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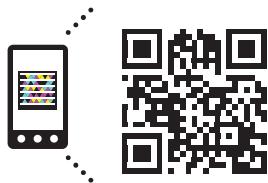
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Teeing with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Working Waterfront Fest Educates & Entertains



Fairhaven's skyline emerges behind the spray from the tugboat Sabine as it leads the tugboat muster on Saturday, 9/28, at the Working Waterfront Festival on the piers in New Bedford. Tugboats of all sizes, including mini-tugs, demonstrated maneuverability and pushing power. The festival celebrates the working waterfront and the fishing industry in New Bedford, the country's #1 fishing port by value. See page 16 for story. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

So, the federal government is shut down, but Congress is still getting paid. What's wrong with THAT picture?

What a bunch of Bozos.

National parks shut down? What's that about anyway? I understand the visitors centers will be locked because some poor middle-class worker is laid off, but why should we be kept out of the parking lots and not allowed to go on the property? Whose property is it, anyway?

Geesh...these guys are out of control. We need to rein them in.

I love that the World War II vets managed to visit the WWII memorial on the national mall, but they still had to wait for someone to come and remove the barriers.

It's embarrassing. We should be able to walk around the national mall without having some politician open a gate.

The founders are rolling in their graves.

What a bunch of Bozos.

At least it's October, and that means....HALLOWEEN IS COMING! Yup....send in your addresses now to be included in our Halloween trail and to get put on Manny's map (see ad on page 9).

Be sure to check out page 26, too, for a piece about a zombie movie being filmed locally. Zombies and zombie families invaded West Island on Sunday. What fun!

I hope you were able to get to the Working Waterfront Festival this year. I caught the tugboat muster (see page 16). Now that was a lot of fun, noisy, too. They kept hitting their big loud horns to...to....well, I guess just because they could. Big boats pushed each other around, little boats zipped around big boats and pushed each other around and a little boat even pushed a big boat. Be sure to check out our Facebook page for more photos.

I love the Working Waterfront Festival. It's got to be one of my favorite events. It's just so authentic. The people doing the demonstrations and talks are real, honest-to-goodness marine/fishing industry workers. It's just a lot of fun. If you've never been, put it on your calendar for next year: the last weekend in September.

Another of my favorite events is coming up this weekend, well, two actually (see page 3). First, the Manjirō Festival is on Saturday. In case you don't know already, the very first Japanese person to live in the United States lived in Fairhaven. That's right, our little burg. Manjirō Nakahama was rescued by Whaling Captain William Whitfield, beginning a story that started more than 170 years and seven generations of Whitfields and Nakahamas ago. It's an extraordinary story. Visit the festival on Saturday to learn more.

On Sunday, the Fire Department is holding its annual fire demonstration. If it's not too windy, they'll have real fire, too. They'll show off their rescue equipment, ladder truck and fire hose. There'll be free pizza and drinks and Sparky the Fire Dog, too.

We also have a story reminding us of Fairhaven's connection to FDR in this week's issue. See page 17 for that.

Gotta run. Be sure to tell our advertisers you saw their ads here.

Until next week, then...See ya



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story on the Fort Phoenix Encampment last week, we misidentified one of the Fairhaven Village Militia members on page 16. The caption should have read: Chad Bourgeois, 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.

Manjiro Fest and Fire/EMS open house are both this weekend

Manjiro Festival

The annual Manjiro Festival, which alternates between Fairhaven and Tosashimizu, Japan, will be held this **Saturday, October 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Center and Walnut Streets, Fairhaven**

A Japanese-American festival commemorating Manjiro Nakahama, the first Japanese person to live in America and the town's Sister City connection with Tosashimizu, Japan. Arts and crafts, food, entertainment, Taiko drumming, tea ceremony, tours of the Manjiro Trail and more. Sponsored by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society. Free. For more information email Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org or call 508-858-5303. Visit <http://Manjiro-Whitfield.org>.

Fire/EMS Open House

The Fairhaven Fire & EMS Department welcomes local families to a **Free "Public Safety Open House" on Sunday, October 6, from 1 to 3 p.m.**

The Annual Open House, sponsored by The Fairhaven Fire Department, is aimed at teaching families safety and prevention practices.

The open house will be held at Fire

Department Headquarters, 146 Washington Street in Fairhaven.

This open house commemorates National Fire Prevention Week (October 6th-12th), officially sponsored by the International, non-profit, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) of Quincy, MA. This year's theme, "Prevent kitchen fires," focuses on the role that individuals play in making and practicing safety in the kitchen.

Visitors to the fire station will receive safety tips such as "stop, drop and roll," learn how to plan escape routes, tour fire apparatus, watch how fast fire burns, learn how to use a fire extinguisher and try your escape plan skills in the SAFE House smoke trailer.

The open house is part of a broader community relations campaign sponsored by the NFPA, Fairhaven Firefighters and the local Papa Gino's Restaurant which will provide free pizza and children's coloring sheets at the event. For the past 18 years Papa Gino's has partnered with the

fire service to help teach fire safety throughout Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island in October.

For more information call the Fairhaven Fire Station at 508-994-1428

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Fairhaven Firefighter/Paramedic Wayne Oliveira demonstrates the proper way to use a fire extinguisher in this 2011 Neighb News file photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

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Fairhaven BPW shuts off juice to Acushnet EMA radio antenna

By Michael Smith

Neighb News Correspondent

The ongoing saga of the Acushnet EMA antenna, attached to the water tank on Boston Hill Road in Fairhaven without permission from the town of Fairhaven, reached a conclusion at Monday night's meeting of the Board of Public Works, 9/30.

The board discussed the continuing issue of whether to leave the radio repeater antenna, which serves as an emergency transmitter for Acushnet, or take it down. The BPW voted unanimously to have the antenna shut off immediately.

Neither the BPW nor the town of Fairhaven were asked permission by Acushnet or received any paperwork to have the antenna in place on the water tank.

"It's always been there and has been for a long time," said Fairhaven Water Department Superintendent Edward Fortin.

At the September 9th meeting of the BPW, Vice Chairperson Mike Ristuccia "struggled" on what to do with the antenna "because it's EMA," he said, but now believes it should be taken down since no one has yet claimed valid ownership of it.

The BPW voted on September 9th to allow Acushnet or the owner of the radio repeater 30 days to provide the proper paperwork to allow the antenna to remain on the water tank.

No paperwork was ever turned in from the Acushnet Emergency Management Agency (EMA) to the BPW.

"Everything was done in the cloak of darkness," was how board member Steven Riley described the installation of the antenna. "The rules of engagement have changed and the antenna needs to be taken down or turned off."

The antenna receives its electrical power from Fairhaven, not Acushnet.

The board ruled unanimously to disconnect the power to the antenna. The board did not make a decision on removing it from the water tank.

In other business, the board unanimously approved a vintage gypsy carnival celebrating the season of Halloween to be held for the public at Cushman Park on Sunday, October 13th.

The carnival would run from noon to 5PM. This is the first year for this carnival.

The carnival will have 12 to 18 booths that will contain psychic, medium, and reiki practitioners, massage therapists, and assorted retail vendors. There will be no rides or food served at the carnival.

Jesse Regalabo of Reel 2 Real Events told the board that the carnival will help nearby businesses.

"It's a good thing to help the

Coalition of Water Resources Stewardship (MCWRS). Mr. Riley was the lone dissenting vote.

The MCWRS is a support group that helps cities and towns in Massachusetts pay for unfunded environmental mandates on industries to be in compliance with the Clean Water Act.

Out of the 300 communities in Massachusetts, only 25 are part of MCWRS.

The cost for Fairhaven to join the coalition is \$1,500 based on the population of the town.

Mr. Riley told the board he sees joining the support group as a "complete waste of money," but did not specify his reasons.

The conclusion of the meeting saw former chairperson Steven Riley reappointed chair of the board after a six-week hiatus on personal matters. Robert "Hoppy" Hobson stepped down and was voted in as Vice-Chairperson.

"I filled in for Steve and I did the best I could," said Mr. Hobson. "And I think Steve is a better choice than me."

Mike Ristuccia, who held the position of Vice-Chair during Mr. Riley's absence, relinquished the chair to Hobson, who held that position previously to Mr. Riley's leaving.

In other business, the board unanimously approved a pay requisition of \$57,000 to Nuwater, Inc. on Water Pollution Control Facility work on Taber and South Streets.

The board voted unanimously to fund \$15,000 for an additional Chapter 90 request for roadwork on Elliot Lane.

The board also approved mason contractor Jake Fleurent's request to be a driveway contractor in Fairhaven, if his certificate of insurance is updated and renewed. •••

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[Steven Riley]

communities," said Regalabo of the carnival.

The carnival is being organized in partnership with The Sea Witch Gifts store on 36 Main Street.

Keith Dias, marketing manager of Reel 2 Real, said the carnival is also being held in other Mass. towns throughout October.

Board member Kathy Sturtevant remarked that the carnival "sounds different" and thought it was a good idea.

Mr. Riley suggested that both Mr. Regabalo and Mr. Dias check with the Board of Health for a permit to have a port-a-john at the event.

In other items on the agenda, the board voted four to one in favor of Fairhaven participating in the Mass.

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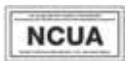
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Fire/PD Open House

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Manjiro Festival

See page 3

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, westislandcook book@yahoo.com

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.

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 Sconticut 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

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.

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

Scarecrow contest

On Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. a Harvest Fun Day will be held on the Academy lawn at the Visitors Center, 141 Main St., on the west lawn of Fairhaven High School at Route 6 where the Farmers Market is.

Scarecrow Contest

Everyone is invited to help get Fairhaven in the Halloween spirit by entering a homemade spooky (or not so spooky) scarecrow in our second annual scarecrwo contest.

Scarecrows, with completed entry forms, must be brought to the Fairhaven Academy, 141 Main Street, during Harvest Fun Day on Saturday, October 12, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Judging will take place during the Farmers Market on Sunday, October 13, between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m.

Complete rules and entry forms are available online at <http://HauntedFairhaven.blogspot.com>, at the Visitors Center, 141 Main Street, and the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall. Details about Harvest Fun Day may be found at <http://HarvestFun.blogspot.com>.

Flag Tender Needed

The Fairhaven Historical Commission is looking for a volunteer to maintain the flag at Fort Phoenix. The pole is lit so the flag flies 24 hours a day, May through September, except for extremely windy conditions. Duties would consist of checking the flag condition periodically, and replacing or repairing it when needed. The Commission would reimburse for any costs related to maintaining the flag.

Please contact David Despres, Chairman at ddes51959@aol.com or 508-999-6057.

Blessing of Animals

You are invited to a special Blessing of the Animals at the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven,

34 Center Street in Fairhaven. Bring your pets on a leash or in a carrier to our front lawn on **Saturday, October 5th at noon.** All kinds of animals are welcome! All pet owners are welcome

Blessing of Animals

Trinity Lutheran Church and Church of the Good Shepherd will hold a joint community Blessing of the Animals service on **Sunday, October 6, at 12:30, at Livesey Park** in North Fairhaven. Individual blessings will be given to each pet. Please have your pets in a carrier or on leash. This service is held each year in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi, who showed kindness to and loved all animals. Everyone is welcome.

Softball Signups

The South Coast Girls Softball League is having a Registration Day on **Sunday October 6th, from 12pm-2pm at the Livesey Club on Hopkins St. in Fairhaven, MA.** All girls living in the South Coast area ages 5-15 (player's age on December 31, 2013) are eligible to play in the 2014 season. Registration fee is \$35 for ages 5-8, and \$75 for ages 9-15. Website is www.southcoastsoftball.com. Any questions can be directed to southcoastsoftball@gmail.com.

Tennis Drop-In

The Fairhaven Tennis Association invites anyone who would like to go to our Drop in on Sunday Mornings at Hastings Courts at 8:00 AM. You do not have to belong to the Fairhaven Tennis Association but just show up by 7:50 and you will be placed on a court with other players. This open invitation is for the month of October so come on down to Hastings and try us out. All ability levels are welcome. For further information contact Ken Pottel at K_pottel@hotmail.com

Wine Tasting

Join Better Community Living, Inc., at their annual Wine & Food Tasting benefit on **Friday, 10/4, from 6-9 p.m., at the Seaport Inn, 110 Middle St., Fairhaven.** Tickets: \$50 pp. Wine, spirits and beer, food by local chefs, silent auction and raffles.

Call 508-999-4300.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Collins Benefit

A benefit Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Friday, October 11th for Nathan Collins, a young man from Acushnet who was disabled as the result of a serious car accident on March 13. The benefit is to help the family with expenses not covered by insurance.

Date: Friday, 10/11/13, time: 6 – 11 pm, place: Moose Lodge, 119 Rockdale Ave New Bedford. Tickets: adults: \$15; 12 years & under \$5, entertainment by DJ B. Kingsley. For tickets call Wendy Curtis, 508-965-2350 or Courtney Nelson, 508-933-0831. Local business owners have generously donated items for a silent auction. Thank you for your support.

Open Studios

The second of three New Bedford Open Studios (NBOS) events will be held at **Ropeworks, 123 Sawyer St. on Oct. 5 & 6, from 11am to 6pm**, with a *Soapbox Social* (a True Storytelling party) on **Saturday evening at 7pm**. The Ropeworks Open Studios is a FREE event when artists open their studios to show, perform, demonstrate and reinvigorate the spirit of creativity with visitors' interaction.

Features fine art, sound and sculpture installations, aerial demonstrations and mini-lessons, wearable art, performance art, and snacks galore.

Visit www.newbedfordopenstudios.org or email info@newbedfordopenstudios.org. To view a list of participating artists visit <http://www.newbedfordopenstudios.org/artist-list/>

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.

Artist Receptions

At Crowell's

Opening Artist Reception: Oct. 4, from 5-8 p.m.; on AHA Night, Oct. 10 from 5-9pm. On view from: October 4th through November 1st.

At Crowell's Fine Art and Framing, 382 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford,

At Artworks

Other events happening on Acushnet Avenue on October 4th: **Artworks! 384 Acushnet Ave.** Demo: 5-8 p.m. Printmaker's demo on alternative photo imaging transfers with Barbara Doyle. Visit <http://artworksforyou.org>

At Gallery 65 on William

65 William St. Opening reception: 5-8 p.m. A variety of artwork inspired by "TREES" featuring Artists from the Southcoast and members of Gallery 65 on William. Visit <http://www.gallery65onwilliam.com>

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.

Whaling Museum

The New Bedford Whaling Museum remains **open during the federal government shutdown**. Separate and independent of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the New Bedford Whaling Museum is a nonprofit institution governed by the

Old Dartmouth Historical Society.

Hours of operation: April 1 through October 31: Open Daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Monday through Sunday). Open until 8:00 p.m. every second Thursday of the month. November 1 through March 31: Tuesday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Open until 8:00 p.m. every second Thursday of the month. Open Holiday Mondays. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

General Admission: \$14 adult, \$12 senior (65+), \$9 student (19+), \$6 child & youth (6-18 yrs.). Children aged 5 and under are free. Museum members are free.

Established in 1903, the New Bedford Whaling Museum is the world's most comprehensive museum devoted to the global story of whales, whaling, and the cultural history of the region. A cornerstone attraction within New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and a park partner, the Museum is located at 18 Johnny Cake Hill in the heart of the city's historic downtown. Wheelchair accessible. For more information, visit the Whaling Museum online at www.whalingmuseum.org.

AHA! Night

October 10th AHA! Night: Walkabouts Sponsored by New Bedford Credit Union. Join us for AHA! Night when Art, History & Architecture come alive in New Bedford. For the month of October we invite you to take a Walkabout of Downtown. Explore New Bedford's rich history and outstanding architecture.

Local experts lead tours on cobblestone streets, through galleries and perhaps some lesser known byways. Stroll the William & Purchase Street corridors for plenty of arting, eating & shopping and keep your eyes open for ParkAbouts (a series of installations on the streets of Downtown New Bedford.)

All activities are FREE and open to the public. For more information call 508-996-8253 x205, or visit www.ahanebwbedford.org. First time visitors may want to start AHA! Night at the National Park Visitor Center (33 William Street). Complete program flyers with maps are also available at all AHA! venues.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Blessing of Animals

Join the Rev. Christopher Morck from Grace Episcopal Church for a "Blessing of the Animals" Saturday October 5 at 1:00 pm at the Humane Society and Shelter SouthCoast, 31 Ventura Drive, Dartmouth. Accessible. Call 508-995-6661.

Every year in many parts of the world The Blessing of the Animals is held on or near October 4 to coincide with the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. Animals of all kinds are brought to local churches and shelters to be blessed in honor of St. Francis who loved all living things and was very kind to animals. Thousands of animals of abused and homeless animals come to the shelter since the founding in 1911. Once at the shelter an animal will receive much needed medical attention and grooming. The animal remains there until a cherished family is available to lavish love on them.

Pet owners congregate on the grounds of the Shelter while in a rural setting and listen to Rev. Morck's comforting spiritual words. All animals need to be on a leash or in a carrier. Light refreshments will be served after the service in the shelter training room. The Shelter does not charge a fee for the blessing, but donations are appreciated.

Bird Club

The Paskamansett Bird Club's monthly meeting will take place on Thursday, October 10, at 6:30 p.m., in the Westport Public Library, 816 Main Road, Westport. (Please note that this is a departure from the club's usual schedule and meeting place.) The speaker will be John Rockwood, author, professional photographer and naturalist, also known as "The Loon Man" for his extensive work with loon families. He will provide a multi-media show centered on his experiences with these birds, especially Grapenut, a real loon chick who adopted John into his loon family and shared his first two seasons with him.

Learning to fly, catching prey, playing hide and go seek and riding on his parents' backs are just some of the loon behaviors young Grapenut displayed to John. These and other activities will be the focus of the

presentation, which is supported in part by a grant from the Westport Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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

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

Faltus Benefit

Jessica Faltus Perkins has been diagnosed with cancer. See page 13 for a fund-raiser her family is holding.

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.

Habitat Benefit

Habitat's "Gingerbread House" Gala and Silent Auction will be held on Thursday, December 5th from 6:00 to 8:30 PM at Marion Music Hall, 134 Front Street, Marion. Music by Local Choirs singing Christmas Carols. Tickets are a \$50 donation

Reservations may be made through our website: BuzzardsBay Habitat.org or by calling: 508-758-4517

Gingerbread House Contest

Entry forms available online or by calling 508-758-4517. Deadline for entry forms to be submitted is December 2nd!!! Prizes will be awarded by category.

The evening features a selection of wine and artisanal beer from Martignetti Distributors, hors d'oeuvres from Harriet's Catering and Lindsey's Family Restaurant, desserts and coffee from Artisan Kitchen and Dunkin Donuts of Wareham.

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Scarecrow Contest

By Friends of the Mattapoisett Library. Brush the cobwebs off your creativity and create a seasonal sensation for the Scarecrow Contest on Saturday, October 26, at 1:00 PM on the lawn at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St. Rain date is Sunday, October 27. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Best Classic Scarecrow, Funniest Scarecrow, Best Dressed Scarecrow, Scariest Scarecrow and Most Original Scarecrow. Everyone is encouraged to enter. Contest entry forms along with instructions on how to build a scarecrow can be found at the Mattapoisett Library, and you can register by telephone at 508 758-4171.

Be sure that all scarecrows are constructed at home and brought to the registration table upon arrival for placement. All children can participate in the many craft activities that will be available during judging. Delicious cupcakes, cookies, candied apples, popcorn, cider and hot cocoa will be for sale. Questions can be directed to Jessica Noblet at (508) 758-4819 or jessicanoblet@gmail.com.

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 1 t. Dry mustard
 1/2 t. Salt
 3 c. Milk
 1 (16-oz) Green Giant New England style Frozen veggies; peas, potatoes, and carrots

3 c. cubed cooked turkey or chicken, from roasted or baked
 4 oz. (1 c.) shredded cheddar cheese

CRUST:

1 (10-oz) can Pillsbury Refrigerated All Ready Pizza Crust.

1 egg yolk
 1T. water

Heat oven to 425°. Melt butter in a large saucepan over med. heat; stir in flour, dry mustard and salt. Cook until mixture thickens and boils, stirring frequently.

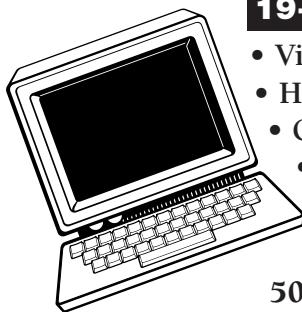
Add frozen veggies and meat. Simmer 5-8 mins or until mixture is hot and veggies are thawed, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile unroll pizza crust. Cut it lengthwise into 10 one-inch wide strips.

Stir cheese into veggie mixture; pour hot mixture into a 13x9 (3 quart) baking dish or pan. Place pizza crust strips diagonally over filling in lattice design; pinch off strips that are too long and add to shorter ones. Combine egg yolk & water, mix well and brush over lattice strips. Bake at 425° for 15-20 min. till deep golden

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Fairhaven Girls: 2-1 SCC

Fairhaven 26, D-R 29

PLACE/GRADE/NAME/TIME

1st	12	Bay Gammans	21:42
3rd	11	Aryana daSilva	23:07
7th	11	Kacie Carvalho	24:24
9th	11	Mollie Medearis	25:19
12th	10	Kylie Stupalski	25:51

2nd place Grade 9 DR Grace Harrison, 23:04

4th place Grade 11 Alleigha Correia 23:19

5th place, Christina Brouwer 23:54

Fairhaven Boys: 0-3 SCC

DR 15, Fairhaven 46

Apponequet 27, Fairhaven 30

PLACE/GRADE/NAME/TIME

6th	11	Justin Borges	19:18
7th	11	Kenneth Borges	19:23
17th	12	Griffin Desmarais	20:03
20th	10	Robert Mitchell	20:19
35th	12	Michael Eckenreiter	23:13

D-R took top 5 places led by senior Ty Enos 18:41.

Top Appon runner Matt Hacunda was 12th at 19:40 followed by teammate Scaldi at 19:47



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Acushnet Housing Authority Applauds the Fire Dept.

Press Release

On Wednesday, September 25, members of the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department brought a small measure of comfort to an Acushnet resident rescued from a January house fire.

Karen Szymczyk lost most of her possessions in the Coloumbe Street fire. Now residing at Presidential Terrace, Ms. Szymczyk informed Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher that she greatly missed the lilac bushes planted by her grandparents who built the house in 1910.

"When Karen told us of her fondness for the lilacs we knew we would make every effort to help," stated Chief Gallagher.

After receiving permission from the new owner of the property and the Director of the Acushnet Housing authority, firefighters, including two that performed the rescue, dug up several bushes and transplanted them in an area adjacent to Ms. Szymczyk's apartment.

The residents looked on as this thoughtful measure was taking place. They welcomed the lilac bushes to their landscape, and were impressed

with the thoughtfulness of their local Fire Department.

During a recent ceremony at the Acushnet 9/11 Memorial, Ms. Szymczyk and a relative got an opportunity to meet the members of the Fire & EMS Department.

"That was an emotional experience for all of us and one we will long remember," stated Firefighter Thomas Farland, one of the three members who performed the rescue.

Twenty-one years earlier, Ms. Szymczyk's aunt was rescued from a fire in the same house. As a reminder to future generations of Acushnet firefighters, a small lilac bush from the Coloumbe Street home was also planted at Station #1.

"Karen told me that she and her aunt before her loved caring for these plants. My hope is that the story of their rescue and the strength they showed during their fight to

recover from their injuries can be kept alive well into the future," stated Chief Gallagher. "We will take special care of these lilacs."



Members of the Acushnet Fire/EMS and the Acushnet Housing Authority pose with Karen Szymczyk next to some lilac bushes transplanted from her former home to her new apartment at Presidential Terrace. Firefighters rescued Ms. Szymczyk from a fire in January and told the fire chief how much the bushes meant to her.



Woman rescued after driving into lake

A police officer and a passerby rescued a woman whose car had gone into the water on Lake Street in Acushnet on Tuesday, 9/17. The New Bedford woman was taken to St. Luke's Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Acushnet police officer Derek Cathcart and civilian Ryan Moore pulled the woman to safety. LEFT: Tuesday, September 17, at 5:26 p.m., Lake Street: Squad 2, Rescue 1 and Rescue Squad respond to a single motor vehicle crash with vehicle in the water. The sole occupant out of vehicle upon arrival was rescued. Photo from the Acushnet/EMS Facebook page.

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Despite cancer diagnosis, Faltus family plans on a fun day

From Press Release Materials

Jessica Faltus Perkins was born in 1987 to Bryon and Lori Faltus of Fairhaven. Her grandparents were the founders of Capt. Leroy's on Pope's Island/the New Bedford-Fairhaven bridge. She attended Wood School, Hastings Middle School, and graduated from VocTech in 2005.

Jessica is now the mother of three children under the age of 6, and has been diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of cancer.

There are a lot of hidden expenses that are associated with treatment. Gas, food, and travel expenses. Also, because her children are so young, her doctors do not want her with them, except to visit. This is because of the risk of infection, due to her lowered immune system from the chemotherapy. Because of this, there is the extra expense of renting an apartment near the hospital.

Capt. Leroy's has always been very generous with supporting the community and community fundraisers. Now they are asking for the community's help.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, from 1-7 p.m.,

Jessica's family and friends will be holding a "Day of Love for Jessica" at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett.

Donation of \$15 includes a spaghetti and meatball dinner (salad, and rolls) catered by Mac's Soda Bar. Desserts are being donated by Sunrise Bakery. Cash bar.

Children's activities include bounce houses (one for toddlers), arts and crafts, face painting, and a petting zoo, courtesy of Dave and Lisa Sylvia.

Four live bands and a DJ will perform. Outside activities will include volleyball and horseshoes. To round out our day, there will be Chinese and Silent Auctions. (you do not need to be there to win!)

Donation is \$15 (5 and under are free). For more information, or to reserve your tickets, please call Debbie Eddleston at 508-717-7041. Tickets will also be available at the door. We also have support

ribbons (\$3) and donation canisters at various businesses in Fairhaven and New Bedford.

The committee wishes to thank the businesses that have donated their services and to our auctions. Not only are we asking for your support, we are asking for prayers for Jessie!

Donations can also be sent to Bay Coast Bank, 75 Alden Road, Fairhaven, in Jessica's name.



Jessica Faltus Perkins, whose grandparents founded Captain Leroy's, has been diagnosed with a rare and aggressive cancer. The family is holding a benefit for her on Sunday, 10/6, at the Knights of Columbus in Mattapoisett. ABOVE: Jessica with her three children. Submitted photo.



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Working Waterfront Festival brings all kinds to waterfront

By Beth David
Editor

The 10th annual Working Waterfront Festival saw perfect weather for hanging out on the docks this weekend. Held on New Bedford's piers, the festival celebrates the working waterfront with an emphasis on the fishing industry. New Bedford is the #1 fishing port in the country for value, due mostly to scallop landings.

Each year the festival has a theme, and this year it offered a retrospective of the themes of the past decade. Festival goers had dozens of events and programs to choose from all weekend, including hands-on events, such as taking a try at rowing a whaleboat and link squeezing. The weekend also featured tours of fishing boats and the historic Ernestina, skills demonstrations and contests such as a seafood throwdown, net mending and scallop shucking.

Performance stages featured music from fishing communities around the world, an oral history tent, poetry, books, vendors and activities for children.

The Acushnet gave a shortened version of its harbor tour throughout the weekend, ending its season for the year.

Saturday a parade of tugboats showed off maneuverability, pushing power and how loud their horns can be while Bob Mitchell of R.A. Mitchell narrated and explained the special characteristics of tugboats.

The mini tugs buzzed around, showing off their maneuvering skills, around the larger tugs, which can also turn around 180 degrees in place. Still it had all the makings of the Spanish Armada story with the little boats zipping around the big boats.

Two full-size tugs, the "Sabine" and the "Iona McAlister," went bow-to-bow in a pushing contest, both



ABOVE: The tugboats Sabine (left) and the Iona McAlister push against each other to see who is the toughest. The Iona McAlister won this round. BELOW: the mini-tug "Atlantic Hunter" shows how it can push the Sabine. BOTTOM: LEFT, Mattiya Bark and her brother Tobiah (RIGHT) take turns using the link squeezer with the help of Mathieu Lemieux. The links are formed to create the bag used for dredging scallopers. See page 16 for story. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.

spewing out black smoke as they pushed harder and harder. The Iona won that encounter.

The mini-tug "Atlantic Hunter" proved that it was strong enough to push the Sabine.

The whole group gently bumped up against Steamship Pier where spectators watched the show. Mr. Mitchell relayed questions to the captains and taught the crowd about the size of the engines: about 2,000 horsepower for the main engines, 800 HP for the fire pump engine.

Elsewhere on the docks, people enjoyed great seafood and vendors specializing in ocean-related wares, such as hand woven door mats made from lobster trap rope, seashell art, and photographs with an ocean theme.



"There are so many things going on. It was great," said Alice Buratti, who traveled with her husband Robert from Warwick, RI, for the festival. They listened to performers from different countries and watched a cooking demonstration.

The Burattis said they have attended the festival for five or six years.

Guy Lagace, whose brother owns the clammer "Mariette," showed festival goers how big sea clams are and how each part of the clam is used for different products: the tongue or foot for clam strips, the muscles on the sides for minced or chopped clams and the stomach for bait.

"There's a lot of meat in there," said Mr. Lagace.

For more information on the Working Waterfront Festival and New Bedford's waterfront industries, visit www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org



Painting by Elizabeth Delano donated to Millicent library

By Beth David
Editor

Dressed like Henry Huttleston Rogers and sporting a big smile, too, Fairhaven's town curator Al Benac donated an historic painting to the Millicent Library at a ceremony on Saturday, 9/28. Painted by Elizabeth Delano, the picture of the boy in the red cap depicts William Tallman, a former Fairhaven Selectboard member, and Elizabeth's nephew. Elizabeth Delano's father was a first cousin of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's grandfather, Captain Warren Delano.

"One cannot grow up in Fairhaven without knowing its history," said Mr. Benac as he dedicated the painting.

He said as a young boy, he knew of William Bradford, a famous Fairhaven artist, and knew his daughter when he was her paperboy.

"It became a history lesson for me, knowing these people," he said.

When he learned that the Tallman painting was available, he jumped at the chance to buy it.

"But this painting does not belong to me 'only' to enjoy," said Mr. Benac. "I feel 'The Boy in the Red Cap,' William Tallman, should be a part of Fairhaven history."

"I present my gift to the Millicent Library. It shall be in memory of my wife Kathleen and family," said Mr. Benac.

The portrait hangs next to the painting of Martha Simon, the last of the Narragansetts to live in the area. The Tallman painting has a bit more color, though. Mr. Benac also used a light colored frame to brighten up the wall a little.

"It's a nice shot of color in this area," said Millicent Library Director Carolyn Longworth.

Mr. Benac said he learned a lot about Fairhaven history just from this painting.

He traced various famous Fairhavenites from John Cooke on the Mayflower to Nathaniel Pope, Henry Huttleston Rogers and the Cushmans.

"So all this comes together to make one big story," he said.

Elizabeth Delano's love of painting was evident from when she was a child until shortly before her death at the age of 88. Her failing eyesight forced her to stop painting. Her favorite subject was florals, but she excelled at portraiture, according to information provided by the Millicent.

She painted portraits of family and friends including Theodore Roosevelt, his son Quentin and her a young Mr. Tallman.

"While she had a reputation for gentility and self-effacement, she was a staunch advocate for many of the social reforms of the day such as women's suffrage and international disarmament and was a big support(er) of buying Liberty bonds," reads the informational flyer distributed by the library.

She attended the Art Students' League and Academy of Design in New York and studied in the studios of other artists, including William Merritt Chase. She was born in Fairhaven on June 16, 1845 and died in Fairhaven on November 30, 1933.

Ms. Delano's nephew, William Tallman, was an architect whose credits include Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, the New Bedford Hotel, the Tripp, Anthony and Hastings schools in Fairhaven and Roosevelt Junior High School in New Bedford.

He was a Selectboard member and on the Planning Board in Fairhaven. He died in 1973 at the age of 81.

Nearly a dozen people showed up to see the unveiling, including Curt Lopes, representing himself and his wife Myra, who are both library trustees; and Mr. Benac's son and daughter, Paul Benac and Kathleen Isaksen.

Jen and Manny Braga said



ABOVE: Al Benac unveils a painting he donated to the Millicent Library in Fairhaven on Saturday, 9/28. The painting of former selectboard member and acclaimed architect William Tallman was painted by Elizabeth Terry Delano, a cousin of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Mr. Tallman's aunt. BELOW LEFT, L-R: Mr. Benac with his daughter and son, Kathleen Isaksen and Paul Benac. BELOW RIGHT: The portrait of Mr. Tallman as it hangs in the reading room at the Millicent Library. Photos by Beth David

they learned about the event from Mr. Benac.

"I like history, so I was curious," said Mr. Braga. "I agree it lightens up that wall."

Eleanor Crowell is an interior designer and said she re-arranged her busy schedule to make it to the event.

"I love art, I love the library and I didn't want to miss it," said Ms. Crowell. "It's a nice addition. I love the frame. I love the gold. I love the expression on his face."

The painting hangs in the reading room at the Millicent Library, 45 Center Street, Fairhaven. Visit www.millicentlibrary.org



ConCom sends Brahmin back to the drawing board

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

He thought it was going to be an easy approval on 9/30 at the Fairhaven Conservation Commission meeting, but Engineer John Keegan, representing Brahmin Leather Works of 77 Alden Street was mistaken.

Mr. Keegan took a gamble on 9/24 when he asked the Planning Board to approve the construction of a new parking lot on the adjacent Standard Times building lot, despite prior approval from ConCom and against Planning Chair Wayne Hayward's caution. Mr. Hayward said if the ConCom changes the plans significantly enough, Brahmin Leather Works would have to submit a new plan and return to the Planning Board, delaying the project even further.

Mr. Keegan told the Planning Board on 9/24 that he was not worried about ConCom rejecting the plan or altering it enough to have to start over. But when ConCom member Louise Barteau asked Mr. Keegan why the parking lot had to be put on wetlands areas instead of other areas of the property, Mr. Keegan's, and Brahmin Leather President/CEO Scott Martin's faces said it all.

"You're looking very stressed right now," said Janine Peccini to the men, after Mr. Keegan's description of the hardship the company would endure should the project be delayed did not fly with the commission.

"I just got back from China on Saturday and that is where all my competitors are going," said Mr. Martin. "I think we've been good to Fairhaven...I'm just asking the board be good to us and work with us."

ConCom's problem with the plan was the placement of the parking lot upon historical wetlands discovered during delineation via testing for hydric soil, which appear to have been filled years ago. The plan includes a restoration plan to recreate wetlands on a different side of the property closer to the proposed bio drainage and storm water retention system.

Wetlands Consultant John Rockwell was on-hand at the meeting to support the commission, and will continue attending meetings. He made suggestions to Mr. Keegan, and

explained to the commission their options. He told Mr. Keegan that he would have to compare the company's needs against the Wetlands Protection Act regulations.

"What's the rationale?" asked ConCom Member Steve Pereira about the location of the parking. "Give us something that demonstrates it rationally."

Mr. Keegan could end up reconfiguring the parking lot to minimize the impact on the wetlands, which could have also have an impact on the prior approval from Planning.

The Brahmin Leather public hearing was continued for 10/21 to allow Mr. Rockwell to review the project and report back on his recommendations.

Also at the meeting, Planning

said Mr. Budryk. "I think it's a political thing..."

After hearing more of Mr. Budryk's version of the story, Mr. Rockwell stated that it sounded like "a dispute over the facts."

He added that Mr. Budryk has a corner property on a high traffic street, making it more likely that the alleged violations were seen because it is out in the open, rather than a result of a political agenda.

"You're in the worst spot, pal," Mr. Rockwell said jokingly.

Al Benac addressed the board in Mr. Budryk's defense, only to be shut down by the commission after Mr. Benac was informed that Mr. Budryk's matter was not yet a public hearing and abutters and neighbors would not be allowed to speak without proper notification of a hearing.

The commission scheduled an on-site visit for 10/20 to assess the property and will figure out where to go from there.

In other matters, Realtor Diane Tomasetti, representing applicant Ames A E Flyn Trustee of the Ames Family Living Trust of 55 Bayview Avenue, faced some hostility from some neighbors over an after-the-fact filing for unpermitted placement of sand on the beach.

Neighbor Scott Hyman of 54 Bayview Drive said he was accused of having reported the violation, and in return accused the property owner of striking his parked car with her rental car and leaving the scene. He also told the board about a stonewall he said the property owner had repaired without a permit, which Ms. Tomasetti denied.

Neighbors stated that they witnessed from afar Ms. Tomasetti present the day of the beach dumping violation, directing the dump truck full of sand.

"The state actually encourages people to put sand on the beach," said Mr. Rockwell about countering erosion. But you need a permit, he stated.

The matter was continued until 10/21, with an on-site for 10/20.

Not listed on the agenda, Patti Estrella of 99 Church Street asked the board to explain the process for reporting wetlands violations. She

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I think we've been good to Fairhaven...I'm just asking the board be good to us and work with us. [Scott Martin]

Board member Francis Budryk, the recipient of a second enforcement order, appeared before the commission as demanded in a certified letter he received after he was issued an enforcement order for unpermitted work on his coastal property across from 1 Main Street.

Chairing the board as the commission's newest member, Selectboard member Geoffrey Haworth allowed Mr. Budryk to give his version of what transpired last year when Mr. Budryk received his first enforcement order; an enforcement order that Mr. Budryk has yet to settle with the commission.

Mr. Budryk said he did nothing wrong on his property when he recently reconfigured a four-by-four wooden post fence, added benches and planters, and added sod by the water's edge.

"I don't know what the problem is,"

CONCOM: cont'd from previous page

said there was one property in particular that abuts her late father's property where she said the property owners have removed vegetation, trees, and put in fill.

Conservation Agent Wayne Fostin explained that one would need to file a request for determination of applicability and notify the property owner and abutters.

In other business:

- The commission easily persuaded Robert Ferreira of 6 Newton Street

to change his application from construction of a stone wall within a velocity and flood zone to a picket fence which would not require a notice of intent.

- Applicant Pho Le Tieu of 3 Hidden Drive was approved to build a single-family house in the Naske-tucket River Basin only.

The ConCom also continued the following petitions:

- Six properties for NSTAR off Doane Street, Thompson Street, and

Farmfield Street for single-family house construction

- Heiam Alsawalhi of Bella Vista Island for a wooden pier, repair to existing groin, and crushed stone path to the beach
- Trevor Hardy of 211 Mill Road to install a 1MW solar farm within the 100-foot buffer zone
- Dave Hebert of 56 Goulart Memorial Drive for dredging and authorization of proposed structures.

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Halloween Map

Want to be on the Halloween map? Email Manny Souza, olexfordhaunt@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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Coakley urges FEMA to delay flood insurance changes

Mass. AG Press Release

Asserting that FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) has not complied with its mandates to conduct affordability and peer reviews, Mass. Attorney General Martha Coakley urged Congress to delay implementation of a new bill that would dramatically increase flood insurance rates for many families and businesses.

In a letter sent on 10/2 to House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nevada), AG Coakley asks that the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act be delayed until FEMA complies with Congress's mandate to undertake an affordability review and a peer review of the new flood zone maps. By eliminating various federal subsidies in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and expanding flood zone maps, Biggert Waters will pose harsh economic consequences for many homeowners and small businesses in Massachusetts and across the country.

"Premature implementation of the Act threatens the housing recovery

that Massachusetts and the nation are just starting to experience," AG Coakley states in the letter. "We believe that dramatically increased flood insurance rates will tip the balance for many homeowners who weathered the economic downturn, but are still feeling the residual effects of the housing crisis."

In the letter, also addressed to House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-California) and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky), AG Coakley asserts that because of the redrawn maps, insurance rates will not only increase for those already in the flood plain but for many homeowners and small businesses that for the first time will be required to buy flood insurance.

The Attorney General's Office has heard from several homeowners who purchased their homes in the last year — as the housing market was turning around — have been informed that the flood maps have been redrawn so that they are now required to purchase flood insurance at costs of \$10,000 and up. For many, this additional cost is not feasible.

Their only option is trying to sell the property at a reduced price that accounts for the added cost of this unanticipated insurance.

Flood insurance is compulsory for property owners with mortgages located in certain zones on Flood Insurance Rate Maps. These homeowners and businesses have no choice, nor do the banks that service their mortgages, but to have flood insurance. Even properties in the new flood zones that do not have mortgages may still be affected, due to heightened building requirements or lower market demand for those properties.

"We have already heard from many small businesses and homeowners about the devastating impact of this new policy," AG Coakley said. "Several homeowners that purchased their homes in the last year — as the housing market was turning around — have been informed that the flood maps have been redrawn so that they are now required to purchase flood insurance at costs of \$10,000 and up. For many, this additional cost is not feasible."

Clean energy job growth at

11.8%

On Tuesday, September 17 Governor Deval Patrick announced that clean energy jobs in Massachusetts grew by 11.8 percent between June 2012 and June 2013, the second year of double digit growth. Over the past two years, clean energy jobs have grown by 24.4 percent with 5,557 clean energy companies now employing 79,994 workers across the Commonwealth.

"Building a clean energy future is central to our growth strategy, and another year of double digit job growth is proof that our strategy is working," said Governor Patrick. "We pursue our clean energy agenda because we cannot leave our future to chance. Our clean energy industry is putting thousands of our residents to work in every corner of the Commonwealth, catalyzing economic development and creating a healthier Massachusetts for the next generation."

The job growth over the past year is eight times faster than the overall three-percent growth rate among all industries combined in the Commonwealth over the same period.

All four geographic regions of the state saw an increase in clean energy employment over the past 12 months. The South Coast experienced the most growth, with jobs increasing 14.3 percent from 2012 to 2013.

The report for the first year directly counts jobs within the solar industry, with more than 8,400 workers spending at least 50 percent of their time supporting solar energy businesses. This year, Massachusetts reached the Patrick Administration's 2017 goal of 250 megawatts of solar installed four years early. To keep this sector thriving, Governor Patrick recently established a new goal of 1,600 MW of solar installed by 2020.

More than half of the Commonwealth's 5,557 clean energy firms are classified as small businesses, meaning they have five or fewer full-time employees. The overwhelming majority of job creation over the past year came from new entrants into the sector, including clean energy startups.

Larger, more established and global companies have also shifted into the clean energy market and added to the industry's growth in recent years. Firms like FedEx, Gillette and Shell, which recently opened an office in Cambridge focused on harnessing local innovation, have made clean energy part of their strategic investments.

For the second straight year, manufacturing and assembly jobs rose, this year by 20.6 percent. Clean energy engineering and research jobs grew by 32.4 percent.



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Conservation Commission

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- Notice of Intent Applicant Christian Loranger Location 4 Antone Drive Plot 38 Lot 7K Construct single family dwelling within the Nasketucket River Basin Only
- Notice of Intent Applicant Christian Loranger Location 2 Antone Drive Plot 38 Lot 7L Purpose construct single family dwelling within the Nasketucket River Basin
- Notice of Intent Applicant Town of Fairhaven Highway Department Location Town wide Purpose debris removal and vegetation management of drainage ditches throughout Town.
- Amend Notice of Intent Applicant Louis Pacheco Location 307R Sconticut Neck Road Plot 29/29D Lots 16F/1C Purpose curve ends of seawall

Respectfully Submitted
Fairhaven Conservation Commission

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on October 22, 2013**, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive

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Nathaniel Hawthorne, 10th October 1842

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Board of Appeals

Tues., 11/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 10/21, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Community Preservation

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

Conservation Commission

Mon., 10/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Government Study Comm.

Thurs., 10/3, Town Hall, 6 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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Canal/Wing's Neck

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I don't know that there are real ghosts and goblins, but there are always more trick-or-treaters than neighborhood kids.

Robert Brault

Appeals Board insists that petitioners show up for hearings

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

In a move to avoid setting a precedent for residents filing petitions and not appearing for their public hearings, the Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals denied on 10/1 Pho Le Tieu's simple request for a special permit to build a home in the Nasketucket River Basin at 3 Hidden Drive. No one appeared on his behalf for the public hearing.

A special permit is always required when building in the Nasketucket River Basin according to the Town's bylaws, regardless of conformity to zoning bylaws. The petitioner already received approval to build within the river basin from the Conservation Commission on 9/30.

"If we vote on this, are we going to be opening up a can of worms where people are just going to file and stop showing up?" said ZBA Associate Member Alberto Silva, just as Vice-Chairperson Francis Cox called for a motion.

Seemingly poised to take a vote on the issue, after having already approved two similar special permits that evening for construction within the river basin, other board members

began concurring with Mr. Silva and voted instead to extend the petition until the next meeting on 11/5.

Also at the meeting, with Black Bear Cranberry Corporation Owner Christian Loranger present for his two requests to build within the Nasketucket River Basin, the board approved the requests at 2 and 4

If we vote on this, are we going to be opening up a can of worms where people are just going to file and stop showing up?

[Alberto Silva]

Antone Street. They are the last two undeveloped lots of a six-property subdivision owned by the company.

Petitioners Anthony and Catherine Zelano of 3 Ellis Place requested in a letter to withdraw their petition without prejudice. The property was

short four feet of the required ten feet for east and west side setbacks. The board accepted the request.

Windward Power Systems, a diesel repair business located at 379 Alden Road, the old Delta Electric building, sent a written request to extend its variance for six months while the company resolves some snags in financing.

Building Commissioner Wayne Fostin said the company was having trouble securing financing for the construction and development of the recently purchased property.

The foundation for the planned new structure had not yet been put in place, a requirement for a variance to remain in effect. The board voted in favor of the extension in a confusing 4-1 vote, because Board Member Joseph Borelli absentmindedly voted against the motion when he meant to vote in favor. Mr. Borelli did not realize what he had done until after the meeting adjourned when the press asked Mr. Borelli to comment on why he voted against it.

"I voted in favor of it," said Mr. Borelli, followed immediately by several board members saying "No you didn't."

Man injured in Walmart plaza robbery

Fairhaven Police Press Release

The Fairhaven Police Department responded to a report of a robbery at Walmart just after 8:30 pm Tuesday evening, 10/1. When officers arrived, a 55-year-old male told them he had been robbed by three males wearing hooded sweatshirts in the alleyway between Walmart and the AAA Travel Agency. The victim reported being robbed of money orders and cash.

The only description the victim could provide of his assailants was that they were Hispanic males wearing hooded sweatshirts.

According to the victim, he was grabbed by one suspect and pulled into the alley where he was assaulted by all three men. The victim suffered several lacerations he stated were

inflicted by his attackers with razor knives.

The victim was transported to St. Luke's Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact Officer Kevin Swain at the Fairhaven Police Department at 508-997-7421.

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Relying on the government to protect your privacy is like asking a peeping Tom to install your window blinds.

John Perry Barlow

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Jay Leno



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Letters from our readers

Historical Society should embrace new members

I have worked in the nonprofit field for several years and developed a solid knowledge of governance of tax exempt organizations and best practices. Unfortunately, the current Fairhaven Historical Society's board of directors does not appear to have much interest in being exemplary of either.

When the President of the organization indicates, as Dr. Barbara Acksen does in the story by Jean Perry, membership matters are handled by another board member and the President has no involvement, I say: Wrong answer. The President of any board of directors is chiefly responsible to hold other members accountable for their activities in support of the organization and should be aware of membership growth to some degree. There should be regular reports available on this, presumably at regular meetings, and while Dr. Acksen might not know all the names of new members she should have had an idea of how many new members the Society has added from month to month.

A good President of any nonprofit board is ready to talk and engage people on becoming members, to tell the Society's story in terms of activities, membership and finances, and in an all-volunteer organization leads the campaigns to make the organization financially healthy.

My research shows that the Society is designated by the IRS as a tax exempt organization in good standing, specifically a public charity although its last filing was in 2009/2010. Failure to file for three consecutive years will mean automatic revocation of the IRS nonprofit designation and any income is subject to tax so the Society needs to be on top of this.

Transparency in its activities and governance is paramount in a public charity. It should be fulfilling a mission that is educational, scientific, religious or charitable and it should be open to the public if it is asking for public support. The idea that the Society is accepting money from people wishing to join yet making no acknowledgement or effort to include those new members and contributors is contrary to the board's duty of care to the public that supports it.

Too often I have observed small

nonprofits in the area behave like exclusive clubs of a small band of individuals which is how many get into difficulties: it is harder to trust a tight-knit, exclusive group and the organization will likely stagnate and fall apart.

Maybe no 'punishment' will be forthcoming for this but the reputation of those who were supposed to care for the organization will be forever associated with its failure.

The way forward for the Fairhaven Historical Society is to embrace the persons who wish to join, who are willing to pay and to contribute meaningfully to the work of the Society, and to invite an open conversation of how the future of the Society and its work can continue and respect differences.

Consider making use of the newly created Legal Center for Nonprofits in New Bedford (<http://www.legalcenterfornonprofits.org/>) for help in nurturing the Society while observing good governance. If persons have asked about the work of the Society and only hear the "sound of crickets" or observe activities that don't appear to promote the town's history, the current board is failing in carrying out the mission of the Society.

Carol Murchie, Fairhaven

My Historical Society History

I'm writing this to clarify some facts about my involvement with the Fairhaven Historical Society over the years and to dispel any notions of a coup or a "personal vendetta" with regard to recent efforts to get the group back on track. I'm doing this because many of the people observing this today, including some of the current officers of the Society, were not even associated with the organization when I first joined.

In the early 1990s, about the same time I was invited by Nancy Perry to become the live-in caretaker at the Coggeshall Memorial House at Poverty Point, I was a board member of the Fairhaven Improvement Association (FIA) and friendly with many of the people who were HS members when the Museum first opened at the Academy.

The late Dr. Martha Cummings was president of the Society then. She, along with Leonard Pierce, Mary Battaini and Dorothea Paull, all of whom have since passed away, asked

me to join the Society and become a director. When Martha Cummings stepped down as president of the Society, Bryan Wood was elected president and I became vice president. This was around 1993 or '94.

At that time, the Museum of Fairhaven History was chock full of artifacts, most of which were on loan from the Colonial Club (CC). Besides regular lectures at the Academy Building, the Society was also co-sponsoring an annual Holiday House Tour with the CC. I did the graphic design for the Holiday House Tour brochures and posters, helped with press releases and assisted where needed on tour days.

Another thing the Society did back then was invite every fifth grade class in Fairhaven into the historical classroom in the Academy. Four of us — Myra Lopes, Dorothea Paull, Leonard Pierce and I — attended a workshop to learn how to act like 19th century school teachers so we could present these programs to the students. Eventually Mrs. Lopes, Miss Paull and Mr. Pierce stopped giving the classroom presentations, so I handled the programs for all the fifth grades myself for a couple of years.

The Museum had only been open a couple of years and the Society was quite vibrant and active. The group took an active role in promoting a Poverty Point Historical District.

When the Town appointed a study committee, I was the chairman of that committee as the Society's representative, and David Despres was vice chairman as the representative of the Historical Commission. We worked almost a year on that attempt. This brings us up to about 1995 or very early 1996.

About that time, Bryan Wood resigned as president of the Society to pursue elected office. I moved up to acting president of the Society. I was also, at this time, helping Natalie Hemingway develop some Fairhaven historical walking tours she was working on for the town's Tourism Committee. At the Society's annual meeting in the spring of 1996 I was elected president. My term would be cut very short, though, and it seems to have been forgotten.

In April 1996, I was hired by the Board of Selectmen to be the Director of Tourism of the Town of Fairhaven. My years of activity in the FIA and the

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Historical Society had certainly added to my job qualifications.

Then, I made a mistake. In order to avoid the perception of any conflict of interest, I resigned as an officer and director of the Fairhaven Historical Society. I felt I could certainly boost the Society and the town's history as Tourism Director, but I did not want anyone thinking that I would use my new Town position for the gain of an organization in which I held an office. I remained a paid member of the Society, but I was no longer an officer or director. The HS board asked Laura "Fannie" Knipe to join and become the president.

Despite all of my earlier involvement with the Fairhaven HS, after the creation of the Office of Tourism my relationship with the officers of the Society has been strained. After more than a decade of bustling activity under presidents Michelle Crotty, Martha Cummings and Bryan Wood, the Society fell into a slump under Fannie Knipe. The fifth grade school programs stopped; the Holiday House Tours were dropped; the number of public lectures and exhibits decreased. At some point the Colonial Club moved most of its collection out of the Academy Building leaving the museum rather barren. The group was buoyed somewhat under the leadership of Ricky Goytizolo and activity increased somewhat. It has subsequently slumped again.

As far back as 13 years ago, I was trying to move the town Visitors Center into the Academy Building. My

intent was threefold: save rent and put the money into the historical Academy, which the Town had to maintain anyway; move the Visitors Center to a higher-traffic location with visibility from Route 6; and increase the synergy between the town museum and the town Visitors Center. All of these years I have honestly thought that a museum and visitors center sharing the same building would benefit both.

I wasn't alone in that thought. Minutes of meetings and press clippings dating to the opening of the museum in 1992 mention that some space in the Academy would be allocated for visitor information. Yet for more than a dozen years, three different presidents of the Society fought against having the tourism office in that building.

So, the Tourism Office has promoted the town's history without the cooperation of the Society —holding walking tours, publishing brochures, displaying photos and artifacts in the visitors center, opening the Old Stone Schoolhouse, creating a program of historical guides at Fort Phoenix that grew into the Fairhaven Village Militia. All of that could have been done with the Historical Society or by the Historical Society working cooperatively with the tourism office. But they have wanted nothing to do with that.

And I don't know why.

I don't understand the mistrust or dislike of the Tourism Department, a town department that was developed by many people who love Fairhaven

and its historical attractions and who want to promote them. I don't know why my rejoining the Society, and my attempt, with several other people, to help recruit even more like-minded members of the community and to bring public awareness to the group's need for new blood is being labeled as "a coup," a "hostile takeover" or a "personal vendetta."

Many of the people who have inspired me, influenced me and/or supported me and my love of Fairhaven history are gone now—Leonard Pierce, Martha Cummings, Mary Battaini, Dorothea Paull, Ken Vining, Mary Morris, Helen Radcliffe, Earl Dias, Genevieve Darden. . . Not too long ago I was about to turn my back on those people from my past. I was ready to say, "To heck with it. It's not worth the bother."

Then I thought of the very first time Leonard Pierce, with his boundless enthusiasm, brought me into the museum at the Academy. Upstairs and downstairs he pointed to things, calling out in his booming voice, "Now what do you think of that, Mr. Richard?"

He was so excited, like a little kid bouncing around in a toy shop. He wanted me to join the Society. He wanted me to help out in the museum.

"Look at that, Mr. Richard. Isn't that something!"

Yes, it is something. And it's worth the bother. I can't give up quite yet.

*Chris Richard, Fairhaven
Mr. Richard is tourism director for the town of Fairhaven*

FinCom & Government Study Comm

FinCom has several full member vacancies

There are vacancies for the position of Finance Committee members in Precincts 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Appointments are made under the town by-laws by the Chairpersons for the several precincts.

The Finance Committee normally meets every Thursday beginning the second or third Thursday in January through the Thursday prior to the Annual Town Meeting held the first Saturday in May. During the months of May and June, the Committee will normally meet two or three times to deal with yearend fiscal matters. During July and August the committee normally meets only for

emergency purposes. Meetings in September through December do occur, however, are usually limited to two or three meetings to discuss procedure and financial information and projections, or for emergency purposes; however, in the event of a fall Special Town Meeting, meetings are held more frequently.

The duties of the Finance Committee are to thoroughly investigate all articles on the warrant for the Annual and Special Town Meetings that call for an appropriation of money for Town purposes and also all articles that in any way may affect the finances of the town and to report its recommendations to Town meeting. Included in these duties is a review of

Need Members

all operation budgets submitted.

The Committee also oversees several reserve funds in the Town and determines whether expenditures are made from the funds, which are to be expended only for extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances.

Any person interested in serving on the Finance Committee who would like more information can feel free to contact the undersigned either by telephone or e-mail. If by telephone and I am unable to speak with you when you call, please leave a voicemail message with your name and return number, and the best time to return your call.

Also, if you do not have the

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Sturtevant surprised by retirement party



Close to 160 people surprised Bruce Sturtevant on Saturday, September 14, at the Knights of Columbus in Mattapoisett to celebrate his retirement after 43 1/2 years with UPS. Congratulations to Bruce. Submitted photo. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

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information for contacting your precinct chair, the same can be provided to you.

*John R. Roderiques, Chair
Fairhaven Finance Committee
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Government Study Committee seeks alternates

On May 4, 2013, Special Town Meeting authorized the establishment of a Town Government Study Committee and directed the Town Moderator to appoint seven citizens to serve as members. In addition to the seven full members, there is room for two alternates. At this time, the Town Moderator is seeking citizens willing to volunteer on the Committee as alternates.

Alternate members have all the responsibilities of a member of the Committee with the exception of voting and constituting a quorum. In the event that a voting member of the Committee resigns or is otherwise no longer able to serve, the Town Moderator will appoint an alternate to replace the voting member.

The Committee's charge is to:
Review all aspects of local govern-

ment organization and structure, including, without limitation, regional relationships and the operation of all Town departments, boards, committees and commissions, elected and appointed, and recommend changes in such organization and structure, consonant with the traditional values of the Town, and designed to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of government services; which recommendations shall be made in form suitable for consideration at the next Annual Town Meeting, or subsequent Town Meeting.

Citizens interested in being considered for appointment to the Town Government Study Committee must submit a letter of interest to the Town Moderator. Letters of interest should include: name and precinct, contact information (telephone, email address and mailing address),

along with an explanation of why you are interested in serving on the Town Government Study Committee, what qualifications you may bring to the Committee and how you are knowledgeable in Town affairs.

Letters of interest should be addressed to Town Moderator Mark Sylvia and submitted as follows:

Via Mail: Town Government Study Committee Attention: Anne Kakley, 40 Center Street Fairhaven, MA 02719

Via Email: msylvia11@comcast.net

Mark D. Sylvia, Town Moderator

Calling all Halloween Yards

Want to share your Halloween expertise with your neighbors? Send pictures of your yard to the *Neighb News* and we'll share them with our readers. Or call us at 508-979-5593 and we'll try to swing by and take a picture. Email: NeighbNews@comcast.net; USPS: 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. **Deadline 10/19.**



Halloween Map

Want to be on the Halloween map? Email Manny Souza, olexfordhaunt@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.communifywalk.com/Hauntedfairhaven

Alien zombies invade Fairhaven on a sunny Sunday morning

By Beth David

Editor

If you saw some mysterious and scary characters around the town beach in Fairhaven on Sunday, it wasn't your imagination. The casting call for extras for the movie *Plaga Zombie: American Invasion* brought all manner of zombies to West Island.

The movie, part of a series of Plaga Zombie movies, is set in New Bedford. The alien zombies invade from the ocean and the government detaches the floating city to contain the infestation. Three heroes emerge to battle the zombies and anchor the city before it smashes head-on into the Azores.

Sai-Con Productions produces films in the horror/slasher genre, and the production team has local roots.

The company hopes to include many people from Greater New Bedford. Most of the shooting will be

in New Bedford.

"I love zombie movies," said Arjenis Marcial-Santiago of New Bedford, who is a film major at Bristol Community College and decided to be an extra in the movie.

He was there with two friends, Daniel Mello and Liam Connor, also of New Bedford.

"I do this out of love for film and horror movies," said Matthew Hill, one of the lead actors who plays a zombie slayer. "If I see money, I see money. I don't care."

Kathleen Hartman of Fairhaven said she called her son immediately when she found out about the call for extras. Scott Hartman goes his two children, Ryan and Kiara, and they enjoyed a special kind of family outing, all dressed up as zombies and jumping into the ocean.

The point was to have fun, said Ms. Hartman, but young Ryan was not necessarily in agreement.

"That was the coldest ocean water I've ever been in," he said.

The casting call asked people to dress up as professionals if they wanted, so Scott Lariviere dressed up as Santa Claus, while his



wife, Kelly dressed as a police officer.

"This is what we do for romance," said Kelly. "This is how we keep the spark alive."

Sai-Con Productions founder and director Garry Medeiros said the crew he got that Sunday was pretty good.

"They had a good attitude," he said. "We kept them in the water and they were all good sports about it."

For more information on the production, find Sai-Con Productions on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SaiConProductions>. To donate to the film, visit www.indiegogo.com/projects/plaga-zombie-american-invasion



TOP RIGHT: Kathleen Hartman (right) with her son Scott and her grandchildren Ryan and Kiara, enjoy a special kind of family outing on Sunday, 9/29, as extras in the zombie movie, *Plaga Zombie: American Invasion*, in filming on West Island. TOP LEFT: Sai-Con Production founder and director Garry Medeiros records Susan Massey's angry face. ABOVE LEFT: Independent film company Sai-Con Productions films alien zombies emerging from the waters of the town beach on West Island in Fairhaven. RIGHT: The zombies look up at the "mother ship" when they reach land in the initial invasion. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.

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