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# YAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH



## Halloween Trail winds through town



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Welcome to the real Halloweentown...yahahahahahaha. ABOVE: Manny Souza is at it again, with his world-famous home haunt on Oxford Street in Fairhaven. We have 10 stops on our Halloween Trail this year. See page 16. *Photo by Beth David. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

It's the most wonderful tiiyyyyyyme....of the year.... with the creepies and crawlies and scary clown costumes and little kid screams...it's the most wonderful time of the year.

Oh, wait...that's Christmas. Oops.

We have a fun issue this week. Our Halloween Trail is all set, but don't let the number fool you. As you drive around to these places, I guarantee you'll see other decorated houses.

Be sure to save this issue for next week's big day, although many of the houses on the list are already decorated. Those that aren't will probably decorate this weekend (that's my plan). Friday of next week, though, is the big day, so that's when all the props will be out, complete with fogs and screams and creepy crawlers slithering out of the fog with screams.

Ohh...I love it.

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association is holding its annual Halloween Horribles parade this Sunday (see page 6). That's a super fun event. Dress up as your scariest creature and you get to walk down Main Street.

Do we know how to celebrate a holiday in this burg, or what?

If you didn't get your house on the trail, be sure to let me know. I might consider publishing a supplement next week.

EJ's is having its big grand opening gig this weekend, you can find the ad somewhere in here...be sure to notice all our advertisers as you thumb through.

We have some meeting coverage for you this week. See page 23 for BPW and page 18 for Planning Board.

Acushnet is having a town meeting on Monday, and the scoop on their articles is on page 24.

Be sure to check out page 19 for an example of true Halloween spirit. The coolest collection of jack-o'-lanterns EVER!

One thing I didn't get around to writing about this week (okay, there were lots of things, but...): Hunting season opened up this week. On Monday, deer season opened for bow hunters. We have a lot of great places to hike around here, and although I mostly have faith that hunters are very careful what they shoot at, it makes life safer for everyone if you wear hunter's orange while in the woods from now until the end of January.

It won't affect the quality of your hike, and it will make it easier for hunters to know you are there.

Okay, time for my weekly wine and popcorn treat.

Until next week then....

See ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Nothing? Really? Phew.

# Fairhaven man saves three from burning car

By Beth David  
Editor

Rui Gouveia does not think of himself as a hero. He doesn't think he's particularly brave. He just thinks he did what needed to be done.

He was driving to work on the evening of Tuesday, 10/7, when a car sped by him just before the big curve on Mendall Road in Acushnet. He quickly thought that the car would not make the turn coming up.

And he was right.

When he got there just seconds later, the car was flipped over and a fire had already started.

"I knew I had to do something," said Mr. Gouveia. he said he started to call 911, but realized that would take too long on his cell phone. The fire was getting bigger and the car might blow up.

He ran to the car, and started pulling people out while neighbors called 911 and other people stopped to help.

What was he thinking?

"My brain was saying, 'you have time, you have time,'" said Mr. Gouveia. "It's amazing."

He pulled out one person through an open window, then another, then was surprised there was a third person.

"I can't explain it. My training kicked in, I'm not going to lie," said Mr Gouveia, who is a corrections officer for the Mass. Department of Corrections system.

He said the word "hero" does not seem fitting, he just acted on instinct, a guy who saved a life.

After he pulled out the third person, the car was fully engulfed in flames.

His boss, Commissioner Carol Higgins O'Brien, sent him a letter, with a hand-written note.

"Please accept my sincerest



Rui Gouveia poses for a picture with a portrait of his son hanging on the wall in the background of his Fairhaven home. Mr. Gouveia is being credited with saving the lives of three people when he pulled them out of a burning car. Photo by Beth David.

commendation for your heroic efforts," she wrote. "Your actions are an indication of your commitment to your community, your profession and to the safety of the public. Thank you."

Acushnet police chief Michael

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# Fairhaven wins bike challenge

By Beth David  
Editor

The town of Fairhaven rode to the front of all the towns in the Southcoast, logging more bicycling miles per capita than any other city or town in the region. Three of the top winners also came from Fairhaven: John Silvia, with 4,446 miles, was top overall in the South Coast and third in the state; Susan Sullivan, with 1,000 miles was top female and top senior female; John Sullivan logged in 3391 miles to be second place male.

The South Coast Bikeway Summer Bike Challenge presented the town with a rather large trophy cup at the Selectboard meeting on Tuesday, 10/21.

Nancy Bonell of SC Bikeway presented the trophy and shared some numbers: across the nation 47,000 riders rode 22,000,000 miles, 480 miles per person; across the state, 529 riders rode 270,000 miles, 510 miles per person; across the South Coast, 32 riders rode a total of 31,585 miles, a whopping 982 miles per person.

The town of Fairhaven, participants rode 13,773 miles.

The town of Acushnet came in second place and Marion came in 3rd.

Other winners from across the South Coast: Kirk Coykendall, Marion, was top male senior; Tony Branco, New Bedford, was third place male; Wendy Henderson, Westport, was second place female; and Margaret Kelly, Fall River, was third place female.

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



LEFT, L-R: Steve Bouley, John Sullivan (back), John Sylvia, Susan Sullivan, Cynthia . Bouley pose with the big trophy presented to Fairhaven on Tuesday, 10/21. Fairhaven participants in the South Coast Bike Challenge propelled the town to become the winner by biking more per capita miles than any other town in South Coast. RIGHT: Steven Reed accepted the award for Acushnet, which came in second. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

## Committee Members Sought

The Town of Fairhaven, Board of Selectmen, are seeking citizens to volunteer to be on the Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP) Update Committee. The purpose of the OSRP Committee will be to work with the Town's Consultant to study and evaluate the Open Space and Recreation needs of the Town. The Committee will work with the Town's

Consultant over the next year so that a final Plan can be submitted to the State on or before September of 2015.

Anyone interested in being appointed should contact William Roth, Planning

Director at [broth@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:broth@fairhaven-ma.gov) or call 508-979-4082, Ext. 9.

### Support the Food Pantry

The Shepherd's Food Pantry at the Long Plain United Methodist Church in Acushnet spends more than \$5,500 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 120 families each week and has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to Shepherd's Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit [www.shepherdspantry.org](http://www.shepherdspantry.org)

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## Truck fire on 195 causes traffic jam



An A.L. Ellis Curtan Company truck caught fire on Route 195 just East of the Mill Road overpass in Fairhaven, backing up traffic for an hour at 4 p.m. on Tues., 10/21. No injuries were reported. The Fairhaven Fire Department reponded and put out the fire. *Photos from the Fairhaven Fire-EMS Facebook page.*

## GOUVEIA: cont'd from page 3

Alves said that Mr. Gouveia was “obviously heroic.”

He also said that the driver, Jacob Swift, 20, of 39 Bridge St., Fairhaven, will be charged with Operating Under the Influence, operating negligently, failure to keep right, and possibly other charges.

Mr. Swift and his female passenger, Jade Winterson, 19, of Fairhaven, were transported to Rhode Island Hospital. Another passenger, Jonathan Gardner, 18, of Fairhaven refused medical attention.

The day after the accident, Mr. Gouveia, 41, said he kept thinking about the “kids,” wondering if they were okay.

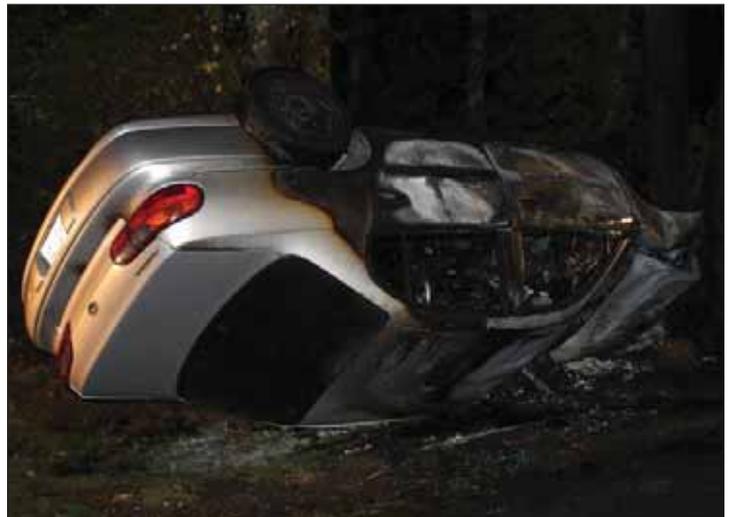
He has since heard from one of the parents, who thanked him.

But Mr. Gouveia, who is married and has a teenaged son, said he does

not want the attention and does not take credit for being a miracle.

“In my opinion, it was a miracle,” said Mr. Gouveia, crediting divine intervention for the save. “They survived. That’s the important thing.”

According to officials, the three occupants of the car will recover from their injuries.



On Tuesday, 10/7, at about 10 p.m. this car missed the turn on Mendall Road in Acushnet and crashed into a tree. While it was burning, Rui Gouveia pulled three people out of the car. *Acushnet Police/EMS photo.*



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birthday!

# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Horribles Parade

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association's annual Halloween Horribles Parade will be held on **Sun., 10/26, at 5:00 p.m., starts at Benoit Square, Main and Adams Streets, Fairhaven.**

An annual event since 1950, the NFIA Halloween Horribles Parade is fun for all. Children and adults in costume walk from Benoit Square north to St. Mary's Church. At the church costumes are judged in different age groups and categories with prizes awarded. Refreshments and candy are provided. **Free.**

## Oyster Restoration

The Fairhaven Marine Resources Committee will discuss a proposed oyster restoration project, proposed for Little Bay, at a meeting at Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., on Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m. Public comments and questions on the project are welcome at the meeting.

Proposed by the Town of Fairhaven Shellfish Department, the Buzzards Bay Coalition, and The Nature Conservancy, the goal of the project is to establish a permanent, self-sustaining oyster population that will improve water quality, provide habitat and enhance the public oyster fishery.

## Essay Contest

*How Has the Library Helped Me?* is the topic that Fairhaven's boys and girls, in grades K-5, are welcome to answer. Cash awards are given in two categories, grades K-2 and grades 3-5. This writing and/or drawing contest, sponsored by the Friends of the Millicent Library, is supported by the Nancy Bunnell Memorial Fund.

Here are the directions: The grades K-2 can tell their reasons with a picture and a sentence underneath the picture.

Those in grades 3-5 can write two or more paragraphs explaining how the Millicent Library has been helpful. Responses can describe whether you have been a volunteer, working with the crafts program or if you borrow CD's/DVD's.

Do you and your family enjoy using the museum passes, funded by the Friends? Have the librarians been especially caring in assisting you? Do you do research on a computer at the

library? Is this a quiet place to do your homework? Do you enjoy story-time, the many wonderful books to look at and read, the activities during the year, the beauty of the library?

The award will be made on Saturday, December 13th, in the Millicent Library. **The deadline for all entries will be on Sat., 11/15.** Bring all entries to the Millicent Library, or mail yours to the Millicent Library, P.O. Box 30, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Please write attention: Friends of the Millicent Library on the envelope.

Include in the envelope: 1. your name, 2. address, 3. telephone number, 4. grade level. Besides the cash awards, everyone will receive a unique prize. Remember: Be creative, be original, be yourself.

## Golden Agers

The Fairhaven Golden Agers Club will hold an open house on **Wed., 10/29 in the Oxford Terrace Community Room, 275 Main St., Fairhaven,** from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Accessible. For 55+. Do come by to see how to spend a pleasant afternoon.

On Open House day, membership is not required to take part in club activities, including: Bingo, 25 cents/card; 10 different games including dogs (\$1/ball) and a chance to win \$5 if you're a dog winner.

Raffle of household items (tickets 4 for \$1), food, refreshments, coffee, cake and door prizes (free).

Call Dot for more information, 508-991-5936.

## Halloween Bake Sale

Halloween Bake Sale on **Thurs., 10/20 at 9:00 a.m. until sold out, at Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center St., Fairhaven.** Lots of baked goodies will be available. Proceeds directly benefit the residents of Our Lady's Haven. For information, call 508-999-4561.

## Boat Safety Course

Need Your Boating Education Certificate? The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65 is proud to offer About Boating Safely. This boat safety course is designed to be an introductory course to meet the boating education needs of recreational boaters.

This course will satisfy state requirements for mandatory boater

education needed to obtain a boat license or safety certification.

Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete About Boating Safely.

About Boating Safely includes a wide variety of information: General information about boats and maintenance; Information on preparing for safe and enjoyable outings; Navigation rules and aids to navigation; Guidelines for operating your boat or Personal Watercraft (PWC); What to do in case of boating emergencies; State-specific laws and regulations you must follow

The course will be held on **Sat., 10/25, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.** at U.S.C.G. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65, 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven. **Cost is for course materials only: \$45.00**

Register online at <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info/publiced.html>

## Riverside Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of Riverside Cemetery trustees will take place on **Sat., 10/25, at 9 a.m.** in the crematory office at 1 River Ave., Fairhaven. The purpose of this meeting is to review the business operations of the corporation and to receive reports from established committees. Lot owners are welcome to attend.

For information, call 508-999-6978.

## Blood Needed

The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to make a point to give blood before the busy holiday season arrives.

Blood donations often decline between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day as people become busy with holiday festivities. Donors are needed in the weeks leading up to the winter holidays to help prevent these seasonal declines.

Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to learn more and make an appointment.

## Food Addicts Anon

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous meets **every Sunday at 6:30 p.m., Atria Fairhaven, 319 Alden Rd., Fairhaven.** Contact: Paula G. 508-674-2128 / Carol X. 508-992-4656. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. <http://www.foodaddicts.org>, 781-932-6300.

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Students 4 Homeless

Students for the Homeless feeds about 155 people at the end of each month. Since we receive no grants that help with the expenses toward meals, your support is needed, with any small donation appreciated.

This year, Congress has cut food stamps by 13%. The average family of four will receive \$36 less in food stamps per month. Food banks and food pantries are not able to make up this difference.

Support us with a donation to Students for the Homeless, 114 Emerson St., New Bedford, MA 027140; 508-997-5423.

## Boo at the Zoo

There's enough thrills and chills for everyone at this year's Boo at the Zoo! Join us for slightly spooky family fun from 6-9 p.m. on **Oct. 24-26 and Thursday, October 30.**

We'll have tricks, treats and friendly Halloween activities in our Mad Scientist Lab. Climb aboard for a spooooooky train ride or take a bewitching carousel ride on our Candy Corn Witch Carousel! Rides are included in the Boo at the Zoo admission. It's slightly scary fun for all ages!

**Boo at the Zoo admission is \$9/adult and \$6/child for zoo members. Non-members: \$14/adult, \$11/child.**

## Connect for Change

The 10th Annual Connecting for Change Conference, presented by the Marion Institute, will be held **Fri., 10/24 to Sat., 10/25, in downtown New Bedford.**

Connecting for Change, one of the East Coast's pre-eminent sustainability and social justice conferences held annually in New Bedford, brings community leaders, concerned citizens, students, educators, scientists and business leaders together to share solutions to the environmental, social and economic challenges that we face today.

This year's conference features over a dozen keynotes and performers, 40+ workshops, tours, family programming, an exhibition hall, music, dance and a vibrant youth initiative.

In order to make the event accessible to a wide audience, Connecting for Change registration is on a sliding scale — attendees pay

what they can afford to pay, with a **\$10 minimum per day.** To register or for more information, please visit [connectingforchange.org](http://connectingforchange.org). **FREE performance on Saturday; see page 26**

### Free Performance

**Performance on Fri., 10/24 at 6:30 p.m., at the Zeiterion Theatre, as a part of the Connecting for Change Conference. Free, open to the public.**

## All Treats, No Tricks

*Halloween Happening for children and families in Downtown New Bedford.* DOWNTOWN NEW BEDFORD INC. presents the Ninth Annual All Treats, No Tricks, Sat., 10/25, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Put on your costume, grab an adult & head to Downtown NB! This is a free event and an opportunity to visit our many merchants for a free treat. Collect goodies from many businesses (visit <http://www.downtownnb.org/all-treats.html> for complete list)

Bristol Community College's NB Campus on Purchase Street will also host a **special costume contest, with prizes in age groups of 0-4, 5-9 and 10-13.** Prizes to be awarded at 2 pm. So make sure to get there as you end your round of visits!

Another reason to come downtown that night, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The New Bedford Whaling Museum will host: **The Haunted Whale Ship.** This is a family-friendly event geared for children 12 and under and their parents. The not-too scary fun includes costume contests by age group, haunted scavenger hunts, arts & crafts activities, refreshments, spooky stories, chance encounters with affable apparitions, and more.

Children are invited to come in their best Halloween costumes, explore the century-old museum in a new (dim) light and meet ghosts from New Bedford's seafaring past. In partnership with members of the New Bedford Preservation Society, notable spirits of Old Dartmouth and New Bedford will once again roam the Whaling Museum galleries and greet visitors with tales of long-ago.

Registration: Thanks to our sponsors: Attorney Scott and Gig Lang, Southcoast Health, Emma Jean's and EJ's Restaurant., **admission is FREE for children 12 and under** and is \$5 for all others with proceeds benefiting the Whaling

Museum's educational programming.

Call 508-997-0046 ext. 100, for more info. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets will be available at the door but advance reservations are recommended at [store.whalingmuseum.org](http://store.whalingmuseum.org) or 508-997-0046 ext. 100. Visit [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org).

## Car Seat Check

Southcoast® Health will host a free **Car Seat Safety Check event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sat., 10/25 at St. Luke's Hospital** in the parking lot on the corner of Hawthorn and Page Streets. Certified child passenger safety technicians from St. Luke's and the Westport Fire Department will teach attendees how to properly install car seats in their vehicle and provide education on child passenger safety belt use.

The public is invited to have their child's car seat checked at no cost. Registration is recommended, but walk-ups are welcome. To register, please call the Southcoast Wellness Line at 1-800-497-1727.

## Negotiating Wkshp

"Know your Adversary: The New Negotiating Playbook," A Workshop will be held on Tues., 10/28 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at New Bedford Area Chamber, 794 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. \$10 for Chamber Members; \$15 for Non Members. Visit <http://newbedfordchamber.com/> to register.

Are you a business owner, manager, or sales professional who faces frequent negotiations? Then this is the workshop for you! Hear from presenter Alan Wheelock. The content of Alan's presentation has proven useful to anyone who is negotiating contracts, buying or selling products and services, running a small business, or simply negotiating with bosses or family members.

## New Bedford App

The City of New Bedford Office of Tourism & Marketing has launched the City's first app designed to enhance the visitor experience and offers the opportunity to explore New Bedford with the touch of their phone. The new app is available in both Apple and Android platforms as well as for tablet users.

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Singles Dance

Sociable Singles presents Haunted Halloween on **Fri., 10/31, at Reservation Golf Club, 10 Reservation Road, Mattapoisett, MA, from 7:30-11:30 p.m.** Dancing to the DJ Music on Wheels. Light refreshments, cash bar, raffles and door prizes. Cost: \$12; members \$10. Costumes encouraged! Couples and singles welcome.

For more info, call 877-387-8039 or visit [www.sociablesingles.org](http://www.sociablesingles.org)

## Psychic Fair

On **Sun., 10/26, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.** the Acushnet Police Association will host their 7th Annual Psychic Fair Fundraiser at the Senior Center building, 59 1/2 South Main St., Acushnet. Mediums, psychics, aura photography and card readers will be available by appointment or for walk-ins.

For those looking to do a little shopping, vendors will be offering handmade jewelry, gift baskets, crystals and more. Party of Gold will also be on hand offering top dollar for your unwanted gold and silver.

For more information or to book and appointment please call the Senior Center at 508-998-0280.

## VFW Breakfast

All you can eat: **VFW Post 6643, 89 Middleboro Road, E. Freetown, breakfast, Sunday, Oct. 26, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. \$6/person.** Cooked to order.

Tickets at door. Walk-ins welcome. Accessible. For info, 774-328-6937.

## Free Movie

*Belle* (PG, 104 minutes) is being shown at the Mattapoisett Senior Center, Center School, **17 Barstow St., on Tues., 10/28 at 12 noon.** Sponsored by the Friends of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (formally known as the Friends of the Elderly), the movie is free.

*Belle* is a period piece based on the true story of a mixed-race woman raised in 18th century London by an aristocratic family. She becomes a wealthy heiress and a social outcast an outspoken advocate of British abolitionism because of racial tension at the time. The film works as both an intimate character piece and as a broader glimpse into socio-economic conflicts regarding

tolerance and perception.

You get two pizza slices for only **\$2.00 prepaid. Pay for your pizza at the Senior Center by Monday, October 27.** Please call the Council on Aging, 508-758-4110, to reserve your seat; then we'll know how many chairs are needed.

## No Number License Plates mtg

MassDOT Registrar of Motor Vehicles Celia J. Blue, in her capacity as chair of the EZ-ID Task Force, announced the group will hold a public meeting to gather public feedback as it prepares to submit its report to the legislature at the end of the year. The Task Force is legislatively charged with analyzing the feasibility of utilizing non-alphanumeric symbols on license plates and as part of the RMV's motor vehicle registration system.

The EZ-ID Task Force will hold its **public meeting on Tues., 10/28, from 6-8 p.m. at the offices of the Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission, 2 Washington Square, 2nd Floor, Worcester, MA 01604.** The meeting will include a presentation on the overview and purpose of the Task Force and a public comment period.

Public comments may also be submitted **in writing by Nov. 20**, by email to [Nicole.Spriggs@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:Nicole.Spriggs@dot.state.ma.us) or by mail to EZ-ID Task Force, 10 Park Plaza, Suite 6620, Boston, MA 02116.

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities and those with limited English proficiency. To request accessibility accommodations and/or language services please contact Nicole Spriggs by Friday, 10/24, at [nicole.spriggs@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:nicole.spriggs@dot.state.ma.us) or 857-368-7950.

## Dinner-Dance FR

UnMask Cancer presented by Mandarin Oriental, Boston, will be held Thursday, Oct. 30 at District Hall, 75 Northern Avenue in Boston. This inaugural "UnGala" to benefit Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund will feature live music, acrobatic performances, food stations, a hosted bar, and more. Attire is creative casual; masks are encouraged. **Tickets are \$250 for**

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## Cabaret

Fairhaven's Tim Evans will serve as Music Director for a special fundraising benefit event for Upstage Lung Cancer (ULC), a volunteer-driven, non-profit, charitable organization comprising lung cancer survivors, committed health care professionals, performing artists, and friends and families dedicated to improving the survival of individuals with lung cancer. The one-night-only cabaret concert, *Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime: The Music of Dean Martin and the Rat Pack*, is presented on **Tues., 10/28, 7:30 pm at The Lyric Stage, 140 Clarendon Street, Boston.** A reception and silent auction immediately follow.

Evans is a full-time faculty member at Emmanuel College in Boston where he teaches piano and voice and serves as the music director for musical theater productions.

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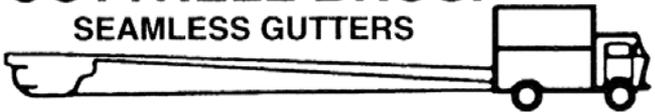
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Heat the oil in a 10-inch skillet over medium high heat; add the chicken and cook until well browned on all sides.

Remove chicken from skillet and pour out fat.

Stir the broth, garlic powder, hot pepper sauce, green pepper, tomatoes and rice in skillet and heat to a boil.

Return the chicken to the skillet; reduce heat to low.

Cover and cook for 30 minutes or until chicken is cooked through.

*By Ilda Santos*

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TOP LEFT: Cadence Chase, of the Junior Pee Wee division Fairhaven Youth Football team, sprints through the hole to pick up the first down against ORR in Fairhaven's 12-6 overtime win on Saturday, 10/19, at Livesey Park. TOP RIGHT: Cam Lynch, of the Junior Pee Wee division Fairhaven Youth Football team, runs in for the game winning touchdown in overtime against ORR. LEFT: Cadence Chase, of the Junior Pee Wee division Fairhaven Youth Football team, picks up a few extra yards with some ORR defenders on his back. Photos by Ryan Feeny



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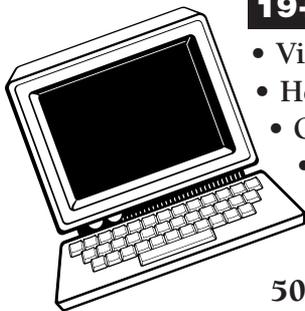
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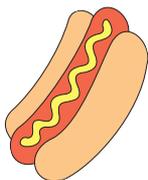
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**For the month of October only the seniors will meet the 5th Wednesday: Oct. 29, from 5-7 p.m.**

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Mary Bess from SHINE will be at the Fairhaven Senior Center on Tues., Nov. 4, at 10 a.m. to explain the process during open enrollment for medicare. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up for this important presentation.

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# Planning board approves medical building

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Planning Board at its 10/14 meeting, approved the special permit for Richard Barnes at 214 Huttleston Avenue to construct a medical building for a Fresenius dialysis center. The plan requires special permit.

The board also discussed the progress of the update to the town's Master Plan and the possibility of creating a new bylaw that would require a special permit for auto dealers, essentially shifting responsibility for licensing auto dealers from the selectboard to the planning board.

The board included 19 conditions in its approval of the medical building. The hearing was continued from 9/23 for the developer to make some changes to the plan.

John Keegan of Sitec told the board that changes for stormwater runoff included increasing the capacity of the retention pond. The pond will not be higher or deeper, but will be reconfigured to hold more water.

The new plans also include a change in the filtration system, including rip-rap. Some of the changes were suggested or required by the Conservation Commission.

The site, behind Walgreen's and Frontera Restaurant will be accessed by Narragansett Boulevard.

The board also discussed a condition that requires the designated employee parking spaces have signs.

Board member Jeffrey Lucas said he did not see why it was necessary to require signs, since the board usually just required an area for employees, but not signage.

Since the applicant did not object

to the condition, the board voted to keep it as a requirement.

The board also discussed complaints by the neighbors that the school bus has been backing in from Walgreen's to turn around, causing traffic problems.

Town Planner and Economic Development Director Bill Roth will contact the school department about that problem.

Paula Gillette, an abutter to the property, told the board that her concerns had been addressed with the increased capacity of the retention pond.

The board approved the special

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If you don't like the rules,  
change the rules. I do not  
like the rules. [Bill Roth]

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permit with the 19 conditions, including the employee parking provision.

The board also discussed progress on the Master Plan. The town's Master Plan was last updated in 1996, and is way overdue for an update.

As part of the master plan, the town needs to create an open space plan. That, too, is ready to be updated. The state certifies open space plans every 10 years and Fairhaven's is due to expire next September. Mr. Roth received approval from the Selectboard to create an advisory committee to work on the open space plan. Two citizens at large are still being sought for that committee.

The town will work with a consultant from SRPEDD (Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District) to update the master plan.

As part of that discussion, the board talked about the configuration of the corner at David Drown Boulevard and Sconticut Neck Road, where the bike path crosses.

Board member Rene Fleurent, an avid bicyclist said he was "adamant" about the subject because the issue is important to him.

Children from the Wood Elementary School have been using the bike path to commute to school from the center in what is called a "bike bus." When they reach Sconticut Neck Road, they are forced to either use the sidewalk or ride directly on a rather dangerous road with cars.

Board chairperson Wayne Hayward said it was just a matter of time before a student got hurt.

The master plan will study all parts of town, including open space and buildout possibilities. It will review zoning and make recommendations for changes.

Mr. Roth said he felt the town should definitely change zoning to limit certain kinds of industrial uses too close to residential areas. He brought up the problems that neighbors are having with Fairhaven Shipyard. Mr. Hayward slowed him down a bit.

"We're still in gathering mode," said Mr. Hayward.

Mr. Roth also asked the board to consider requesting a bylaws change to require used car dealers to get a special permit, effectively moving the

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# Beware the boos and ghouls in Winsegansett Heights



The boys and girls of the Winsegansett Heights neighborhood in Fairhaven pose with their creative jack-o'-lanterns on Saturday, 10/18. Jessica and John Amarello started the tradition with just a handful of children. It has since grown to completely fill the porch stairs and pits children against their adults in carving the most creative pumpkins (see close-up samples at right). The participating horde now includes friends, family and neighbors who get together for an evening of food, fun and carving at the Amarello house. They do it because, "The kids have a blast," said Ms. Amarello. "And the adults get to hang out, too. It's that simple." *Photos by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com) See more close-ups of the creative pumpkins at [www.Facebook.com/NeghbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeghbNews)*



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# FHA celebrates new roadways, walkways

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Housing Authority cut the ribbon to celebrate newly paved roads and walkways at McGann Terrace on Tuesday, 10/21. The approximately \$270,000 project was mostly funded by the state and included re-paving all the walkways and roads within the complex, all but one of the parking lots, new curbing, and an additional speed bump.

The project was paid for with a grant of \$267,350 from the state's Department of Housing and Community Development, plus \$50,000 in FHA operating funds.

The project included installing metal railings along the walkway to the Stanley A. Wojcik community building and additional cut curbs, providing for more wheelchair access.

The complex is home to seniors and disabled adults who meet income requirements.

Century Paving of Fall River was low bidder on the contract and FHA Executive Director Krisanne Sheedy said they worked quickly and were great with the senior population of the complex.

"The tenants loved them," she said, after, of course, they got over the "horror" of not being able to park in the lots for a couple of days.

"They were very cooperative," she added.



Fairhaven Housing Authority members and state Rep. William Straus cut the ribbon to commemorate new pavement, cut curbs and a railing at the Community Building in the McGann Terrace complex, on Tuesday, 10/21. L-R: FHA board member Jean Rousseau, FHA Executive Director Krisanne Sheedy, FHA board chair Jay Simmons, state Rep. William Straus, FHA board members Elaine Rocha and Anne Silveira. *Beth David photo*

Rep. William Straus attended the event and said that Fairhaven's Housing Authority board was active and involved, so they were able to identify "capital needs."

"The Fairhaven Board is a perfect example of that with a diverse and active board and staff," he said. "These are improvements that will benefit tenants for many years."

One resident said the speed bumps

were too high, but, even the board members agreed that no one likes speed bumps.

However, they were necessary, said Ms. Sheedy, because after the roads were paved, people started driving faster.

Four of the five FHA board members attended. State Senator Mark Montigny was invited to attend, but had a conflict, according to his office.

## Bike path has fix-it station for repairs



Along the bike path in Fairhaven, behind the Department of Public Works building, riders will see a new addition: A Bike Fix-it station has been installed thanks to the United Way of Greater New Bedford Community building mini grants program. The Fix-it station has tools attached, as well as a pump for anyone to use as they need. LEFT: The Fix it station installed along the bike path near the DPW building in Fairhaven. It is one of two that were purchased with money from the grant. The other Fix it station will be installed at Livesey Park in the Spring when the Skate/Bike Park is renovated. TOP RIGHT: The stations provide people with all the tools they need, attached to cables, to fix a problem with their bikes as they ride along the path. BOTTOM RIGHT: There is also a "mobi tag," which allows people to use their cell phones to get directions on how to use the Fix-it station. *Left photo courtesy of Manny Souza. Right photos courtesy of Ann Richard. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*



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## Public Hearings/Legal Notices

### Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 5, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

#### CONTINUED HEARING

1. **Petitioner: Paul Downey, Mill Bridge Holdings, LLC**, RE: 200 Mill Road, Plat 36, Lot 11A; Book 7155 and Page 238; 198-27 C-4; Short 10' of the required 50' landscape setback Mill Road, and short 50' of the required 50' landscape setback north side.

#### NEW HEARINGS

- Petitioner: Michael J. Ristuccia**, RE: 52 Cedar Street, Plat 4, Lot 8, 77A; Book 10341 and Page 205; 198-18: Short 45' of the required 100' frontage, short 8,978 sq ft of the required 15,000 sq ft, all in a RA District.
- Petitioner: Jacob Fleurent**, RE: 7 Jeannette Street, Plat 34A, Lot 62A, 62D; Book 1142 and Page 360; 198-16: Livestock raising under 5 acres requires a Special Permit; 198-23 Home Occupation as a contractor requires a Special Permit, all in a RA District.
- Petitioner: Jose L. Garcia**, RE: 2 Jenny Street, Plat 31A, Lot 440; Book 9786 and Page 284; 198-16: Livestock raising under 5 acres requires a Special Permit in a RA District.
- Petitioner: Thomas & Debra Lambalot**, RE: 30 Fishermans Road, Plat 43A, Lot 303, 304, 305, Certificate #17934 and 18335; 198-18: Short 20' of the required 30' front setback on Fir Street, short 13' of the required 30' front setback on Fishermans Road, all in a RR District.
- Petitioner: Michael E & Sheryl A Coppa**, RE: 24 Point Street, Plat 28B, Lot 203; Book 10228 and Page 228; 198-18: Short 9' on north side and 10' on south side of the required 20' side setback and 1% over the maximum allowed lot coverage of 15%, all in a RR District.

*Peter DeTerra, Chairman*

### Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on November 10, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40

as amended.

- Amend Order of Conditions SE 23 -1062 Rivard Street Plot 37A Lot 27D Purpose proposed changes to house footprint, driveway, retaining walls and grading all within 100' buffer zone to BVW.
- Request for Determination Applicant Dean Scott Agius Location 55 Bayview Ave Plot 28A Lot 464 Purpose remove trees and grass from lot and replace with crushed shells, within a VE flood zone  
*Jay Simmons Chairman,  
Fairhaven Conservation Commission*

### TIDE TABLE

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

	Oct. 2014	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	23	0805	2026	0100	1335
Friday	24	0844	2107	0136	1415
Saturday	25	0926	2150	0218	1459*
Sunday	26	1010	2236	0304*	1543*
Monday	27	1057	2325	0350*	1627*
Tuesday	28	1148	----	0436*	1711*
Wednesday	29	0020	1246	0524	1803
Thursday	30	0121	1347	0622	1909
Friday	31	0221	1446	0739	2023

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## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

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

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/3, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Capital Planning Comm.

Tues., 11/4, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### Community Preserv. Comm.

Thurs., 11/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 11/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Cultural Council

Mon., 11/3, Nemasket Bldg., 6 p.m.

### Finance Committee

Thurs., 10/30, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 11/6, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Government Study Comm

Thurs., 10/30, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Marine Resources Comm.

Thurs., 10/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Oyster Restoration Plan

### Personnel Board

Thurs., 10/16, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 10/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 10/22, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 11/3, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### TOWN MEETING

Tues., 12/9, Hastings Middle School

Deadline for articles: 10/24, 4 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Community Preserv. Comm & Historical Commission

Sat., 10/25, Perry Hill Church, 10 a.m.

### Planning Board

Thurs., 10/23, Parting Ways, 7 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 10/27, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Tax Classification Hearing

### TOWN MEETING

Mon., 10/27, Ford Middle Sch., 7 p.m.

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*Les Brown*

The impossible is often  
the untried.

*Jim Goodwin*



# HMEO position still open; BPW exempts stone wall; okays bench

By Kylie Schuster

## Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Board of Public Works held a meeting on 10/20 to discuss a wall on town property and a driveway built without a permit.

Antonio Dacunha appeared before the board to discuss the stone wall and driveway he recently constructed at his property at 8 Windward Way.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Vincent Furtado explained that the wall extends three feet beyond Mr. Dacunha's property into the sidewalk, and the brick driveway work was done without a permit.

Board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson stated that there is a \$300 dollar fine for anyone who does not get the proper permit to build a driveway.

The concern of the driveway being more elevated than the street was raised by several board members.

Mr. Hobson also said that the brick driveway will crack when the plow goes over it. He suggested that Mr. Dacunha make a concrete or asphalt apron to connect the driveway and the street.

"It would be best to meet with [highway superintendent] John Charbonneau and a contractor to fix the elevation problem," said Mr. Furtado.

BPW Chairperson Michael Ristuccia brought the conversation back to the issue of the wall by stating that the wall is beautiful, and that, "it's hard to tell where your property starts and ends unless you really research it."

Mr. Ristuccia said that since the wall is already constructed and is not in the way of the town, then Mr. Dacunha should get to keep the wall.

Mr. Hobson agreed and motioned to "give the stone wall a pass, have him talk to Mr. Charbonneau about the driveway, and make him pay the fine."

The board approved the motion.

The board also approved a request to put in a memorial bench in town. The location will be on the bike path or at Hoppy's Landing. Mr. Hobson stated that he thought it was a good idea to put the bench at Hoppy's Landing because, "the Fort is getting benched out."

Mr. Ristuccia agreed and the board approved the bench as long as it would not be in the way of the normal flow of activity. The request has been sent to the Selectboard for their approval.

The board also approved a measure requiring "flowable fill" to be used on roads when pipe work is done starting in January. Flowable fill goes on top of pipes, below the asphalt, and helps to prevent settling and, therefore, cracking after repairs are done.

Board members explained that flowable fill is a cost effective, reliable material that will last.

While discussing the draft of the sewer ordinance, the topic of grease traps came up with interest of almost every board member. Mr. Ristuccia suggested that the sewer ordinance contain some type of punishment for any business that allows too much grease into town pipes. The board decided that if the pipes are clogged, then the business has 60-90 days to fix the problem, or an outdoor grease trap will have to be installed.

The board has been working to revise the sewer ordinance, which is still in draft form. The board will continue to discuss changes to the outdated plan and will vote on it at a future meeting. It does not require a Town Meeting vote.

In another matter, Mr. Hobson noted that the board re-advertised the HMEO job position. Mr. Vincent explained that the job is available again, and that the board has already received applications. Mr. Hobson

stated that the BPW is the only department that hires on TV\* and that, "it's not fair for the applicants because they might have other jobs and it could cause bad situations with their current boss."

Board member Brian Wotton agreed, stating that, "putting names in the newspaper and on TV could deter people from applying," and that he did not think the first person took the job because his name was everywhere.

The board also discussed how they could implement water saving techniques throughout the town to comply with the state's Water Management Act. Changes to the act have not been finalized yet, so the water department is still unclear on what needs to be done.

Mr. Furtado also updated the board on the new three-tiered water rates. He said that with the changes, a lot of residents will be saving money.

People who use less than the minimum will see a drop in rates. Notices will go out with the next water bills.

The board also discussed the issue of cloudy water on Sconticut Neck while the DPW is flushing hydrants. Mr. Furtado stated that the residents will be informed of any scheduled flushing that might cause dirty water in their houses, but "it is hard to inform residents when the hydrants are flushed last minute."

*\*Editor's Note: Finalists for nearly all full-time town positions, including town hall personnel, police officers and department managers, are required to be interviewed and hired in an open-session meeting as required by the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law (M.G.L. c. 30A, section 18-25). According to the law, only screenings may be done in executive session and the screening committee must contain fewer than a quorum of the hiring board.*

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## Fairhaven first responders are ready for Ebola virus

Press Release

First Responders in the Town of Fairhaven will be donning additional protective gear when responding to certain calls for service with the ambulance. The CDC is predicting a busy flu season this year, and some of the signs and symptoms of flu present themselves in a similar manner to that of Ebola.

The purpose of this message is not

to alarm the public in any way, but rather to inform them that Fairhaven public safety personnel will be exercising an abundance of caution in an effort to assist in the containment of the recent Ebola outbreak.

If members of the public happen to see first responders putting on added protection, the measures are strictly precautionary. The Fairhaven Board of Health is strongly encouraging

members of the public to receive a flu shot. If anyone has any questions about the flu shot or the Ebola situation, they can call Fairhaven Board of Health Agent Pat Fowle at 508-979-4022, Ext. 125 or they can call 508-994-1428, Ext. 4 and speak with Fairhaven Fire Department Lieutenant Todd Correia, who has spearheaded the effort.

# Acushnet Town Meeting facing 23 articles

By Beth David

Editor

Voters will face 23 articles at the Acushnet Special Town Meeting this Monday, 10/27, at Ford Middle School. In addition to the usual financial housekeeping articles (adjusting salary line items, for example), TM will be asked to vote on: paying for three new full-time police officers; expenditures from the sewer fund; virtual town hall; union contracts; some zoning changes; and a pollinator garden.

Article 4 asks TM to adjust the amount being borrowed for the police station project, reducing the amount by about \$140,000. The town received the savings due to its upgraded bond rating. The article does not ask for increased funds, stressed Town Administrator Alan Coutinho. It adjusts the amount being borrowed down.

"The key is that we are reducing the amount of borrowing without increasing the spending," said Mr. Coutinho.

Article 5 asks for \$9,500 to revamp the town's website, using "Virtual Town Hall." The new website will allow for increased functionality, especially on mobile devices.

The figure includes a one-time charge of \$7,500 for design, content and training; and a \$2,000 annual charge for hosting, support and maintenance.

Article 10 asks for \$2,650 in matching funds to install vehicle exhaust systems at Fire Stations 1 and 3. The \$50,350 project requires a 5% match to receive the Federal grant.

Article 11 asks for \$93,852, to cover salary and other costs, including the

police academy, associated with hiring three full-time police officers.

The police department is also asking for \$36,656 to purchase a police cruiser.

The Golf Committee is asking for \$130,000 in article 13 to replace and upgrade the golf course's pump system and irrigation controllers.

The money will be borrowed and paid back with money from the golf enterprise fund.

Zoning articles include #16, which would extend the boundary of the Business Village district to include

pollinator garden at the golf course. The area would benefit bees, butterflies and other pollinators.

Pollinators, and especially bees, have been in the news lately for suffering catastrophic losses due to mysterious hive "collapses" throughout the world. Crops, including food crops, cannot produce without pollinators.

"It's part of our rural character," said Mr. Coutinho.

CPA funds are also being requested to rehabilitate the historic Acushnet Grange #285. The \$15,000 would be used to replace three doors, repair and repaint the porch and install a handicap accessible ramp. The town holds an historic preservation restriction on the property.

The Town Clerk is seeking \$2,195 for a new photocopier in Article 21.

The Town Clerk is also asking for \$10,900 in Article 22 to update the town's bylaws publications.

TM will also be asked, in Article 8, to allow the Selectboard to enter into an

agreement that would include Acushnet residents in an effort to aggregate electric services with surrounding communities. The effort is being spearheaded by the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD).

Article 15, submitted by the Historical Commission, asks for \$500 to repair historical signs.

Finance Committee recommendations will be made from the floor at town meeting on all articles.

*A copy of the warrant is available on our website: [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*

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**In Article 19, the CPC is also asking to use \$2,000 in CPA funds to start a pollinator garden at the golf course. The area would benefit bees, butterflies and other pollinators.**

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the land within 300 feet of the western line of So. Main Street from Lawson Ave. to the Fairhaven line.

The BV was created at the town meeting in May, 2014.

Article 17 would create a new Industrial District off of South Main Street.

The Community Preservation Committee is asking for \$3,000 in Community Preservation Act funds to install previously purchased windows at the Fire and EMS Historic Station 2 on North Main Street.

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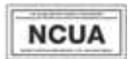


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# Community Foundation awards \$102,500 throughout region

*Press Release*

The Community Foundation of SE Mass. (CFSEMA) recently awarded \$102,500 in workforce development and early literacy grants with funding from the Polaroid Fund, the Acushnet Foundation Early Literacy Consortium, and the Steere Fund.

This is the Community Foundation's 8th year of managing the New Bedford Area grants program of the Polaroid Fund under contract with the Boston Foundation. The Polaroid Fund distributes up to \$100,000 each year to support organizations or collaboratives that focus on workforce development and early literacy.

"These grants are part of our ongoing strategy to fund programs that are working to increase the region's historically low levels of educational attainment," said CFSEMA President Craig J. Dutra.

This year, nine local organizations received a total of \$80,500 in grants from the Polaroid Fund for a nine-month period (April through December) to support workforce development programs, with an emphasis on advocacy and capacity building, as well as English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Adult Basic Education (ABE), and General Education Development (GED) classes. They are:

- Catholic Social Services, \$5,000 in

renewed funding for Future Education and Adult Learning, a program that provides ESL, GED and citizenship classes for Spanish and Portuguese speakers.

- City of New Bedford Dept. of Community Services, \$4,000 in renewed funding to provide transportation and child care services for Shining Lights/ESOL: Civic Literacy/ESOL Project, as well as off-site education programs at sites such as the public library and City Hall.
- Community Economic Development Center, \$13,000 in renewed funding for ESOL, Literacy and Advocacy Project, an ESOL volunteer tutor program.
- Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School/Adult ESOL Program, \$5,000 in renewed support for ESOL services to non-English speaking parents of GNB Voc-Tech students, as well as workforce development and educational engagement.
- Immigrants Assistance Center, \$12,500 in renewed support for the ESOL Capacity Building and Advocacy Project, which offers ESOL classes with citizenship preparation.
- The Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, \$12,500 for New Bedford Clemente Course for the Humanities, a nine-month program of introductory college level instruc-

tion in the humanities for socioeconomically disadvantaged adults.

- Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. James Parish ESOL Program, \$8,500 to provide ESOL and computer classes for low-income immigrants to New Bedford to help them find meaningful employment.
- United Interfaith Action, \$7,500 to support Economic Dignity for New Bedford Families, which will provide job training for newly arrived, hard-to-reach immigrants in Greater New Bedford to support their engagement with local congregations and the community at large.
- Women's Fund of Southeastern Mass., \$12,500 for the LifeWork Project, a collaborative, evidence-based program to enhance the career opportunities and fiscal management skills of economically challenged women in Greater New Bedford.

An additional \$22,000 — \$12,000 from the Acushnet Foundation's Early Literacy Consortium, \$7,500 from Polaroid, and \$2,500 from the Steere Fund — is supporting family literacy programs that integrate early literacy programming for children from birth to three years old with ABE/ESOL and parenting courses.

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licensing responsibility from the Selectboard to the Planning Board.

"I've just been very frustrated with the amount of information auto dealers get approved in," said Mr. Roth.

He said the plans are hand-drawn and do not take into consideration all the things the Planning Board requires.

"If you don't like the rules, change the rules," said Mr. Roth. "I do not like the rules. I hope you do not like the rules. Let's change the rules."

Mr. Hayward said he wanted to make sure the Selectboard would be agreeable to the change before pursuing it.

Mr. Lucas chimed in, saying that it was "disappointing," to see how existing auto dealers are allowed to configure their lots. He said the board works hard make sure projects they approve will have an attractive look and then auto dealers are not held to the same standard.

Board member Kaisa Cripps made several complaints about the new restaurant and deli EJ's, across the parking lot from Emma Jean's.

The board approved the plans with conditions and Ms. Cripps said that the conditions were not met. She questioned how the business was allowed to open.

Mr. Cripps said the plans called for three trees in front that have not been planted. She also said that the house that abuts the property and is owned by the same people who own the restaurant, has blocked off two parking spaces with orange cones.

The plans were held up for some time as the board and developer Cathy Melanson haggled over the number of parking spaces. Emma Jeans and EJ's share an easement to create the required number of parking spaces and the Ms. Cripps reminded the board that the house is supposed to have its own driveway.

Mr. Hayward and several other board members said it was not

unusual for businesses to open before some of the details of a plan were not finished.

Ms. Cripps, however, wanted to impose the \$300/day fine on the business until they complied. She insisted that eight weeks was too long for the board to wait.

Some board members said eight weeks was not long for a project of that magnitude, but Ms. Cripps insisted.

"I know some people think eight weeks is long," said board member Gary Staffon. "It's not long."

He agreed that blocking off parking spots was a problem, but that he would like to give the owners a chance to figure it out.

The board will ask Ms. Melanson to attend a meeting.

In other business, the board appointed member John Farrell to be the board's representative on the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee, member Ms. Cripps will serve as alternate.

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