscouts.org/ceremony/flagret1.asp](http://www.usscouts.org/ceremony/flagret1.asp)

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Bikeway Committee

Thurs., 9/19, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 10/1, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 9/23, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Community Preservation

Thurs., 11/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

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

### Government Study Comm.

Thurs., 9/19, West Island Improvement Assn. Center, 6 p.m. Open Forum format for the public

### Planning Board

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

### School Committee

Wed., 9/25, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

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

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Assessors

Wed., 9/25, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Wed., 9/25, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Planning Commission

Thurs., 9/26 Parting Ways Bldg., 6:30

### Selectboard

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

### TOWN MEETING

Mon., 10/21, Ford Middle Sch., 7 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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

	Sept. 2013	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	19	0817	2042	0136*	1408*
Friday	20	0903	2127	0214*	1451*
Saturday	21	0948	2213	0251*	1532*
Sunday	22	1034	2259	0329*	1611
Monday	23	1120	2346	0406	1650
Tuesday	24	----	1207	0446	1732
Wednesday	25	0034	1255	0528	1820
Thursday	26	0123	1345	0616	1925
Friday	27	0215	1437	0714	2108
Saturday	28	0310	1534	0829	2215

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# Group of residents says Historical Society needs reviving

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

There is a growing movement of people who think the leadership of the Fairhaven Historical Society has fallen behind, and they are making their opinion known on a Facebook page called "Revive the Fairhaven Historical Society."

One of the driving forces behind the movement is Director of Tourism Chris Richard who has his own vision of how the society should function. He is uniting other like-minded residents who share his vision, who are ready to pick up where the current society has left off.

The Revive the FHS Facebook page gathered 89 "likes" within the first 48 hours of its existence. For comparison, in two days it had already surpassed the number of likes of the Windwise Fairhaven Facebook page.

Mr. Richard described the steps he has taken in vain that led to the establishment of the Facebook page, why he believes the society has failed the town, and the progress he would like to see take place.

Several months ago, Mr. Richard said he and several others sent in forms along with the annual dues to join the Society.

"We sent in our dues and there has never been any acknowledgement that we're members," he said. "But the checks were cashed."

He said he and the others received no letter, email, newsletter, or invitations to meetings.

"The board apparently meets whenever it wants but doesn't notify the members," said Mr. Richard.

He said emails to the president of the Historical Society, Dr. Barbara Acksen, who is also a member of the Board of Health and on the Fairhaven Trust Commission, for requests for scheduled meeting dates remain unacknowledged.

"The current leadership (of the society) is a very ineffective leadership," said Mr. Richard.

He said that for months he has been trying to reach Dr. Acksen via email requesting a list of the board members and members of the HS, .

According to Secretary State's website, the Fairhaven Historical Society actually lost its non-profit status on 6/18/12. The status was revoked for not filing annual reports for two consecutive years. However,

according to the website, the last time the society filed an annual report was back in 1987, 25 years ago.

"We didn't know that we were behind in filing," said Dr. Acksen in a phone interview on 9/16. She said, though, that the Historical Society is still "okay to be a non-profit organization," and it is "easily corrected."

As for the new members who never received any communication from the society since trying to join almost a year ago, Dr. Acksen said she does not handle the new membership aspect of the society. She said it was the responsibility of the society's secretary, Nancy Perry.

Other Historical Society board members include Treasurer Debbie Davis and Vice-President Al Benac.

Mr. Richard said, since no one from

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**You can't revive  
something that isn't  
dead [Barbara Acksen]**

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the Historical Society seemed to be inviting members to meetings, he sent an email about two weeks ago to members he knew of to see if they would like to hold their own meeting independently.

"This week we started a Facebook page," said Mr. Richard. "We are a group of really, really, really frustrated members of the society."

He said, as far as he knows, the organization has only met twice in the past year and the society "really hasn't done much," said Mr. Richard, "except unlock the door during the farmers market to let people into the museum that isn't even clean."

He said there are people interested in joining the HS, but not while under the current leadership.

"We want a new and better society," said Mr. Richard. "The only way that these issues are gonna be solved

is by just bringing it out to the people and let people know what's happening."

He said the group wants to continue the work of the society adding, "Except we would actually have people doing stuff."

"You can't revive something that isn't dead," said Dr. Acksen, who admitted that she received the forwarded emails from "Mr. History" that have been circulating to other members of the society calling for change and action.

"This is an unfortunate situation where some people are trying to take things over," said Dr. Acksen.

Dr. Acksen said that since learning of the revocation of the non-profit status, she has taken steps to reapply. The Secretary for the Commonwealth website states that the organization only has to file the missing reports from the last 10 years (M.G.L.A. Chapter 180, § 10C (1989); M.G.L.A. c156B § 108 (1964); 950 CMR 104.18.)

So, is there a looming coup d'état of a new society over the old society?

"Again, it's Chris versus the Historical Society and I don't want it to be that way. I'm so torn," said Mr. Richard, referring to his years-long battle to get the visitors center located in the Academy Building. "It's not Chris versus the Historical Society. It's 89 likes on the Facebook page right now. The page is to send a message to everybody in Town that there's a group of people who sees that something has to be done here."

He said everybody thinks the Historical Society, the Historical Commission, and the Tourism Department should be working together to promote the history of Fairhaven.

"But there are a couple of people who do not play well with others."

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# FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2013-2014 BUS ROUTES — REVISED

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To the Fairhaven School Community:

On April 3, 2013, The Fairhaven School Committee approved Reliable Bus Lines as the lowest qualified bidder for the Regular Day Student Transportation for the Fairhaven Public Schools for fiscal 2014-2016. In accordance with the bid specifications, the bus contractor was responsible for efficiently and effectively developing all the bus routes and schedules. Parents and/or guardians with questions or concerns regarding bus routes and schedules were directed to the Reliable Bus Lines Incorporated and were asked to cc: the district's business office.

All documented concerns received during the first two weeks of school were taken into consideration and discussed

during a joint meeting between the bus contractor and school administration on September 13, 2013. As a result of this meeting, a number of changes and revisions to bus routes and schedules were made. In order to effectively communicate these revisions to our parents and families before the changes take place, **all revisions to the bus routes and schedules will begin on Monday September 23, 2013.**

We would like to thank our school community for their patience and cooperation with this process. Because of their respectful input, our bus contractor was able to make our bus routes and schedules more effective and efficient.

*Dr. Robert Baldwin, Fairhaven Superintendent of Schools*

## REVISED SCHEDULE STARTS 9/23 F-1 HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

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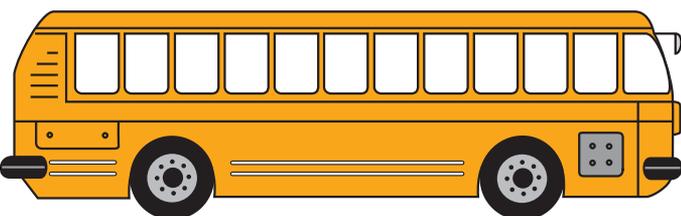
6:55 .....Misty Bay & Fisherman Rd  
6:56 .....Fisherman Rd & Cottonwood St  
6:57 .....Cottowood St & Goulart Memorial Dr  
7:04 .....Grandview Ave & Sconticut Neck Rd  
7:06 .....Sconticut Neck Rd & Capeview St  
7:08 .....Wigwam Beach Rd & Sconticut Neck Rd  
7:10 .....Delmont St & Sconticut Neck Rd  
7:11 .....Wayne St & Sconticut Neck Rd

## F-2 HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

6:54 .....New Boston Rd & Alexander Ln  
6:57 .....New Boston Rd & Charity Stevens Ln  
7:03 .....Bridge St. & New Boston Rd.  
7:07 .....Mill Rd & Hidden Dr  
7:11 .....Mill Rd & Eddy St

## F-3 HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

6:54 .....Hathaway St. & Sconticut Neck Rd.  
6:55 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Bonney St.  
6:56 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Austria Ave.



6:57 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Reservation Rd.  
6:58 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Smith St.  
6:59 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Briercliffe Rd.  
7:03 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Winsegansett Ave.  
7:04 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Nobska Ave.  
7:17 .....Boston Hill Rd. & Roseanne Dr.



## F-4 HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

6:55 .....Gellete Rd & Judson Dr.  
6:57 .....Shaw Rd & Stoney Cove  
7:04 .....Shaw Rd & Fruit St  
7:07 .....Shaw Rd & Forestview Dr  
7:11 .....Route 6 & Sylvia St  
7:14 .....Route 6 & Nasketucket Way  
7:17 .....Route 6 & Ocean Meadows

## F-5 HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

7:09 .....Alden Rd. & Tootle Ln.  
7:10 .....Alden Rd. & Deerfield Ln.  
7:12 .....Alden Rd. & Faith Ave.  
7:14 .....Oliver St. & Mina St.  
7:15 .....Oliver St. & Oliver St. (Top of loop)  
7:16 .....Oliver St. & Rivard St.  
7:18 .....Alden Rd. & Sharon St.  
7:19 .....-Staffon Rd. & Long Rd.

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## 2013-2014 BUS ROUTES — REVISED

### F-6 HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

7:06 .....Weeden Rd & Babbit St.  
 7:07 .....Weeden Rd. & Mark Dr.  
 7:10 .....Babbit St. & Studley St.  
 7:12 .....Hill St. & Brook Dr.  
 7:14 .....Rte. 6 & Gellette Rd.

### F-7 HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

7:08 .....Narragansett Blvd & Elmwood Ave  
 7:10 .....Sconticut Neck Rd & Riccardis  
 7:11 .....Sconticut Neck Rd & Jameson St  
 7:11 .....Little Bay Rd & Sconticut Neck Rd

### F-8 HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

7:15 .....Main St & St. Mary's Church

### F-1 WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

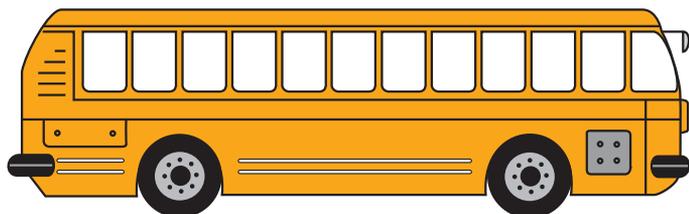
8:05 .....Misty Bay & Fisherman Rd  
 8:07 .....Cottonwood St & Goulart Memorial Dr  
 8:10 .....Camel St & Sconticut Neck Rd  
 8:13 .....Sconticut Neck Rd & Ocean Ave  
 8:20 .....Sconticut Neck Rd & Hathaway St

### F-3 WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

8:10 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Hathaway St.  
 8:11 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Reservation Rd.  
 8:12 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Smith St.  
 8:13 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Briercliffe Rd.  
 8:15 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Winegansett Ave.  
 8:16 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Starboard Dr.  
 8:17 .....Island View Rd. & Sconticut Neck Rd.

### F-6 WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

8:17 .....North St & Castle Ave  
 8:20 .....Bridge St & Park Ave  
 8:21 .....Bridge St & Mulberry St  
 8:21 .....Bridge St & Bridge Ct



8:21 .....Bridge St &  
 Homestead Ave  
 8:22 .....Bridge St &  
 Rogers St

### F-7 WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

8:00 .....Adams St & Hemlock St  
 8:02 .....Century Dr & Kacy Ln  
 8:05 .....Linden Ave & Francis St  
 8:06 .....Linden Ave & Castle Ave  
 8:10 .....Main St & Hedge St  
 8:10 .....Main St & Taber St  
 8:12 .....Beach St & Howland Rd  
 8:14 .....Boston Hill Rd & Roseanne Dr  
 8:17 .....Alden Rd & Long Rd  
 8:20 .....Shirley St & Lincoln Dr

### F-8 WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

8:05 .....South St & Rogers School  
 8:07 .....Green St & Cedar St  
 8:10 .....Green St & Farmfield St  
 8:12 .....Farmfield St & Pleasant St

### F-9 WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

8:05 .....Washington St & Elizabeth St  
 8:06 .....Washington St & Bryant Ln  
 8:07 .....Washington St & McGann Terrace  
 8:08 .....Washington St & Adams St  
 8:10 .....Washington St & Chestnut St  
 8:14 .....Main St & Spring St  
 8:15 .....Spring St & Walnut St  
 8:16 .....Spring St & Laurel St  
 8:17 .....Spring St & Terry St  
 8:18 .....Spring St & Autumn St  
 8:19 .....Spring St & Rochambeau St

### F-2 YELLOW: EAST FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

7:57 .....Adams St & Hemlock St  
 7:59 .....Adams St & Century St



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## 2013-2014 BUS ROUTES — REVISED

- 8:00 .....Brown St & Houle St
- 8:01 .....Houle St & Howland Rd
- 8:07 .....Narragansett St & Elmwood Ave
- 8:09 .....Mill Rd & Eddy St
- 8:10 .....Mill St & Meadow Ln
- 8:11 .....Mill St & Shady Dr
- 8:12 .....Mill St & Antone Dr
- 8:13 .....Mill St & Yankee Ln
- 8:16 .....475 Bridge St
- 8:18 .....New Boston Rd & Charity Stevens Ln
- 8:20 .....366 New Boston Rd.
- 8:21 .....352 New Boston Rd.

### RED: EAST FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 8:09 .....Gellette Rd. & Rte. 6
- 8:13 .....Gellette Rd. & Judson Dr.
- 8:17 .....Gellette Rd. & Suvenchy Dr.
- 8:21 .....Shaw Rd. & Stoney Cove Ter.
- 8:24 .....Shaw Rd. & Redwood Dr.
- 8:27 .....Shaw Rd. & Forestview Dr.
- 8:31 .....Shaw Rd. & Rte. 6
- 8:34 .....Rte.6 & Perry St.
- 8:37 .....Rte.6 & Jeannette St.

### BLUE EAST FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 7:54 .....Harding Rd & Saratoga St
- 7:55 .....Harding Rd & Sycamore St
- 7:56 .....Sycamore St & Magnolia St
- 7:57 .....Sycamore St & Alpine Ave
- 7:58 .....Sycamore St & Morgan St
- 8:00 .....Sycamore St & Howland Rd
- 8:03 .....Howland Rd & Oak St
- 8:06 .....Howland Rd & Garrison St

### BLUE 5A: EAST FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 8:19 .....Rte. 6 & Akin St
- 8:20 .....Rte.6 & Ocean Meadows
- 8:21 .....Weeden Rd & Dartmouth St
- 8:22 .....Weeden Rd & Shawmut St
- 8:23 .....Shawmut St & Mark Dr
- 8:24 .....Weeden Rd & Mark Dr
- 8:26 .....Babbit St & Studley St
- 8:28 .....Hill St & Brook Dr

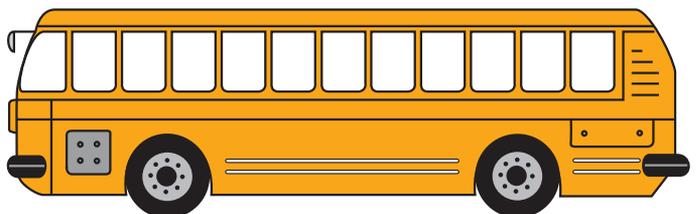
### GREEN EAST FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY

- 8:17 .....Main St & Alpine Ave
- 8:17 .....Main St & Morgan St
- 8:18 .....Main St & Dean St
- 8:19 .....Main St & Wilding St
- 8:20 .....Main St & Taber St

### ORANGE EAST FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 8:15 .....Alden Rd & Nicholas St
- 8:16 .....Alden Rd & Jesse St
- 8:17 .....Alden Rd & Deerfield Ln
- 8:21 .....Oliver St & Mina St
- 8:21 .....Oliver St & Oliver St (head of circle south end)
- 8:22 .....Oliver St & Rivard St (end of circle north end)
- 8:25 .....Alden Rd & Manuel St

**\*\*\*STUDENTS SHOULD BE AT STOPS FIVE MINUTES PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED TIMES AND REMAIN AT THE STOP AT LEAST FIVE MINUTES AFTER THE SCHEDULED PICK UP TIME.**



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# Pile of chemical containers prompts call to state hazmat team

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Fire Department called in the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection's Hazardous Materials Field Assessment and Support Team (FAST) on Sunday after a walker called in a pile of chemical bottles dumped on Sconticut Neck Road. The bottles were in or around two fish totes near the entrance to a walking trail on property owned by the Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust.

Lt. Brian Messier of the Fairhaven Fire Department said that some of the jars were broken and some had "crystallization" on the tops. He also said most were in light sensitive containers, indicating possibly volatile chemicals.

"So we don't mess with any of that stuff," said Lt. Messier.

In the end, there were at least 30 chemicals involved. Lt. Messier said the HazMat team was called in to compare the chemicals and their make-up to make sure none were "reactive" to each other or "water reactive."

It turned out that none were volatile

or environmentally dangerous, but still needed to be disposed of by hazardous materials standards, and a company was called in to take them.

"It was just a careless disposal of hazardous materials," said Lt. Messier, and reminded everyone that the town holds hazardous material disposal days when those same chemicals could have been disposed of properly and at no cost to the resident.

Now, it will cost the town for the response that brought out the fire truck, several on-call firefighters, the DEP and the chemical disposal company; costs that the town will try to recoup from the person who dumped the chemicals if he or she is caught.

Meanwhile, the Board of Health will get the bill. Health Agent Pat Fowle said she did not know exactly much it will cost, but it will be "way more" than the \$400 or so that they have left in their

emergency account.

She also said the chemicals that were dumped looked like they were from someone's hobby. She said if anyone has a similar situation, they should call the Board of Health office at 508-979-4022, ext. 125, and she will help them find a place to properly dispose of the chemicals.

Anyone with information about the incident, should call the Fairhaven Police Department at 508-997-7421.



This lavender fish tote and a blue one had about 30 different chemicals in them that were dumped on the side of Sconticut Neck Road on Sunday, 9/15, prompting a response by the Fairhaven Fire Department and the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection's hazardous materials response team. Photo by Beth David

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Dad suffered from asthma ever since he was a little boy. If he exerted himself, he had to stop and rest to catch his breath. In his trek through Fairhaven he could go only 50 or 100 feet before stopping to sit on the curbing, a fallen tree branch, or someone's front steps. Then after a few minutes he would continue on again.

It normally took dad ten to twelve minutes to drive home from work, but on this day it took him three and a half hours to get home!

As you can imagine, we were all overjoyed, thankful and crying to see him get home safely.

The next day the Fairhaven shoreline and the entire east side of the harbor looked like a tornado had come through. The river was clogged with pieces of buildings, boats, and junk. The streets from the High School south were littered with fallen elm trees, wires and poles.

In the 1800's, Rogers had planted hundreds of elm trees along streets in the south part of town. By 1938, they ranged from four to six stories tall. About half of them came down,

tearing up streets and sidewalks, with many trees landing on houses. Elm trees have no tap roots like a holly tree has. Their roots are shallow and spread out horizontally.

About half of what was left came down in the '44 Hurricane, and half of what then remained came down in Hurricane Carol in 1954. By the 1960's, not many were left. Dutch Elm Disease got most of the survivors.

It would be many weeks until the streets were all open and electric and phone service restored. Over 500 people died from the Connecticut and Rhode Island shores to Southeastern Massachusetts. The highest wind was recorded on top of Blue Hill in Milton, MA at 186 mph.

The Town of Fairhaven saw peak winds from 115 to 130 mph as I recall reading about. Our family felt very lucky that we got through the storm with no serious injuries or deaths.

My grandparents had a cottage at Crescent Beach in Mattapoissett. A month or so after the storm they went there to see if the cottage survived intact. It was gone. Even the land was gone. Sand covered the area. Most of the houses there were destroyed and

the wreckage littered the tree line behind the road through Crescent Beach. The next year they had the lot surveyed to restore the boundary marks, and then sold it. Enough was enough.

Ruth's grandparents lost their summer home at Swift's Beach in Wareham. The only thing they found was a swan shaped bowl.

People call this a 100-year hurricane. The worst one I know of is one that struck the area in the mid-1600's. It cut Cape Cod in half temporarily and cut the two main Elizabeth Islands into four. I call this one a 1,000 year hurricane. Very little is known about it because few white settlers lived in the area. Most of the residents were the Wampanoag Indians.

But no hurricane is a good one. I hope our current 22-year respite continues indefinitely.

*(Ruth & Ray Covill live in Mattapoissett.)*

*Next week: Some facts & figures on the Hurricane of 1938 in commemoration of its 75th anniversary. The Hurricane struck on Sept. 21, 1938.*

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