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Encampment highlights life in 1700s



Jeremiah Katz fires off one of the big cannons at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on Saturday evening, 9/21, as part of the annual fall encampment sponsored by the Fairhaven Village Militia and the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. The fort at Nolscot Point, now called Fort Phoenix, was attacked by the British in 1778 and destroyed. Businesses in New Bedford, Acushnet and Fairhaven were ransacked and burned. Every fall the militia holds an encampment to commemorate the attack. See page 16 for story. *Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Okay, okay, I give! I give! DON'T TOUCH THE CHEMICALS EVEN IF THEY ARE IN BOTTLES. YOU COULD ALL DIE!!! DIE I TELL YOU, DIE!!!!

Ahem...I heard from several hazardous materials technicians about my editorial last week. Apparently, I'm quite irresponsible and all my readers are instantly going to find a pile of old bottles and plunge their fingers into acid, or some such other nasty chemical that could hurt them.

Don't do that, okay?

Most of the people who contact me did not want to be published, but Fairhaven Fire Chief Tim Francis wrote a letter to the editor. See page 25 for that.

Okay, I get it. Sometimes chemicals can look harmless in their little bottles and they can blow up in your face. One HazMat tech wrote to say that while those chemicals are bouncing around in your pickup truck (don't DO that), they could react with the humidity and blow up. Really.

Okay, I give in. Call the cavalry, call the state, call the feds, call everyone. It's just my tax dollars at work, right?

Anyway, read the chief's letter and decide for yourself, just don't blame me if you blow up your hand.

We have a lot of great stuff in here this week. And, no, we don't have a story on the train absolutely-positively-without-a-doubt coming here first instead of Fall River.

I didn't just fall off the turnip truck. I'll wait a bit before I fall for that.

Meanwhile, maybe they could just give us direct highway access to the big city, huh? They expect us to believe they are going to give us our train, when they took away our highway ramp. You can go right from Boston directly into Fall River, Mattapoissett, Marion (via 495), but not New Bedford. You have to get OFF the highway and go through local traffic in Taunton, TWO lights, TWO, at the junction of Route 24 and Route 140. You have no idea how frustrating that is until you commute and have a job where you work late. Sitting at that stupid light in Taunton is beyond frustrating. It's insulting. It shows that you truly cannot see the South Coast from Boston.

The fix would be so easy, too, and not at all expensive: Just a few of those little thingies the put between the lanes to keep them separate. Then they could get rid of those lights at the end of the ramp. We could continue south to New Bedford in the right lane and the Taunton traffic could stay in the left lane. No biggie, right?

It is if it's for New Bedford. The Cape got their flyover two minutes after former Gov. Mitt Romney got stuck in traffic over the Sagamore.

Not New Bedford. All I can say is, we must've really ticked off people back in the day when we had our whale and textile money. Those Hub dudes are still holding a grudge.

The Conservation Commission is pretty desperate for members. Here's your chance. If you wanted to get involved but thought you didn't know the right people or would never get appointed, send a letter to the Selectboard. If you can hike around on Sunday mornings, they'll be happy to welcome you aboard.

The Finance Committee also needs people. For either one, contact the Selectboard office at town hall, 508-979-4023, or visit the town's website, www.fairhaven-ma.gov.

Time to sign off. Be sure to tell our advertisers you saw their ads in the Neighb News. Until next week then...

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Working Waterfront Festival this weekend

The 10th annual Working Waterfront Festival will be held on the piers in New Bedford this weekend, **Saturday 9/28, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, 9/29, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.. Rain or shine! Free admission.**

A celebration of New England's fishing industry: music, seafood, children's activities, cooking demos, harbor tours, fishermen's contests, authors, films, bookstore, artisans & more. 2013 marks the 10th anniversary of the event, which provides us with an opportunity to consider how commercial fishing and coastal communities have changed over the past ten years and what lies ahead. Event is held rain or shine and parking is free. Visit www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org/ for further information and to view schedule.

Some highlights of the weekend include the following

Festival Sampler

The Working Waterfront Festival presents a Festival Sampler, **Friday, September 27th from 7:30-9:00 pm** at the New Bedford Whaling Museum

Theater. **The \$10 ticket helps support the free Festival.** Seating is limited; tickets will be sold at the door, with advance tickets available through the Festival web site.

Designed to whet the appetite of festival goers, the evening will feature songs, stories and poetry presented by 10 performers who hail from fishing communities in Newfoundland, New England, Alaska and the Chesapeake Bay: Anita Best (traditional songs and stories from Newfoundland), Calico Jack (music and poetry celebrating the people, places and history of the Chesapeake), Janice Marshall (parodies drawn from a life in the Maryland crab fishery), Daisy Nell & Captain Stan (traditional and original songs about the seafaring heritage of Essex, MA), Jon Campbell (original poetry and songs about commercial fishing and coastal communities), Jon Broderick, Jay Speakman, and Dave Densmore (poetry and songs about the Alaskan fishing industry). In addition, a retrospective slide show chronicling the first nine years of the event will be shown.

As always, the Festival brings

together a unique array of music, storytelling, and poetry. Performances include traditional sea chanteys and music reflecting the fishing industry's ethnic diversity as well as songs, stories, and poetry about commercial fishing and the sea often performed by musicians who work in the industry. Performer bios and a full festival schedule are available on the festival web site.

Contests

Fishermen are invited to show their skills by competing in a number of contests including net mending, splicing, scallop shucking, link squeezing, and the donning of survival suits. This year many in the industry have stepped up to offer prizes to the winners. Hercules SLR (US) which is sponsoring both the safety demos and survival suit races is offering a \$100 gift certificate for the winners of the survival suit races. The Marlinspike Artist is offering a \$100 Stop and Shop gift card to the winner of the splicing contest. The Maritime Law Offices of Latti &

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Selectboard to meet with town counsel candidates, reluctantly

By Beth David
Editor

After some hemming and hawing and the failure to second two motions, the Fairhaven Selectboard, at their 9/23 meeting, voted to meet with three candidates for town counsel on October 21.

Board member Geoffrey Haworth and chairperson Charles Murphy made it clear that they were happy to keep current town counsel Thomas Crotty, who had several supporters at the meeting. The push to change town counsel has mostly come from Selectboard member Bob Espindola, who has made it clear that he believes it is time for a change.

Mr. Espindola also received advice from Kopelman and Paige last year, when he was first elected, to get an opinion on whether or not he could weight in on wind turbine related issues, as he had been part of a lawsuit against the town about the WT's that were constructed on town property on Arsene Street. He had specifically asked to use a firm other than Mr. Crotty, who has defended the town in matters related to the WTs.

Mr. Espindola said he was ready with his choice of four firms out of the nine that responded to the Request for Proposals. Mr. Haworth and Mr. Murphy, however, said they were not, as they were inclined to stay with Mr. Crotty.

Mr. Espindola persisted, saying the board "owed it to the town" to get four firms in for interviews. He said he felt the town could save money by using a different firm, since some of the RFP responses included spending caps.

He said they should not be "afraid" of looking at alternatives to save the town money.

"What scares me," said Mr. Murphy, are the things not covered by the lower hourly rates. He said the extra charges can quickly add up and that Mr. Crotty's rate had no exclusions.

"I don't see the harm in bringing them in for an interview," said Mr. Espindola. "I see real money savings here for the town."

"Looks can sometimes be very deceiving," countered Mr. Murphy, who pointed out several exclusions in various proposals. He also reminded the board that Kopelman and Paige kept sending the town a bill for \$80

that was an unauthorized overage on what was allocated for the advice to Mr. Espindola last year.

"I don't want to waste their time," said Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Haworth said he went through each proposal carefully and decided that Mr. Crotty was still the best deal.

He especially liked that Mr. Crotty lived in Fairhaven, and said that if he had to switch, it would be to one of the New Bedford firms that applied, not a Boston firm.

"How are they in tune with Fairhaven when they are 50 miles away," said Mr. Haworth. "I want someone who's in tune with Fairhaven," and not someone who needs a GPS to find us and not "big suits from Boston."

Mr. Espindola continued to insist

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[Geoffrey Haworth]

that his motivation was strictly financial.

Mr. Murphy said he might at least like the chance to ask K&P about the old bill in open session.

"I got a bill for \$80 a year later from a major law firm," he said.

Mr. Haworth reiterated that the \$80 was an overage.

"If you're going to eliminate someone on that basis," said Mr. Espindola, adding that he felt the process could save the town \$10,000 a year.

Resident Louis Fortin told the board that there was no reason to replace Mr. Crotty, who has served the town well for many years.

"You're fighting a fight that those two don't want to fight," Mr. Fortin told Mr. Espindola, and said it was time to "stop the bickering."

"I don't understand where you're coming from, guy," he said.

Mr. Espindola answered forcefully

that over the 30 years Mr. Crotty worked for the town, he made over \$3 million.

"I understand his value to the town. I'm trying to be objective," said Mr. Espindola.

"I think 30 years stands for a lot," said Mr. Fortin.

Mr. Espindola made a motion for four firms to be interviewed, but it was not seconded. Mr. Haworth made a motion for two firms to be interviewed, but it was not seconded. In the end, Mr. Haworth made a motion for the board to interview Mr. Crotty, K&P and the Law Office of Joseph Michaud of New Bedford. They will be invited to attend the 10/21 board meeting.

The board also got an update from the North Fairhaven Improvement Association on plans to add a gazebo to Benoit Square. The NFIA has funded and implemented a series of changes and improvements to the square, including an overhaul of the underground electrical system and moving the flagpole to the northern tip of the square.

NFIA president Michael Silvia reminded the board that the NFIA has paid for all improvements and also pays for the electricity to the square. The flagpole is lighted all night and the organization decorates the square every year with Christmas lights.

The NFIA uses the old North Fairhaven Fire Station, which was in disrepair. The organization has maintained it, including installing a new roof, at no cost to the town. The association also makes the building available for various community events and organizations throughout the year.

"We have not asked for any taxpayer money all the years we've been there," said Mr. Silvia and noted with irony that before the NFIA took over the building 10 years ago it was probably going to be demolished to provide more parking for the Oxford School, which has since closed.

Future plans for the square include adding park benches and replacing the asphalt walkways, Mr. Silvia told the board.

The NFIA sent letters to local business to fund the renovations.

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Last Weekend!



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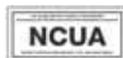
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Friendship dinner

Join the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society and their Japanese guests at the Friendship Dinner on Oct. 6, at the Unitarian Church Hall, 102 Green St., Fairhaven. Buffet dinner. \$25 pp (children 12 & under \$15.) Please remit by Sept. 28. to WMFS, 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Contact Gerry Rooney, President WMFS, Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org, 508-995-1219.

Oktoberfest

Join the West Island Improvement Association for one of the last events of the season: the annual **Oktoberfest and Beer Swap, on Sat., 10/5, from 7-10 p.m. at the WIIA community center, 41 Causeway Road, West Island.** Enjoy Bratwurst and Sauerkraut, beer tasting and beer swap. To participate in the beer swap (not required), bring a six-pack of unique beer. Swap beers with other guests, suddenly you all have a six-pack of six different beers. Don't forget to bring some beers to drink!

Call or email Marc for tickets (\$10 each), 774-259-5561, westislandcookbook@yahoo.com

Zombies Needed

Here's your chance to be in a movie. Zombies needed for a movie being shot locally. Cast and crew of *Plaga Zombie, American Invasion* will be at the **Fairhaven Town Beach on Sunday morning, 9/29. If you want to be an extra, arrive at 7 a.m.**

The movie takes place in New Bedford, Mass., a floating city that is taken over by zombies and set adrift on the ocean by the government to contain the invasion. Heroes emerge.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/SaiConProductions> for details on what kinds of zombies are needed.

Sai-Con Productions is also accepting applications for a variety of positions for the film.

Contact Cheryl LaPan Executive Producer Sai-Con Productions 508-209-1608 Cheryl.lapan@yahoo.com

Painting unveiling

Fairhaven town curator Al Benac has donated a painting of William Tallman by the artist Elizabeth T. Delano, to be unveiled at the **Millicent Library, 45 Center St.,**

Fairhaven, on Sat., 9/28, at 1 p.m. Mr. Benac is donating the painting in memory of his wife and family. The public is invited. In a letter to the selectboard, Mr. Benac said, "due to its historical value, it belongs in the Millicent Library. The public is encouraged to attend.

Safe Routes to School

On Friday October 4, the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee and the Mass. Department of Transportation will be kicking off the Bike Bus project which will have students and parents in single file riding their bikes to school. As part of the kickoff, state representative William Straus, Selectboard members Geoff Haworth and Bob Espindola, Selectboard chair Charlie Murphy, Town Planner Bill Roth, School Superintendent Robert Baldwin, Wood School Principal Amy Hartley-Matteson, and Erin Reed from the Mass. Department of Transportation will be taking part.

All parents and children who are participating must be registered. The meeting locations for the Bike Buses will be at the Rogers Elementary School next to the bike path and at the western side of Sciticut Neck on Orchard Street. Parents must have their children at these locations by 7:50 AM. All students must wear a helmet and have a bike lock. You may register by contacting Mat Coes, bike bus coordinator at MatCoes@gmail.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.

Bike Rides

As a result of a number of requests we have **changed the day and time for our weekly fall bike rides.** The rides will start at **Fort Phoenix at 10:00 AM each Sunday Morning.** This will be a family friendly ride led by members of the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee. We encourage everyone to go to the town bikeway committee's web site at http://fairhavenma.gov/pages/fairhavenma_bcomm/Bike and check out a number of different bike routes in Fairhaven.

Beach Cleanup

The third Annual Coastsweep Cleanup at Fort Phoenix will be held **this Sun., 9/29 from 9 a.m. to noon at Fort Phoenix Town and States beaches.** Volunteers are needed to clean up beach debris and to record data on Ocean Conservancy log sheets, working in teams. The information is sent to the Conservancy's Coastal Cleanup program to be analyzed to develop programs aimed at reducing marine debris worldwide.

Educational for people of all ages. Wear closed-toe shoes. We provide tools, bags, gloves, data sheets and refreshments. Free t-shirts while they last!! Children are encouraged to join, but must be supervised by an adult.

Sign in table near the cannons. For more information: www.facebook.com/pollutionsolution, www.bethesolutiontopollution.com or bethesolutiontopollution@gmail.com.

Film Debut

On **Saturday, September 28th**, the independent film "A Strange Arrangement," which was partially filmed in Fairhaven, will have its world premiere screening in the Unitarian Church's auditorium, 102 Green Street, at 7 p.m.. This comedic ghost story tells the story of Lilly Walsh, a sheltered girl who meets the guy of her dreams, only to die moments later after choking on a guitar pick he throws into the crowd at a concert. She becomes a ghost, and to her delight realizes that the object of her affections is the only human who can see her. Will love bloom, or will Lilly learn that even a decaying heart can break?

The film, which runs approximately 66 minutes, is not rated, but contains PG-13 content including some swearing as well as horror elements. The screening will be followed by a brief Q&A session with the filmmakers and cast. The film was made by Fairhaven native and resident John Garcia

The cast will be collecting money for the American Cancer Society in memory of Chris Donahue, an actor in the film who passed away over the summer.

Save the Date

Manjiro Festival, 10/5. More next week.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Working Waterfront Fest

See page 3 for details

Women Mentors

LifeWork Project of the Women's Fund is Seeking Mentors. Who is a Mentor? Professional women who will enhance and accelerate the desired outcome: a successful career of a LifeWork student. Mentors must meet with students a minimum of once a month for two hours for the duration of the 2013-14 school year. Ideally, the mentor relationship remains intact throughout the three-year pilot period, but the required commitment is one school year. Training and mentoring support are provided by Stacie Hess, LifeWork coordinator. Please contact her at stacie@lifeworkproject.org for more info.

Lunchtime Jazz

The newly opened Custom House Square will be home to a four-week "Lunchtime Jazz Series" on Fridays, at 12:30 p.m. through October 11th. The concerts, presented by the Office of the Mayor, will feature acclaimed local saxophonist Marcus Monteiro with a different accompanying musician each week.

Concerts are weather dependent, and may be rescheduled to accommodate weather related cancellations. For more information contact Christina Connelly at (508) 979-1410.

Music St. Anthony's

Daria Burlak, a Russian born artist, currently living in Germany, will be the first musician in recital for the Music at St. Anthony's 2013-2014 concert series, 1359 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford. On Sunday, 9/29, at 3:00 p.m., this incredibly talented young lady has planned an afternoon of the music of French composers that is perfect for the church's Historic 1912 Casavant Frères pipe organ. Music at St. Anthony's is the fundraising program to fully restore the now 100 year old instrument. Freewill donations will be accepted to support the organ restoration fund, and a complimentary tea will be offered after the recital in the church hall, where patrons are invited to greet Ms. Burlak.

For more information, please call the rectory at 508-993-1691. Information about the concert series is available on the internet at www.saintanthonynewbedford.com.

Follow the Fish

An innovative exhibit titled "Following Fish – Navigate Through the New Bedford Fishery" opens Friday, September 27, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill. "Following Fish" debuts on the eve of the port's tenth annual Working Waterfront Festival and precedes a gala concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Cook Memorial Theater to benefit the festival's programming. Concert tickets are available at the door for \$10. The public is cordially invited to the exhibit opening; RSVP is required in advance by calling (508) 997-0046, ext. 100.

Whaling was a dangerous profession and fishing remains one of the most dangerous occupations in the country, yet the men and women of New Bedford continue to go down to the sea for fish. As a result of their great efforts and with the assistance of processing plant workers on shore, New Bedford has been the nation's highest grossing fishing port for 13 consecutive years.

In addition to being an engaging visual experience, the exhibit aims to test new educational approaches for younger audiences while addressing many of the larger complex and vexing questions that envelope the industry today.

"Following Fish" is sponsored by the William M. Wood Foundation.

Whaling Museum online at www.whalingmuseum.org.

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.

Details are available on the Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford/Wareham's website www.bgcnewbedford.org. Matt Light will present the scholarships at the Boys & Girls Club annual Steak and Burger Dinner

Free Flu Clinic

The Greater New Bedford Community Health Center will hold a Flu Clinic on Friday, October 4, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at 26 Caroline St., New Bedford. There is no out of pocket cost but participants are asked to please bring in their insurance cards. Consent forms will be available for signing. The vaccine provides protection against seasonal flu and will be available to adults 18 years and older. For further information, please call 508-996-1388.

TYI Play

Ten actresses — two of whom will be making their first appearance on the Your Theatre, Inc. stage — have been chosen to perform in the smash international hit *Love, Loss and What I Wore* by Nora and Delia Ephron (the superstar sisters who brought us such hits as *Sleepless in Seattle*, *When Harry Met Sally* and *Heartburn*).

Sponsored in part by Bank Five, a Your Theatre, Inc. corporate sponsor, and First Citizens' Federal Credit Union, the production is being directed by veteran Southcoast actor and stage director Robin Richard of New Bedford.

The production will run Thursdays through Saturday evenings Oct. 3-5 and 10-12 at 8p.m. with Sunday matinees Oct. 6 and 13 at 2:30 p.m. All performances will be held in the accessible YTI Complex at St. Martin's Church, 136 Rivet St. at County St., New Bedford. Parking is free in the church lot on County St.

For ticket and other information call 508 993-0772, or e-mail to info@yourtheatre.org, or visit www.yourtheatre.org.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

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To access this service, go to www.mattapoisettlibrary.org and click on the IndieFlix logo on the left side of the home page. Patrons will need a Mattapoisett library card to set up a free account and log in.

COA Yard Sale

The Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 South Main Street, is proud to host a multi-family, **indoor/outdoor, yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** This is a rain or shine event. Household items, furniture, clothing Halloween items and much more. Early birds welcome!

Fall Equinox

Fall Equinox Gong Concert, Saturday, 9/28, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Stone Barn, 786 Horseneck Road, So. Dartmouth. A collaboration of Deb Stevens, Mass. Audubon and Yoga on Union. Cost: \$25, email Juliet at YogaOnUnion@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

5K Run

On Monday, Oct. 14, "Healing Little Hearts" will hold its first annual 5K and Fun Run to benefit pediatric heart research at Boston Children's Hospital. The race begins and ends at **Center School in Mattapoisett**, where a 9:30 start is scheduled for the Kids' Fun Run and 10:00 for the 5K. The route will bring runners through Mattapoisett village, along the waterfront and around Ned's Point Lighthouse. **Registration is \$20 for adults; \$15 for children 12**

and under running the 5K; **\$5 for the Fun Run only.** T-shirts will be given to the first 100 adult 5K registrants and the first 50 children 5K registrants (not applicable to Fun Run). Registration is available online at healinglittlehearts.com

Vendors Needed

Vendors are being sought for the **October 12 flea market/yard sale planned by Mattapoisett Friends Meeting (Quakers).** The sale will be held, rain or shine, on that Saturday from 8:30 to noon at the meeting house, 103 Marion Road (Rte. 6), East Mattapoisett.

Limited inside space with table and chairs is currently available for \$20. Outside space accommodating one vehicle costs \$10.

For reservations, call Alan Harris at 508-748-0098 and leave a message. Proceeds from this sale will benefit the restoration of the historic 1827 meeting house.

The church welcomes cash contributions in any amount to help fund this project. They may be sent to the meeting at P.O. Box 795, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Potential sale items for the church tables (please no large items or electronics) can be vetted by calling Brad Hathaway at 508-758-3579 for pickup.

Author Event

Our Neighborhood Ghosts

On Saturday, September 28th, editors Edward Lodi and Yolanda Lodi will be at Maria's Card & Gift Shop in Middleborough between 11 am and 1 pm signing copies of *Hauntings in Middleborough Lakeville and Their Neighbors*, the latest collection of true ghost stories from Rock Village Publishing.

The book features accounts by twenty-five local authors of hauntings they have either researched or personally experienced. The stories range from the merely mysterious to the truly terrifying, and include old cemeteries, lonely country roads, abandoned houses, remote cranberry bogs, and historic locations — all in our own backyard. The editors will also explain the guidelines for anyone interested in sharing their ghost stories in future books.

Maria's Card & Gift Shop is located

at 1 Center Street in Middleborough. For more information, 508-947-0786.

Interactive Concert

Sun., 9/29, at 3 p.m., "JUBILEE: Music & Words Celebrating Spirit" at the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleboro, 25 South Main St., Middleboro. Interactive concert for all ages. Suggested donation is \$15. Reservations are suggested. Please call 508-923-7757 or 508-947-1935.

Geared for all ages, this interactive concert features drumming, spirituals, gospel music, and storytelling. Musician and storyteller, Adrienne Williams, will be joined by choirs from First Parish UU Bridgewater (Denise Haskins, Choir Director) and FUUSM (Susan Hotchkiss, Choir Director) to present songs of lament, hope, praise, and determination in an on-going testament to the resilience of the human spirit.

Jubilee Concert will be held in the lovely and historic sanctuary of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough. Accessible. Those in need of the elevator should enter via the sidewalk on the front right side of the building. Someone will be there to assist you if you need it.

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.

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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Halloween Map
Want to be on the Halloween map? Email Manny Souza, oleoxfordhaunt@gmail.com and he'll include you in his map of spooky yards, which we will publish in our annual Halloween issue. Find the map at: www.communitywalk.com/Hauntedfairhaven

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- 1 t. Garlic minced
- 1 bottle light Italian dressing (med size for 8 breasts & small for 6 breasts)
- 1/2 stick margarine
- 3/4c. Mozzarella cheese, shredded

In a 9x13 inch pan, put 1/4 c. of melted margarine. Layer pan with some of each vegetable including garlic. Lay chicken breasts on top of veggies. Layer rest of veggies over chicken.

Sprinkle the rest of the melted margarine over. Then sprinkle 1/2 bottle of dressing. Sprinkle 1/2 c. of the bread crumbs over completed dish. Cover tightly with foil.

Bake at 375 for approximately 45 minutes. Remove foil and sprinkle with the cheese. Return to oven until the cheese melts.

Deelish!! Enjoy!!

Bevy Lussier

Student gets creative for animals



Mady Pimental, a fifth grader at Wood School in Fairhaven, poses with the items she donated to the Fairhaven Animal Shelter. Ms. Pimental made loom bracelets and sold them at a table she set up outside an estate sale to raise money for the shelter. Then she took the shelter's wish list and went shopping. According to Fairhaven Animal Control Officer Cat Mindlin, Mady and her parents "brought in armload after armload of stuff" that Mady bought with the \$300+ she raised selling the bracelets. "She even gave me a bracelet and a few for the volunteers," wrote Ms. Mindlin on the shelter's Facebook page. "What a great big beautiful heart this girl has as well as some very proud parents! Mady Pimental, thank you so very much for choosing our shelter to share with. You are one fantastic little girl and we just can't wait to see what you will accomplish next!" For more information about the animal shelter, call Ms. Mindlin at 508-979-4028, or visit the shelter at 200 Bridge St., Fairhaven. Submitted photo. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

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Board approves articles, Coutinho questions water rate hike

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard approved the final draft of the 10/21 Special Town Meeting warrant on 9/23, with all but one of the articles receiving approval.

With no one present to address the board's concerns, proposed article 20 requesting \$10,000 for electrical upgrades to the field that traditionally hosts the Apple Peach Festival was tabled indefinitely.

Chairperson Leslie Dakin, stating that the board did not have much to go on while making the decision, also expressed concern over how such upgrades might affect the Long Plain Museum's status being in the National Register of Historic Places. At that he motioned to table the item.

In all, there will be 22 articles on the warrant. One requests \$45,000 of the \$60,000 previously allocated to relocate the Severance House, to be transferred to the Perry Hill Church restoration project. The remaining \$15,000 would return to the Community Preservation Committee budget reserve account.

Two other articles submitted by the Fire Department were at first put on hold pending an explanation from Fire/EMS Chief Kevin Gallagher, who is requesting \$5,070 for three sets of protective gear and \$8,125 to replace 25 pairs of boots.

Wearing his own boots he said he has had since taking on the role of chief 19 years ago, Chief Gallagher said that since several retirements are approaching, he needs new gear for three new call firefighters. The chief has steadily received Town Meeting-approved funding for things such as protective gear including helmets and coats.

"We started with the head and

we're working our way down to the feet," Chief Gallagher said. The board approved both articles.

After both Board of Public Works articles were initially tabled, Daniel Menard, superintendent of the highway department, showed the Selectboard photos of the very old trailer and truck that need replacement. When Mr. Menard revealed that the trailer is from the 1940's, many in the room erupted in laughter and surprise that the town was still using it.

"Maybe we can donate our tractor back to Hogan's Heroes," Selectboard

...by my calculations the users of minimum water will experience a 75% increase...and the two largest commercial accounts will receive a 26% decrease [Alan Coutinho]

member Kevin Gaspar suggested,

The BPW's two articles requesting \$5,280 for a trailer and \$46,168 for a truck were both approved.

The Police Department ultimately received approval for an article requesting \$29,000 for an unmarked police vehicle and \$8,455 for new evidence scanning and categorizing computer equipment and software.

Also during the meeting, Town Administrator Alan Coutinho addressed a memo dated 9/12 he sent to the Board of Public Works expressing his general concern with the impact that instituting a new base charge for water delivery would have on the paying residents, on top of a rate hike that the BPW approved along with the Finance Department.

Mr. Coutinho, at the meeting and in

his memo, said his concern stemmed mainly from his having no opportunity to view any data of any analysis the BPW may have performed prior to setting the base charge of \$168 and residential water rate of \$3.42 per cubic foot. That means that each household will be billed \$168, plus \$3.42 for each cubic foot of water it uses.

His memo reads, "I could be missing some data you reference in setting the rates, but by my calculations the users of minimum water will experience a seventy-five percent increase in FY14 over FY13; and the two largest commercial accounts will receive a twenty-six percent decrease."

According to Mr. Coutinho, all water consumers, "whether they use one cubic foot or hundreds of thousands of cubic feet," will pay the same base charge of \$168 plus \$3.42 per cubic foot.

Since about 51% of water users consume 4,000 cubic feet or less, they will see a 51% increase in their total water bill.

"It appears to meet the break-even point with the FY13 rates a household would have to use over 10,000 cubic feet of water which seems substantial," is how the memo reads.

"I'm not saying it's right, wrong, or indifferent," Mr. Coutinho told the board, but said he is not certain it is a good idea, although it would certainly cover the budget.

"I just want to make sure that they understand the impact it's going to have on the users," Mr. Coutinho said.

The change is due to an increase in the cost of water from New Bedford.

The board also accepted Police Chief Meyers's move to switch the police uniform color from French blue back to the traditional navy blue uniform by the end of October. ●●●

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Encampment highlights life in 1700s

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Village Militia and the Fairhaven Office of Tourism held their annual fall encampment at Fort Phoenix this weekend, entertaining and educating the public with demonstrations of life in the 1700s, including the firing of the five big cannons on Saturday evening.

Members of the militia slept out at the fort for two nights, using mostly authentic, Revolutionary era equipment and materials. Dressed in period costumes, militia members shot muskets, cooked over an open fire, demonstrated musket-ball casting and other crafts and tasks of the time. Visitors were able to try their hands at tomahawk throwing and children's games of the period.

David Carvalho decided to see what it felt like to be in the "stocks," or the pillory, while militia member Frank Mathieu lectured him about why he was being punished. The long list included taking part in the "drinking of spirits,"

and falling asleep during church services.

The highlight of the weekend is always the firing of the cannons and this year was no exception, although they are actually Civil War era cannons.

Tourism director Christopher Richard, dressed in period clothing, explained to the several hundred people gathered how the cannons are loaded and fired, along with some history of the town and the battle that the weekend commemorates.

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 water-front industries to recover.

A handful of observant visitors were also privy to a treat on Saturday, when they wandered

into the "bunker" at the fort, where tens of thousands of pounds of black powder was kept. Rumor has it that the bunker is haunted, and paranormal investigator Scott Stalter of Pilgrim Paranormal Research was there with his gadgets trying to catch some otherworld action.

Militia commander Ellie Sylvaria, who is a direct descendant of Bartholemew West, whose house was burned down in the 1778 raid, said he has felt a presence in the bunker before.

He believes the spirit of his friend John "Yellow Feather" Frates is in the bunker and Mr. Stalter said that his instruments agree that there has been some "activity" there.

Both men said that when they asked the presence if it was okay for Mr. Sylvaria to enter the bunker the instruments "went crazy."

Mr. Sylvaria said he felt comfortable in the dark and clammy bunker, and "not a negative vibe."

For more information on the militia or the fort, contact the Fairhaven Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085, or <http://fairhaventours.blogspot.com/> ●●●



TOP RIGHT: Members of the Fairhaven Village Militia fire off one of the big cannons at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on Saturday evening, 9/21, as part of the annual fall encampment. *Photo by Michael Lapre.* TOP LEFT, L-R: Ellie Sylvaria, Amy Sylvia and (FAR RIGHT) Wayne Oliveira wait as Jeremiah Katz "worms the hole" of one of the big cannons, getting it ready for firing. The process includes several steps and ends with 18 ounces of powder being rammed down the hole. In combat, the charge was 10 pounds of powder to propel a cannonball. ABOVE LEFT: the camp at Fort Phoenix this weekend stayed as true as possible to life in the 1700s, including cooking over an open fire and cast iron cooking equipment. ABOVE RIGHT: Militia member Frank Mathieu berates David Carvalho in the public pillory for sleeping during church services and the taking of spirits. *Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

Town Auction nets more than \$8,000 for Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

The town of Fairhaven held its annual auction on Saturday, 9/21, at the Department of Public Works garage. The big buzz was mostly about a 2001 school department truck used as a plow. It only had 29,639 miles on it, but was completely rusted.

"They never washed it off," said DPW head mechanic Mitch Rusinoski. "You can't sand and plow without rinsing it off."

Still, it ended up being the biggest seller at \$2,000, including the plow. The whole auction brought in \$8,289 with \$7,865 of that from motor vehicles.

Mr. Rusinoski was the man of the hour when it came to those vehicles. He gave the rundown on tractors, lawn mowers, trucks and cars, with detailed information on their conditions and possible problems.

A 1984 school department tractor went for \$1,700 and a police department Grand Cherokee Laredo went for \$1,650.

Although most vehicles were listed as parts only, Mr. Rusinoski explained that most of them were useable with some work. He even donated an electronic distributor for a 1995 GMC Sierra truck that sold for \$1,000. Mr.

Rusinoski said he had installed the distributor, a \$400-500 value, to demonstrate that the truck would start with it.

Selectboard chairperson Charles Murphy played auctioneer (after a short stint by DPW superintendent Vincent Furtado who pitched in waiting for Mr. Murphy), and did his best to get the biggest bucks for the town.

Items for sale included surplus vehicles from various departments, bicycles, office equipment and tools.

The collection of articles usually includes bicycles and other items found, confiscated, or recovered by the police department. Items that were stolen and then recovered after the insurance company pays a claim cannot be returned to the original owners. This year, there were some bicycles, but very little else in the way of police contraband.

About 30 people showed up on Saturday to catch some deals. Mike



Gaj paid \$130 for a mini-bike that would not start, was not at all worried; he said he was sure he could get it running again.

Some items sold for as little as \$1, as for one bicycle. The old Animal Control Officer van, a 1999 Ford Windstar with 132,713 miles on it, sold for \$275. The van was running, but probably had electrical problems. Other items included a handful of computer printers/copiers, and office furniture.

The DPW holds auctions every year. Last year's auction brought in \$8,687. ●●●



TOP: Fairhaven Selectboard chairperson Charles Murphy auctions off a 1984 tractor at the town's annual auction on Saturday, 9/21. The tractor sold for \$1,700. ABOVE LEFT: Mike Gaj of Fairhaven tries to start a mini-bike he picked up for \$130. ABOVE RIGHT: Mitch Rusinoski from the Fairhaven Department of Public Works, explains what is needed to get a 1995 GMC Sierra truck running. The truck, which belonged to the DPW, had 105,800 miles on it and sold for \$1,000. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

Japanese TV crew visits Hastings MS for Manjiro show

By Beth David
Editor

A Japanese TV crew visited Hastings Middle School on Friday, 9/13, as part of a show on Manjiro Nakahama. The series, called "Historia," highlights a different historical or famous person for each show.

Director Yuka Atsumi said she wanted to show her viewers a little bit about the town in America that Manjiro landed in after being rescued from a deserted island after a shipwreck. The 14-year-old Manjiro was rescued by Fairhaven whaling captain William Whitfield on the whaling ship the "John Howland" in 1841. Manjiro, who was a poor boy from a poor village, became the first Japanese person to live in the United States. He was educated in Fairhaven, and eventually became instrumental in opening Japan to the west.

The students in Renee Bradshaw's seventh-grade class were studying the story of Manjiro. Many of them had read "Heart of a Samurai," a fictionalized account of the Manjiro story.

"She made it come to life for children, which is awesome," said Ms. Bradshaw about author Margi Preus.

Ms. Bradshaw tried to get students to talk about how a young Manjiro must have felt being stranded on a

desert island and then being rescued by people who did not speak his language.

"Fairhaven is a very small town with a big history," Ms. Bradshaw told the producers in an interview.

She said she likes to teach the Manjiro story near the time of the festival which is on Oct. 5 this year.

A member of the Sister-City Committee, Ms. Bradshaw visited Manjiro's village in Japan with the group when she was 14 years old, the same age Manjiro was when he was stranded.

"There are so many different lessons you can teach realistically with this story," said Ms. Bradshaw, adding that each class is different. "The conversations that develop are



amazing."

Ms. Atsumi had a large picture of Manjiro that she and her crew planned on taking around town to find out if the average Fairhaven resident would recognize him. The crew also planned on visiting the Old Stone Schoolhouse on North Street, and some other stops on the Manjiro Trail. The show is a local Japanese program and will probably not be available online. ●●●



TOP: The TV crew from the Japanese show "Historia" records during Renee Bradshaw's seventh-grade class at Hastings Middle School. Students were learning about Manjiro Nakahama, the first Japanese person to live in America, when he was rescued by Fairhaven whaling captain William Whitfield in 1841. ABOVE LEFT: Seventh-grade HMS student Elizabeth Whittaker is interviewed by the crew from the Japanese TV show Historia, while her classmate, Madison Roy awaits her turn. ABOVE RIGHT: HMS seventh-grade teacher Renee Bradshaw speaks to two students in her class about Manjiro Nakahama while being filmed by the crew of the crew from the Japanese TV show "Historia." Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

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"We had a wonderful response," said Mr. Silvia, adding that they still needed money to finish the project.

To contribute, send donations to the NFIA, PO Box 877, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

In another matter, the board agreed to sign onto the proposed legislation by the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, which has offered an alternate plan to the governor's proposal to eliminate the local

housing authorities.

In other business the board:

- Appointed Mr. Haworth to the Conservation Commission until enough members can be found to reach a quorum. Chairperson Joseph Taylor submitted his resignation, which was also accepted at the meeting.
- Appointed Kathy Lopes to the Millicent Library Trustees
- Hired Jane Bettencourt for the part time Veterans Office secretary at the maximum rate of \$15.71/hour.

Ms. Bettencourt is retiring from her full time job in the selectboard's office.

- Gave permission, pending police and BPW approval for a "Carnivale of the Arcane" to be held in Cushman Park on 10/13.
- Approved a handicapped parking space in front of 57 Walnut Street at the request of the resident there.
- Reconvened in executive session to discuss an employee issue and contracts for Police, Dispatchers, Fire and Clerical unions.



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Planning Board continues Earle Street again, approves Brahmin

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Fairhaven Planning Board members wanted to know what the hang-up was, and why the engineer for Mary Vander Pol's Earle Street subdivision requested another continuance for four weeks.

Abutters of the Earle Street subdivision who oppose the project keep showing up to be heard at meetings, only to leave unsatisfied because the project keeps being continued.

During the 9/24 meeting, Director of Planning and Economic Development Bill Roth read Engineer Ken Ferreira's request for a four-week continuance until 10/22, for the simply stated reason that he is still working on some issues involved with the plans.

"I don't think he's had the time to do the engineering," said Mr. Roth. "I don't know what the hang-up is."

Residents in attendance asked the board to deny the request for a continuance, concerned that the matter could drag on for six months. Chairperson Wayne Hayward expressed his sympathy saying he understands their frustration.

"I just don't feel like we're in the loop," said Mr. Hayward.

Board members and abutters alike went back and forth trying to remember the date of the initial public hearing for Ms. Vander Pol; important information for the board

as they pondered denying the four-week continuance and approving a two-week continuance instead. They decided it was probably sometime this past July.

The board was leaning toward the two-week continuance and Board member Rene Fleurent Jr. wanted to bring Mr. Ferreira into the next meeting to hear why he needed another four weeks.

"I think he should try hard to be here," said Mr. Fluerent. He said he

to reappear before Planning should ConCom deny the plans or have them altered significantly.

Mr. Keegan said he was confident that ConCom would not ask for changes drastic enough to warrant returning to Planning.

After briefly going through the list of special conditions for the special permit, the board unanimously gave its approval.

In other matters, the board scheduled the public hearing for a proposed one-year moratorium on medical marijuana facilities in Fairhaven for 10/22, after the Selectboard returned the draft requesting the moratorium according to procedure, with no written comments.

A Special Fall Town Meeting still has not been called, which could throw a wrench in the works for the moratorium that the board says it needs in order to develop a bylaw regulating the specific use of medical marijuana dispensaries.

"Again, this is not a ban," Mr. Hayward reiterated, "It's a proposed moratorium."

Before adjourning, Board member Kaisa Cripps suggested the board start thinking about a new master plan for the Town. The Town has not created an updated master plan since 1996. Mr. Hayward said, on average, master plans are reviewed every ten years, and updated about every twenty.

The board decided to start adding a new master plan to the agenda under long range planning. ●●●

Residents in attendance asked the board to deny the request for a continuance, concerned that the matter could drag on for six months.

could not favor the 10/22 continuance because Mr. Ferreira was keeping the board "in the dark."

The board voted to deny the request to continue until 10/22, and scheduled the public hearing for 10/8 instead.

Brahmin Leather Works received approval for its special permit, after its engineer, John Keegan from SITEC Engineering, opted to have the board

vote on the matter, despite prior plan approval from ConCom — a gamble of sorts, since the application would have

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different and residents needed to be able to talk to BPW members.

Many people expressed concern with a town manager or administrator being too busy with other responsibilities to care about their specific needs.

Several other people said they wanted to see better communication from town officials. One woman who lives near the wind turbines said she did not know they were being built until they were up.

She said she has had a difficult time getting information and there is no one person to contact.

"The town never notified me that there would be a turbine I could see from my window," she said.

Mr. Washko said that he believed technology could help with that and that the committee was looking into ways to use the Internet and increased phone capabilities to keep people informed.

Cathy Melanson repeated her often-recounted difficulties getting her business up and running and her

current struggle to construct a new building on the site of the old Huttleston House. She said it can take years because there is no list of what to do and when.

"Can someone just tell me which board to go to first," she asked, adding that it costs "a ton of money" to keep returning to board after board with architects and attorneys making change after change, month after month.

"Forget those plans now," she said. "I'm old and gray. I thought I was building a kitchen. Now I'm building and addition because I've got two more kids....By the time I'm done, I don't even have the money to do what I wanted to do in the first place."

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Board of Appeals

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

Board of Public Works

Mon., 9/30, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Community Preservation

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

Government Study Comm.

Thurs., 9/26, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Historical Commission

Wed., 10/2, Academy Bldg., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 10/8 Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 10/9, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 10/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Conservation Commission

Wed., 10/9, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Police Station Bldg. Comm.

Tues., 10/10, Town Hall, 3 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 10/7, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TOWN MEETING

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

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To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring — it was peace.

Milan Kundera

Dog bakery opens in Fairhaven

Press Release

Something sweet is in the air in Fairhaven center. The delicious aromas you have been sniffing lately are coming from Pretty Paws Bakery, where cookies, cakes, biscuits and biscotti — all for dogs — are baked fresh and hand-decorated by two sweet sisters and owners, Mary Kelly & Anne Sousa.

Newly opened at 54 Main Street in Fairhaven, Pretty Paws Bakery specializes in baking high quality, sugar-free desserts for dogs. All items are made with human grade ingredients such as wheat and rice flours, honey, peanut butter, blueberries and applesauce, chicken and cheese.

The items in the bakery cases at Pretty Paws look and smell so much like human desserts it is hard to believe they are for dogs.

"Humans can eat the desserts," says Mary Kelly who owns Pretty Paws Bakery along with her sister Anne Sousa, "but they have no sugar so they taste bland to the human palette."

Kelly admits that some people just can't resist sampling a cookie or tart from Pretty Paws Bakery. Humans are welcome to sample the desserts, but not without the following disclaimer: "All items are made with ingredients safe for humans," explains Kelly, "but they are made for canine teeth and therefore very hard and crunchy. If you have a good dentist, then I say go for it!"

It is well worth the visit to take a look into this cute-as-a-button Paris-themed inspired bakery. Cookies, cakes, pupcakes, biscotti, and other assorted home-made dog treats are charmingly displayed in a significant

six-foot bakery case while you watch the furry friends stop in their tracks and look on, watching the crowds while waiting for their turn. Their canine customers are always ready in a wet-nose moment for any delectable morsels to come their way.

Some of the more popular items at Pretty Paws Bakery are the Chicken Pot Pies, Blueberry, Apple, Pumpkin Pies, Smores Bone, Peanut Mutter cookies, and Canine Canollis. Both Anne & Mary, manage the baking responsibilities.

They replace chocolate, which is often harmful to dogs, with carob, a common substitute for dark chocolate.

"Not only is carob a safe chocolate substitute for dogs, it also promotes a healthy digestive system," says Sousa.

In addition to baked goods, Pretty Paws also sells a small selection of retail and specialty items for dogs.

Pretty Paws also hosts Yappy Hour events every Friday from 5-7 p.m., when canine furry friends can enjoy free sample treats, make some new friends, mingle with old friends and just enjoy being a lucky dog.

"We'll also have birthday parties, monthly store events, and community events, such as our Halloween Dog Parade & Costume Contest on Oct 19th, for them to enjoy as well," says Sousa.

Pretty Paws Dog Bakery is open Wednesday through Friday from 4-7 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more information please visit www.prettypawsbakery.com or visit Pretty Paws Bakery on facebook.



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Anderson LLP are offering the cash prizes for both the scallop shucking and net mending contests. Fishermen interested in participating should arrive at the Contest Stage on Steamship Pier 30 minutes ahead of the start time to sign up. A full schedule is available on the Festival web site.

In addition to contests, visitors to the event will have the opportunity to learn about the industry through occupational demonstrations including the making of nets and scallop bags, inshore fishing, lobstering, and rigging. A demonstration of the latest in safety equipment will include a man overboard demo each day. Industry exhibitors will showcase their latest products. Dockside tours will be offered by a number of working vessels including a Stonington dragger, a wooden Eastern Rig, a modern scalloper, a clammer, and a tug boat.

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Government Study Committee holds first open forum

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Government Study Committee (GSC) held the first in a series of meetings with an open forum format on Thursday, 9/19, to gather information from Fairhaven residents on how town government should be structured.

Although some people have been calling for a restructuring of Fairhaven's Executive Secretary/three person selectboard structure for years, the government study committee was formed by Town Meeting in May after the report from the state Department of Revenue suggested that Fairhaven adopt a town manager or town administrator form of government. The report also suggested eliminating the Board of Public Works and the Personnel Board, making a total of 34 recommendations.

Fairhaven's form of government has an Executive Secretary to the selectboard, currently held by Jeffrey Osuch. The position has little real decision-making power and no authority over personnel in town hall. The authority Mr. Osuch has comes directly from the Selectboard giving him direction at their meetings on how to act on certain matters.

A Town Manager or Town Administrator would have broad authority, including hiring and firing town hall personnel and supervision over the department of public works superintendents, which is currently handled by the Board of Public Works. The difference in salary is about \$20,000 a year board members said.

About 40 people showed up at the West Island Improvement Association community center to hear a report from the committee on its progress and to express their opinions on the various options for the town. Most said they were not in favor of eliminating the BPW or of going to a strong town manager form of government.

Robert "Hoppy" Hobson, a member of the BPW, made it clear how he felt about the DOR report and the state's opinion of Fairhaven.

"Do we really want one person in charge of the whole town," asked Mr. Hobson.

He said, "The town of Fairhaven should be run by the people of

Fairhaven," and not people from Boston.

Several people echoed his sentiment that just because something works for another town does not mean it is a good idea for Fairhaven.

JP Lemieux also expressed concern that the end result would take "power away from the people."

He said, "There's nothing stronger than a volunteer."

"I want to dispel the rumor that the DOR is going to come in an run this town," said GSC chairperson Phil Washko.

He said his committee will study other towns and talk to as many people in Fairhaven as possible. Then it will make recommendations to town meeting which will then have to vote on any recommended changes.

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He stressed that the DOR recommendations were a starting point and would "not necessarily" be the recommendations of the GSC.

Frank Coelho was not convinced.

"We're not interested in other towns and their problems," said Mr. Coelho, adding he was tired of town officials "always bringing up other towns. If I wanted to live in that town I'd move to that town."

"Our committee wouldn't be doing our job if we didn't look at other towns and learn from them," said Mr. Washko.

"The DOR report is not the bible," said GSC member Pattie Pacella.

A lot of discussion revolved around the raise in water and sewer rates, which were a direct result of the DOR report which found that the enterprise funds (the funds were the water and sewer payments go) were not paying their fair share of town charges, such as bookkeeping,

accounting and other town hall charges. The 24% increase has caused some residents to speak out recently at BPW meetings.

Mr. Hobson defended the hike, saying it was not the fault of the BPW, that town hall had not sent them the bill. He also reminded everyone that the town hall and other town owned buildings do not pay water and sewer rates.

Several people spoke out in favor of keeping the BPW, saying it was an other way to access town government. They like that they are able to approach a BPW member about a problem they might be having with the roads, plowing, etc.

Robert Konicki told the board that any changes have include is accountability for decisions and mistakes.

"People like to have structure," said Mr. Konicki. "They like fairness, equity and accountability."

Jerry Ten Brinke echoed that sentiment, but added a caveat.

"I'm all for bureaucracy," said Mr. Ten Brinke. "But bureaucracy costs money."

Robert Rizzo said he would like to see more detail in the budgets of town departments.

Board member Dick Douglass countered that he did not want to "nitpick" budget requests.

"I understand," said Mr. Rizzo. "But it's our money."

Several people, including Mr. Rizzo, took an if-it-isn't-broken-don't fix-it attitude, pointing out the town's AA bond rating as an example that the town is doing well.

"The point is, we're doing a superlative job," said Mr. Rizzo.

Mr. Washko said the board was not created because they think anything is "broken."

"Times have changed," since the town was created, he said. "There are bigger and better ways to run town government now."

He emphasized that board members were doing the research, which includes talking to as many town residents and employees as possible.

West Island resident Theresa "Terry" Pereira made a big plug for the BPW, calling it the "greatest department," for the island.

She said living on the island was

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Fairhaven Social Day congratulates Annabella & Jose



The clients of Fairhaven Senior Social Day were all invited to Annabella & Jose's Wedding held at the Fairhaven Senior Center. The hilarious wedding skit was written by Evelyn Richards, volunteer, and directed by Joyce Cookinham, Social Day Coordinator. Roger Richards officiated at the ceremony. The wedding reception, complete with favors, a wedding cake and a wedding banquet of favas was enjoyed by all who attended. Tradition called for the groom (played by Christine Alphonse) to remove the garter from the bride (played by Anne Silvia). LEFT: The Wedding Party, pictured from left to right, Lee Freitas, and Al Borges, Joyce Cookinham, Fred Landry, Christine Alphonse (the handsome groom), Anne Silvia (the very lovely and pregnant bride), Rita Herring, Evelyn Richards and Sue Roderiques. We all wish them good luck and a long and fruitful marriage. *Submitted photo. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

Ice House continues bike run tradition



The Ice House in Fairhaven continued the tradition of holding motorcycle runs on the property on Saturday, 9/21. The first annual motorcycle run to benefit Community Nurse and Hospice attracted more than 50 motorcycles and featured food, raffles, t-shirts and entertainment under a tent in the parking lot. Holly Mello, who coordinated the event, said the new owners decided to continue the tradition after patrons asked about it. Dennis Deveau of Fall River said he works in Fairhaven and frequents the Ice House. "It was a nice ride, a nice route," said Mr. Deveau. The hour-long ride took bikes along the backroads of Acushnet, Rochester and Middleborough on a sunny and cool Saturday. "It will grow every year," said Fairhaven fire chief Timothy Francis, who volunteered at the event. ABOVE LEFT: Bikes are lined up before the motorcycle run to benefit Community Nurse and Hospice at the Ice House on Saturday, 9/21. RIGHT: The volunteers at the food table pose for a picture at the motorcycle run to benefit Community Nurse and Hospice at the Ice House on 9/21. *Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNew.com Visit www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos.*

Letters from our readers

Fire Chief emphasizes danger of dumped chemicals

I have had the opportunity to read, in the September 19 issue of the Neighb News, your editorial and article regarding the dumping of chemicals on Scoticut Neck Road on Sunday September 15.

I have to say I have some concerns because you suggested to your readers that instead of calling the proper departments for discarded chemicals, that it might be best to scoop it up and cart it away in someone's pick-up truck, and that our response to this incident was a "big to-do". The reason we respond as we do, calling in the HazMat team for unknown chemicals, is because if we do not know exactly what is inside of that bottle how do we know how to mitigate the problem. We have found many times in past responses that what we thought was in a bottle because it had a label, was not the liquid that was found inside. In our training videos, we have seen horrible instances where a small child has unscrewed a cap of an unknown chemical and just the crust inside of the cap caused a reaction and blew the child's entire hand off. I don't mean to be graphic, but our training dictates our response, and if we know things like that can happen we do not take any chances.

People, in the world we live in today, unfortunately do not think about their actions and how they will affect others. Anyone who would dump chemicals like this in public clearly has no conscience. Instead of dumping this tote with more than 30 chemicals on the side of the road, they could have called the Fire Department, the Board of Health or even the company on the bottles to inquire about the proper disposals of the liquids inside.

As far as I am concerned Lt. Messier acted by the book, because that is the only way we keep our firefighters and the community safe. We are thankful that none of those chemicals were reactive to each other because then we could have had an environmental issue or a medical emergency on our hands. These things cannot be taken lightly anymore and we intend not to take it lightly any time we are called for a chemical response. Some people are not concerned about those around

them and take the easy way out by dumping items on the side of the road or wherever they please and this is wrong. I've seen 20lb propane tanks discarded in the trash which can level a building if it still contains product and is sent to an improper facility. We've also had a number of garbage truck fires due to volatile items being thrown into household trash.

When we call the DEP or even the HazMat team and you see them respond and take great care when handling these items, it is not just to ensure their own personal safety but it's also to protect the people around them.

I have been doing this job for 35 years, the last 14 as the Fire Chief in the Town of Fairhaven. I've witnessed many things, but what I observe today is that people do not understand chemicals and the reactions that they can have. This is why we have State HazMat teams and this is why we are trained in hazardous materials response, to notice a chemical that could be reactive to light, or a chemical that produces cap crust that reacts to friction or many more hazardous liquids like them. At the incident that sparked this conversation, there were over 30 chemicals found. Upon arrival we were not sure what the bottles actually contained and therefore contacted the proper agency to make sure any contamination was avoided.

The Town of Fairhaven holds a annual Hazardous Materials Day (every other year) where residents can safely and appropriately dispose of chemicals or receive instruction as to properly dispose of items that are deemed not to be hazardous. Residents may contact the Board of Health to inquire on the next Hazardous Materials Day.

Your Board of Health, Fire Department, Department of Environmental Protection and HazMat Response Teams have all been trained in hazardous response. I implore your readers to contact any of our departments for proper disposal or instruction and not to place them in the back of a pick-up truck, so we may avoid response to a far worse incident.

I hope I have enlightened you on hazardous response.

*Respectfully, Timothy Francis
Fairhaven Fire Chief*

Court system unfair to victims

I am writing this letter for all the families who are victims of the Massachusetts court system. My sister Katie [Brienzo] was killed by a hit-and-run driver almost two years ago. As my family struggles through the grieving process, we are constantly reminded by the monthly hearings of that horrible night when Katie was taken from us.

Every month we get a hearing date and with that hearing date comes those overwhelming emotions of our daughter, sister, niece, friend being taken from us. Going through this most difficult process, I am wondering why the due process in this state takes so much time.

We have been waiting since February for a decision on a hearing brought to the court by the defense. Yet again, our monthly hearing has been cancelled for the fourth time and has been rescheduled. I feel that the reasons for cancellation have been not been credible.

We all are unable to move on with our lives and receive closure until this most difficult process is over. However, the defendant has been able to move on with theirs, going on vacations and posting party pictures on Facebook.

I believe that everyone should be able to move on but while the defendant has moved on, we struggle day to day.

How is my family supposed to move on, when we feel like the defendant has all the rights and we seem to have none? I feel the court has no compassion for the emotional toll these hearings cause. How can we get closure when we have these constant reminders of this horrible tragedy? When is someone going to be held accountable for my sister's untimely passing?

I know that we are not the only family who goes through this. The judicial system in this state is in need of an overhaul. It is time to make change to help the due process go quicker so we all can move on and heal.

Nothing will ever bring our Katie back. However, if we had some sense of completion, it would help with closure and allow all of us to move on with our lives.

Julie Fostin, Rochester

Remembering the big one: Hurricane of 1938 by the numbers

Some 1938 Hurricane Facts and Trivia the hurricane hit on September 21, 1938

- 588 people died in the '38 hurricane (88 between Little Compton, RI, and Provincetown, MA). Thirty-one died in '44 (6 in Fairhaven). The difference is largely attributed to people heeding the warnings of weather forecasters because they remembered the devastation only six years earlier.
- Rhode Island had the heaviest death toll with more than 50% of the total casualties, averaging four killed for every square mile of the state.
- A summer settlement at Napatree Point in Misquamicut, RI was obliterated after a reported 40-foot wall of water with 10 feet of froth above that turned 500 cottages into mountainous piles of splintered wood in less than two hours.
- Salt sea spray covered windows on buildings as far inland as Vermont.
- The tidal surge impact on Long Island registered on Richter scales at Fordham State University in New York as a major earthquake.
- The Miller's River in Orange Mass., turned a yellowish white as 500 tons of tapioca pudding flowed out of a flooded pudding factory.
- A man in a speeding car at the Hamptons on Long Island looked in his rear view mirror as he tried to outrun the tidal surge advancing towards him.
- An opportunistic entrepreneur wore a back and front placard that read "For 25 cents I'll listen to your story of The 1938 Hurricane"
- The minimum wage in 1938 was 25 cents an hour.
- The 1938 hurricane was the costliest in US history up to that point, causing \$4 million in damage.
- The production of "The Wizard of Oz" was in progress and would soon be released in 1939.
- One could change stations on their home radios with a wireless remote control.
- The beacon at Fort Phoenix was washed away
- "A Wind To Shake The World — The Story of The 1938 Hurricane" written by Everett S. Allen became a 1976 Best Seller.



LEFT: In the foreground is debris from the New Bedford Yacht Club on Pope Island. The large luxury motor yacht named the Neelia stands hard aground in the background. Note: Fairhaven's own Mary Batainy was one of the few remaining members of the club who stayed in the building when the storm hit. When the storm began to intensify rapidly, she and her friends made a frantic escape into the elements as the 2.5 story wood building began to sway. Shortly after they left, the building disintegrated and disappeared. No one heard the noise because of the raging, locomotive like sound of the 110+ m.p.h. winds.

BOTTOM LEFT: This photo, looking north across Rte. 6, was taken after the hurricane of 1938, on the site where the New Bedford Yacht Club was located, where Capt Leroy's is today. Note the immense debris field that landed across the street into the parking lot of what was then the Union Street Railway trolley car barn. (Note: The car barn is now a shopping plaza.) The last trolleys to run in the area were nine years after the hurricane on May 6, 1947. Most of the trolleys were broken up and used behind the building for fill to expand the island.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The north side of the Huttleston Apartments, 138 Main Street, after the hurricane of 1938

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