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Fairhaven honors veterans



The "big flag" flutters in the wind as a 1943 North American SNJ-5 flies over Fairhaven High School during the Veterans Day ceremony on 11/11. Fairhaven's annual parade started at Benoit Square in North Fairhaven and marched to the high school for a reading of the Gettysburg Address on its 150th anniversary, and remarks by James Leal, who served on "Pork Chop Hill" in Korea, which ended 60 years ago this summer. See page 12 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.



Beth David, Publisher

It's getting cold out there! We're supposed to have a bit of a warm-up, but I don't think it'll last. The calendar has turned us squarely towards winter. We even had our first snowfall (no one asked me if I was ready for it). It was very pretty out there, and the snow didn't last. Perfect, really. Looked nice, no mess, no fuss.

We have some good stuff in there this week, but first, let me tell you all about some great stuff coming up.

First, the Fairhaven High School Theatre Company is performing "Arsenic and Old Lace" this weekend. What fun! I have never been disappointed in a play at our high school. We have very talented teenagers in this burg, and they are hardworking and do a great job. See page 6 for details on when and where to get tickets.

The Christmas Bazaars and holiday fairs are starting to happen, too. If you like Lebanese food, then you want to make sure you get to the Lebanese Christmas bazaar. See page 7 for details.

We have a story about the flood maps being changed and the crazy flood insurance premiums being slapped on people in coastal towns. Fairhaven is going to get slammed on this one, folks. There are lots of efforts to stop the maps from being adopted. This week's story on page 18 is only the first article about what will prove to be, I'm afraid, an ongoing battle against the federal government's insistence on destroying the average person's ability to live anywhere at all near the water. If these bozos get their way only really rich people will be able to afford to live in the places we love; people like....well....gee...um...people like *them*, the lawmakers....hmmm.

The Planning Board is still talking pot. See page 4 for that. There's a public hearing coming up about it soon, so if you want to be heard, you'll have your chance.

The proposed marijuana dispensary for Fairhaven is off Alden Road. It just kind of slipped my mind that Planning Board member Peter Nopper has his business right about in that spot. It's a little unclear if there is a bona fide violation of the ethics laws, since Mr. Nopper never said anything about it and never recused himself from the discussions or the votes. It could be that there is no violation here. But, why on earth, does a sitting board member not even mention that he is an abutter and that he had a private meeting with the people proposing the business?

There is nothing wrong with a board member meeting with a potential business entity, on the contrary, it should be encouraged. And obviously, in a small town, there are inevitable connections that can be suspect.

The point is to tell people these things. If you receive a postcard as an abutter on a proposal by an entity that appears in front of the board you sit on, you just might want to mention it....out loud...in the meeting, so it makes it into the minutes and onto TV and so the reporters can write about it, and not just mention it in a private conversation with the chairperson.

Why is this stuff so hard for people to comprehend? Just TELL the voters. They have a right to know. It's a pretty simple concept.

Joyce Howland's memorial service was this week. I also crashed an event held by the singles group she co-founded. Oh, I could go on and on about this woman. She knew how to have fun, and she knew how to take her friends along for the ride, too. The world is a little bit duller, a little bit sadder, a little bit less bright because she was taken so suddenly and so violently from us. I think I would've liked her.

Our series on other Fairhaven murders has a skip-week this week. Sorry, I just couldn't get to it. Do you have any idea how long it takes to sort through old microfilm? I'll try for next week. Until then...see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story on seining in last week's issue, we made an error. Zachary Hahn is attends Bristol Community College. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

200+ attend Joyce Howland's memorial service

By Beth David
Editor

More than 200 people gathered at the First Congregational Church in Fairhaven on Saturday, 11/9, to celebrate Joyce Howland's life, a life cut short by a violent crime in her home. Ms. Howland, 69, a retired elementary school teacher in the Fairhaven school system, was found on the floor of her bedroom by a friend after Joyce had failed to attend an event the night before.

A high-energy, fun-loving, detail-oriented organizer, Ms. Howland was remembered as the life of the party, and the least likely person to cross paths with a drug-crazed murderer.

Joshua Silva of New Bedford, an admitted heroin addict, has been charged in Ms. Howland's death.

"It can happen to any one of us," was a common remark at a singles mingle sponsored by Sociable Singles, a group that Joyce Howland co-founded about 15 years ago. Members agreed to talk about Joyce, but only if their names were not used, pointing out that many of them live alone, as Joyce did.

"We are all scared. We're all scared," said one woman, adding that even police had someone in custody, "there are other lunatics out there."

They remembered Joyce as the person who organized every detail of an event: where to park, little maps to get from one place to another, and even a timetable. She often gave rides to those who needed it and paid special attention to new members who found themselves "suddenly single."

"We always had a great time," said members of the "lunch bunch."

Joyce was largely remembered as the person who did not waste a minute.

"She never wanted to go home," said one woman. "She was always the last one out of there."

"She was a lot of fun," said several of the men, as well.

"She was just a happy person," said another.

Joyce was also remembered at both the singles mingle and in the Rev. Bette McLure's eulogy for her legendary Superbowl parties.

She had four TVs in her house, all tuned to the game: one for the "serious crowd," one for the "eating crowd," one in the den for the "we don't know what to call them" crowd and one in the bedroom for the "lay-on-the-bed crowd."

The phrase "great sense of humor" came up a lot.

"She will be missed dearly," said the group's president Ruthe. "She was full of life."

The singles group grew out of a support group that was affiliated with a church that frowned on the use of alcohol. So Joyce and some others decided to branch out.

"This group was her family," said one woman.

"She always had a smile on her face," said one man.

She liked to dress up, for anything, especially Halloween, "It was the child in her."

Two of Joyce's cousins, Martha Goodway and Joan Valeriani, attended the memorial and the luncheon that followed.

Ms. Goodway said she often took the bus to Fairhaven and Joyce would pick her up. A retired archaeometallurgist at the Smithsonian Institution, Ms. Goodway said she had recently made herself a pair of pajamas that she was planning to leave at Joyce's house on her next visit, so she didn't have to pack them.

She said her cousin had a "very positive outlook on life" and was very active.



Joyce Howland's Goddaughter, Stephanie LeMay Vasquez, lights a candle at Ms. Howland's memorial service on Saturday, 11/9, at the First Congregational Church in Fairhaven. Photo by Beth David.

"She was truly [excited] to get the insulation put in her attic," said Ms. Goodway. "I don't think she had any idea that she was in danger."

She said Ms. Howland's back had been bothering her all summer, but finally seemed to be better, so she decided to get the work done on the house.

"She was just bubbling," said Ms. Goodway.

Ms. Howland did have a reputation for taking great pride in her house, with neighbors and friends often commenting on the how well-kept it was and her good taste.

Ms. Valeriani said she did not see her cousin often, but they kept in touch, and Joyce attended Ms. Valeriani's son's wedding.

"The distance between us didn't change the love and the fun we had," said Ms. Valeriani.

She said getting the call about the murder was "an absolute shock."

"It's something you can't believe, but you can't get it out of your mind...So

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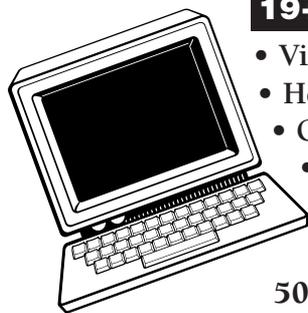
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Guided Hike by The Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust



All are invited and welcome to come and get to know some of the properties that are preserved by the FALPT and available for public hiking.

The Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust will hold a guided hike of the SHIPYARD FARM and WINSEGANSETT HEIGHTS/MARSHES PROPERTIES on **Saturday November 23, 2013**. This hike will be approximately 2 hours of easy walking starting at 10:00 a.m. It is possible to do half the hike.

These properties (225 acres) contain many diverse ecological areas including tidal flats, salt marsh, upland maritime forest, wooded swamp and open fields. John Darwin, President of the FALPT, will talk about the history of these properties, while Ken Lipman can speak about how the trails were created.

Meet at the Shipyard Farm sign on the east side of Sconticut Neck Road, five miles south of Huttleston Ave. There is ample parking along the side of the road.

The Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust is a non-profit organization. As such, it depends on membership fees to function. For more information, contact John Darwin at (508) 667-1040, or visit our website at www.falpt.org.

PB works on marijuana bylaw, Nopper never disclosed proximity

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

If a Planning Board member owns a business within close proximity to a proposed registered medicinal marijuana facility, voted in favor of a town-wide temporary moratorium on RMDs, and is participating in crafting a bylaw that would create a new zoning overlay for RMDs in which his own business is located, could there be a conflict of interest?

Possibly, possibly not, but an employee at the Massachusetts State Ethics Commission said that the commission would be interested in further investigating Planning Board Member Peter Nopper's decision not to publicly disclose that his business, Nopper Marine at 12 Lambeth Park Drive, is within 500 feet of a proposed RMD. Compassionate Care Clinic has applied with the state to open a facility at 2 Pequod Road.

It is just the sort of thing the commission likes to investigate should a resident file a formal complaint with the commission.

State Ethics employees are prohibited from giving any concrete rulings on conflict of interest matters on the spot without a formal complaint, and are restricted only to expressing whether the commission would be interested in finding out more, or if they have no interest in the matter.

When asked during a phone interview if he has publicly disclosed the address of his business during a meeting, Mr. Nopper replied, "No, not yet."

"I'm totally for it though," he added about Compassionate Care's RMD.

"Perhaps. Most likely," was his response when questioned if he thought he possibly should have abstained from voting on 10/22 to recommend a temporary moratorium on RMDs, a ban he voted in favor of.

Representatives from Compassionate Care, attended the moratorium bylaw public hearing and engaged in extensive discussion with board members.

According to Mr. Nopper, CC representatives visited Mr. Nopper two days after that meeting as a neighbor to introduce themselves to surrounding businesses and speak with Mr. Nopper personally about the proposed RMD.

Mr. Nopper stated that he informed Planning Board Chairperson Wayne Hayward about the location of his business relative to the proposed RMD. He said Mr. Hayward did not advise him to disclose his business location.

"Right now we've been very careful," replied Mr. Hayward in a phone interview. "I don't see that Mr. Nopper has a conflict of interest just because his business is in the

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[Planning Board chairperson Wayne Hayward]

district..."

He added that Mr. Nopper had nothing to disclose and that he does not need to abstain from voting on the matter because the moratorium and the new RMD zoning bylaw they are crafting is a Town issue, not a Compassionate Care issue. He said Mr. Nopper should abstain from voting should CC go before the Planning Board for a special permit, but not while working on the RMD bylaw.

In another matter, the Planning Board is closer to a final draft of a new medicinal marijuana zoning bylaw to present to Town Meeting in May than anticipated at the board's last meeting in October.

The board has already scheduled a public hearing date for the new bylaw on 12/10, allowing for one last "working meeting" for further discussion and to perform any last tweaks at the next Planning Board meeting on 11/26.

"I think we got to move on this real quick if we want to stay in the game," said Chairperson Wayne Hayward during the meeting this week on 11/12.

On 10/22, board members voted 4-3 in favor of recommending to Town Meeting a registered marijuana dispensary moratorium bylaw. Director of Economic Planning and Development Bill Roth strongly held that a moratorium, given that no Special Fall Town Meeting had been scheduled, would be a moot cause, mostly because he was confident he would have a viable draft bylaw for the board to consider sooner rather than later.

The board is working on creating a Medicinal Marijuana Overlay District for the new use which would be limited to what Mr. Roth termed "the Alden Road business/ industrial area."

Board members agreed that they are down to just one major issue left to consider: the setbacks that would ultimately define the area RMDs would be allowed.

Some board members, most notably Kaisa Cripps, questioned whether the bylaw, when referring to a 500-foot setback, would mean 500 feet from the RMD building to the nearest residence, or the actual lot lines of the RMD to the lot lines of a Residential Area (RA) district.

The board engaged in a robust discussion over the two different options, one set by the state and the latter, a possible and more restrictive option the board could adopt instead.

"You're not going to be left with too many lots then," said Mr. Roth. He added that if the board chose to go stricter than State regulations and restrict it further to 500 feet from RMD lot line to RA district, rather than the actual RMD building to RA district, it would eliminate roughly half of the RMD-eligible lots within the overlay district of the Alden Road area.

"I'd like to be more restrictive," said Ms. Cripps.

Mr. Roth called it "highly

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Sat., 11/6, Shipyard Wreck, 9 p.m.

Fri., 11/22, James Gagne, 8 p.m.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

FHS play High School producing "Arsenic and Old Lace"

The Fairhaven High School Theatre Company will present Joseph Keesselring's farcical black comedy, "Arsenic and Old Lace" November 14-17. The story revolves around Mortimer Brewster, a drama critic who must deal with his crazy, homicidal family and local police in Brooklyn, NY, as he debates whether to go through with his recent promise to marry the woman he loves.

This 3 act show features a cast of 14 talented FHS actors and is sure to be a crowd pleaser. The show is being performed at The Fairhaven High School Performing Arts Center at 12 Huttleston Avenue on **Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 11/14-6, at 7:30 PM and Sunday, 11/17 at 2:00 PM**

Reserved seating tickets cost \$12.00 for adults, \$10.00 for students & senior citizens, and \$7.00 for children under 12.

The box office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 - 8:00 PM or call 508-979-4051 ext. 5411 to reserve tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Bike Ride & Social

Come enjoy hot cider and light refreshments and socialize fireside at the Dartmouth YMCA Farm in South Dartmouth with the Southcoast Bikeway Alliance on Saturday, 11/16, from 1:30-3 p.m. People wishing to ride from Fairhaven to Dartmouth can meet a group ride leaving from Fairhaven High School at 10:30 a.m. Groups are also leaving from Mattapoisett and UMassD.

For more information visit www.southcoastbikeway.com

Youth Lacrosse

Youth Lacrosse Registration for Spring 2014 Now Open! Boys and girls in grades 1-8 are welcome. We serve children from Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester, Acushnet, New Bedford, Wareham.

Please visit our website for details: www.orylax.com

At Atria

The following events are taking place at Atria Senior Living, 391 Alden

Road, Fairhaven.

Zumba Gold Class: with Instructor Linda Kearley every Tuesday & Thursday Evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Cost \$5.00 per class for more information please contact Wendy Carr-Cabral at 508-994-9238.

Autumn Treasure Sale: Saturday November 16th 12-4pm

Reading Award Applications available for Nancy Bunnell Award

Fairhaven boys and girls, in grades K-5, are welcome to participate in a contest sponsored by the Friends of the Millicent Library. The contest is funded by the Nancy Bunnell Memorial Fund. Cash awards are in two categories, K-2, and 3-5, will be awarded on Saturday, December 14th, at the Millicent Library.

The topic is: What is your favorite reason for coming to the Library? The grades K-2 can tell their reason with a picture and a sentence underneath it. Is it the arts and crafts projects, story time, or the wide selection of the wonderful books you can find for your enjoyment?

Those in grades 3-5 can tell us in two or more paragraphs why you enjoy the library. Is it to use the computers, find books written by your favorite authors, or in volunteering to help the younger children with the arts and crafts projects?

Deadline for all entries will be November 16, 2013. Bring all entries to the Millicent Library, or mail to the Library, with Attention: Friends of the Millicent Library included in the address. Make sure to include your name, address, telephone number, and grade level. There will be one cash award in each of the two levels. Everyone will receive Certificates of Participation. Remember: Be Creative, Be Original, Be Yourself.

Book Discussion

Who am I? Who are my parents, my family? These are the searching questions asked by local author Steve Pemberton. A series of abusive foster homes, since the age of four, never stopped Steven's search for his New Bedford family. The semi-autobiographical book *A Chance in the World* will be the next selection

reviewed the Millicent Library's Discussion Group, All are welcome to come on **Thursday, November 21st**, at the Library's downstairs meeting room, which is accessible from the Walnut Street entrance. **The discussion starts at 10:00a.m.** and lasts about an hour. The book is available through all Library websites. SAILS, as well as at the Millicent Library. Please call Norma Markey at 508-993-3745.

FBA Meeting

The next meeting of the Fairhaven Business Association will be held on **Thursday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m.** at Emma Jean's, 115 Huttleston Ave. In attendance will be the Selectboard, Charles Murphy, Robert Espindola and Geoffrey Haworth. This is a great time to ask questions about business issues in our town and what the future holds. All businesses are welcome to attend. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Cathy Melanson at 774-206-1132.

Public Forum

The Fairhaven Improvement Association and The North Fairhaven Improvement Association are co-sponsoring a Public Forum on the Town Government Study Committee. The meeting will be held at the **Town Hall Banquet Room on Thursday, November 14 at 6 p.m.** Members of the Government Study group will discuss the formation of the group, actions taken thus far, and plans for further information gathering. Public input is sought.

Bereavement Group

Southcoast® Visiting Nurse Association offers free bereavement programs for grieving adults during the month of November.

General Bereavement Groups are designed for adults grieving the loss of a loved one.

FAIRHAVEN: Tuesday, 11/19, from 4 to 5:15 pm, Fairhaven Council on Aging, 229 Huttleston Avenue

Individual, short-term bereavement counseling is also available to adults grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information about individual and group counseling, contact 800-698-6877.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Lebanese Christmas Bazaar

The annual Lebanese Christmas Bazaar sponsored by Our Lady of Purgatory parish will be held on **Saturday, November 16, 2013 from 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Sunday, November 17, 2013 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM at All Saint's School Gym (formerly St. Mary's School), 115 Illinois Street, New Bedford.** (Parking in St. Mary's Church Lot on Tarkiln Hill Road.)

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Holiday Fair

Holy Family-Holy Name School will host a Holiday Fair on **Sat., Nov. 16, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, 91 Summer St., New Bedford,** featuring Quality Crafts Stocking Stuffers, Gift Items, Free Gift Wrapping Full Kitchen (including free coffee), Holiday Auction, Hourly Gift Certificate Give-Away.

As a special added treat, you are welcome to **have pictures taken with Santa between 11 a.m. and 1p.m!**

YTI Play

Under the direction of Swansea's Stephen R. Kay, Your Theatre, Inc. will produce John Belluso's gripping drama *Henry Flamethrower* for eight performances opening November 14.

Sponsored in part by BankFive, a Your Theatre, Inc. corporate sponsor, the play is inspired by real-life events and deals thematically with such topics as journalistic ethics, religion, and the value of life.

The plot involves a newswoman, Beth Parker, who is investigating reports of healing miracles attributed to young Lilja who lies comatose since a mysterious childhood swimming pool accident. Lilja's deeply religious father, Peter, believes Lilja has healing powers, but her brother, the confused 16-year-old Henry, has other ideas.

Performances will run Nov. 14-23 at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees Nov. 17 & 24 are at 2:30 p.m. General admission is \$15; students, seniors, and military personnel \$13. For tickets and other information about

the production call Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or send an e-mail to info@yourtheatre.org. Visit www.yourtheatre.org.

All productions will be in the theatre's wheelchair accessible performance complex at St. Martin's Church, 136 Rivet St. at County St., New Bedford. Parking is free in the church lot on County St.

Free Mayan Music

A live performance of MAYAN traditional music, dancers and beautiful costumes during AHA! Night, **Thurs., 11/14, from 6-7 p.m.** The group has traveled from Guatemala to share their ancestral culture. They have been performing in the Boston area. Everyone is welcome! FREE.

Pilgrim United Church of Christ, corner of Purchase and School Streets, New Bedford. Accessible.

Free Film

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on **Friday, Nov. 15th** with an evening devoted to tugboats. We'll screen *Tugging Through Time* and present a short slide show of local tugs at work. Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the Working Waterfront Festival. Films about the working waterfront are screened on the third Friday of each month **beginning at 7:00 PM** in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. Accessible. All programs are open to the public and free of charge.

Tugging Through Time, a documentary produced by Third Wave Films, is the story of New York Harbor tugboats, from the first steam ferries, to today's state of the art Z Drive Tractor Tugs. The film combines rare footage of early steam tugs, onboard footage of today's modern tugs at work, interviews with tugboat company presidents, and an original soundtrack. The film will be followed by a slide show depicting a decade of work at the New Bedford-based Tucker Roy Marine Towing and Salvage Company (circa 2000-2010). Members of the Roy family, which has three generations of tug boat operators, will be on hand to answer questions about the work of tugboats and barges.

Call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, or visit www.nps.gov, or www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org

Film Fest

Films featuring love, clean water, a blood-thirsty monster and, of course, Buzzards Bay will grace the screen at the **2nd Annual Buzzards Bay Film Festival, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16 at Gallery X, 169 William St., New Bedford.**

The Festival focuses on films made in the Buzzards Bay watershed and offers animation, documentaries, experimental films, narrative shorts, and a selection of the 60-second videos submitted to this year's Shoot the Summer 2013 Cell Phone Cinema Contest, which ran from May to September.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the Festival's website, buzzardsbayfilmfestival.org, and at the door. The Festival is sponsored by the Buzzards Bay Coalition to promote creativity and communication throughout the Bay watershed.

At 7 PM, Gallery X's downstairs doors will open for free admission to "Down Stream," a multi-media installation by Festival Artistic Director Don Burton that shows the watershed as seen by floating leaves, fish, birds and boaters. "Down Stream" will also be on exhibit after the screening.

For more information and tickets visit www.buzzardsbayfilmfestival.org

Fairhaven Author

Maggi Peirce of Fairhaven will be signing copies of her book, *A Belfast Girl*, in the Parish House of First Unitarian Church in New Bedford, during AHA! Night at 7pm on Thursday 11/14. ALL ARE WELCOME!

"This is a beautiful book to be read with all senses open. We are drawn by living language into a feast of stories. Maggi Peirce's life in Ireland before and after WWII provides a poignant and profound experience. Each chapter is written with an immediacy of presence and a tenderness of appreciation. This is a storyteller's coming of age, from another place and time that renders the reader more human." (Laura Simms, Storyteller and author of *Our Secret Territory: The Essence of Storytelling*)

The book is also available on Amazon.com

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

At Mattapoissett Lib.

The following events are being held at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., 508-758-4171. Accessible.

Author Talk & Tea

With Hank Phillipi Ryan. Join us at 2:30 pm on **Friday, November 15th** in the Reading Room for tea and treats and a book talk with award-winning mystery author and investigative reporter for WHDH Boston Channel 7 news, Hank Phillipi Ryan. She will be signing copies of her new novel *The Wrong Girl*. Co-sponsored with the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library and the Elizabeth Taber Library. Please call 508-758-4171 to sign up.

Ham & Bean Supper

Apponegansett Family Fellowship members are sponsoring a traditional Ham and Bean supper on **Friday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m., at Smith Neck Friends Meeting House, 594 Smith Neck Road at the corner of Rock O Dundee. Accessible.** There is a continuous seating until 7:00 pm. The dinner includes brown bread and homemade desserts. **Tickets are \$10.00.** Please bring to the supper canned goods and other non-perishables for the Dartmouth Council on Aging. Fellowship members will deliver the food items before Thanksgiving. Anyone interested in purchasing a ticket, please call Carol Cannan at 508-991-0459 or Ann Poulos at 508-994-5816.

Singles Dance

Sociable Singles Presents "Autumn Splendor" dance on **Friday, Nov. 15, 7:30-11:30 p.m. at Reservation Golf Club, 10 Reservation Rd. Mattapoissett.** Light Refreshments, Door Prizes, Entertainment by Music on Wheels.

Cost: \$12.00 Members: \$10.00 Business Casual. Adults 40 and Over (**couples welcome**) More information at www.sociablesingles.org 877-387-8039 sociablesingles8@verizon.net

Salute to Troops

A program entitled "A Salute to Our Troops," under the direction of Tanya Trzeciak, will be held at the **First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough (FUUSM), 25 So. Main Street, on Sat., 11/16, at 6 p.m.** This show is modeled after the many

USO shows performed around the world to entertain and honor our service men and women who bravely need some music and humor in their otherwise nightmarish lives. The difference with this show will be the dramatic readings of letters from actual service people which explain to those of us at home what they are experiencing.

This program will have music by Sixteen Shillings (Rob Dragunas and Mark Belanger); the fabulous FUUSM Chalice Choir, under the direction of Susan Land Hotchkiss; original poetry and readings by members of the town; comedy skits to tickle your funny bone and, of course, some refreshments. **Suggested donation is \$20; \$15 for Military and seniors.**

The building is accessible. Those in need of the elevator should enter via the sidewalk on the front right side of the building. Someone will be there to assist you if you need it.

For more information and reservations please call the Church office, 508-923-7757. The Society's website is: www.uumiddleboro.org.

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Book Signing

Join us for an evening of politics and prose with **former Boston City Council President Larry DiCara on Tuesday, 11/19 at 6:30 p.m.** Mr. DiCara will be signing and discussing his new book, *Turmoil and Transition in Boston: a Political Memoir from the Busing Era*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase with the assistance of The Marion Bookstall

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Memoir Writing

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Full Moon Walk

Discover the "night life" at **LaPalme Farm in Acushnet with the Buzzards Bay Coalition on Sun., Nov. 17, from 4-5:15 p.m.** During this free, family-friendly walk, we'll explore the edge of the forest under the full "beaver moon" and use our senses to get up close and personal with this special conservation area on the River

This program is part of the Coalition's Bay Adventures series, programs designed for explorers of all ages to get outside and discover Buzzards Bay. To learn more, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/BayAdventure.

Meet at LaPalme Farm (end of Blain Street in Acushnet). Get directions at <http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/LaPalmeFarm>

FREE. Pre-registration is requested. For more information and to RSVP, contact Margo Connolly at Connolly@savebuzzardsbay.org or (508) 999-6363 ext. 224.

Bird Club

The Nasketucket Bird Club will be meeting at the **Mattapoissett Public Library at 7 Barstow Street on Thursday, 11/21 at 7 pm.** Bob and Joanne Kowalczyk will share their experiences in mainland Chile and Easter Island. Both of these trips combined cultural travel and birding. The meeting is open to all birders of every level. We will also be talking about bird sightings and upcoming walks and trips.

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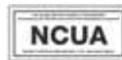
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- 1-12 oz. can evaporated skim milk
- 2 eggs or equivalent in egg substitute
- 2T. brown sugar
- 2 t. Pumpkin pie spice

Preheat oven to 350. Spray a 9" pie plate with cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine baking mix and dry pudding mix. Add pumpkin, milk, eggs, sugar and spice. Using an electric mixer, blend for 2 minutes. Pour mixture into pie plate. Bake 50 minutes or until center is puffed up.

Cool on wire rack.

This figure-friendly pie is Deelish!!

Enjoy! *Bevy Lussier*

New store eases hard times, conscience

Press Release

With the challenges of a struggling economy and a threatened environment, everyone is looking for ways to cope more effectively and make a difference. Enter resale shops. When All Hung Up, a consignment store for the whole family, opened its doors at 356 Main Street in Fairhaven six months ago, shoppers were given the opportunity to purchase designer fashions and accessories for women, men and children. Along with its wide array of popular designer consignment clothing, it also features accessories, shoes, home décor and small furnishings.

For Megan St. John and Ashley Barrett, opening this trendy retail space was a dream come true.

"I've always wanted to own this kind of shop," explains St. John. "It makes such a difference to women and families who are looking for something special or something unique at a price they can afford."

Both women are anxious to provide area families, students, and families with a great resale shopping experience and are looking forward to joining the local business commu-

nity, says St. John.

The shop speaks to a growing customer base by opening seven days a week. From Tuesday through Friday, hours are 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.; on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday is a "Customer Appreciation Evening" when doors are open from 5 to 8 p.m.

"During that time we offer some fun door prizes and munchies," says Barrett.

"Resale shopping offers shoppers the thrill of the chase, finding a one-of-a-kind piece," Barrett explains. "It also appeals to anyone who is conscious of the environment and wants to be eco-friendly through recycling. College students have also discovered resale's cool factor and stalk consignment and thrift shops for the latest fashions."

As word of the store's quality and variety spreads, the customer base is growing quickly.

"We're grateful that consignors are also increasing in numbers, as keeping up to demand is our greatest challenge," says St. John. For more information on becoming a consignor, please call: 774.202.0990.

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Veterans Day parade honors those who have served

By Beth David
Editor

Residents waved flags along Main Street and met at Fairhaven High School on a clear, windy and cold Veterans Day for the annual parade on Monday. The ceremony included the reading of the Gettysburg Address on the occasion of its 150th anniversary, and special attention was paid to the veterans of the Korean War, which ended 60 years ago this summer.

In addition to veterans from all branches of the service from World War II to the current conflicts, marchers included police and fire department color guards, the Fairhaven High School and Apponequet marching bands, community groups, the three Selectboard members, Fairhaven Village Militia and the Hook and Ladder Memorial Truck, which transports the remains of fallen service members.

The National Anthem played while the 30x50-foot "big flag" was raised.

Korean War veteran James Leal became emotional as he recounted statistics from Korea, especially from the infamous "Pork Chop Hill," that his unit fought for. It was one of the bloodiest battles of the war. Of the tens of thousands of American soldiers who attacked the hill, only 25 survived

"There are some things you never forget," said Mr. Leal. "Young boys became men in weeks," and there was

a "stench only those who were there can describe."

Selectboard chairperson Charles Murphy said the veterans around us keep "Fairhaven strong, but also keep America strong."

He said he was never in the service so he wanted to especially thank those who served

"Freedom comes with a cost," he said, and quoted the words on the wall of veterans' photos at the senior center: "Land of the free because of the brave."

Keynote speaker and veteran Dennis Duval said it was an "honor and most humbling" to address a crowd with so many veterans.

"Thank you. Thank you so much



Gettysburg Address.

He said working with the two girls as they got ready for the day made him believe, "our nation's future is in good hands."

"May God bless the veterans, and may God bless the United States of America," said Mr. Duval.

Emcee George Brownell asked for a moment of silence for "fallen comrades" and those "still, still missing in action," he emphasized.

The program included a flyover by a 1943 North American SNJ-5, the firing of muskets and the small cannon by the Fairhaven Village Militia, Taps by the FHS and Apponequet buglers, Amazing Grace by bagpiper William Bullard, and featured singer John Janis.

After the ceremony, veterans and the public were invited to the VFW on Middle Street for lunch.



for your service," said Mr. Duval.

Then he quickly introduced Madeline Major, his granddaughter, and Victoria Leong, who read the



TOP RIGHT: Dennis Duval gives the keynote address at the Fairhaven Veterans Day Parade on 11/11. MIDDLE COLUMN: Korean War veteran James Leal becomes emotional and pauses as he recites statistics from "Pork Chop Hill," one of the bloodiest battles of Korea. Mr. Leal was one of only 30 who survived in his unit. ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Veterans Ralph Tate, Marc Kearley and George Brownell march in the parade. ABOVE RIGHT: The Young Marines carry the "big flag," which is 30x50 feet, along the parade route. 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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"This is wonderful," said Ms. Valeriani about the memorial service.

One thing most people would not talk about was a brief marriage that Ms. Howland had when she was very young. A brief stint in New York or New Jersey, ended after only about a year, with little explanation, and with the Fairhaven native staying close to home, and single, after that.

An elementary school teacher in Fairhaven for more than 30 years, Joyce was remembered by students as infusing a lot of energy and fun into the classroom.

Mickey Lewis, Robert Lavallette and Corey Randall, all in their 20s, were Ms. Howland's students and attended the memorial.

"She always lit up the classroom," said Mr. Lavallette.

Mr. Lewis said he remembered very little from elementary school as a whole, except an incident in third grade, when he was in Ms. Howland's class. There was a new teacher in the school who was from another country and had never seen snow. Ms. Howland left her classroom and took the new teacher outside to experience the snow. She was not satisfied with his simply seeing it, however. He had to feel it — fully — in the form of a snowball fight, to the delight of all the students.

In another incident Ms. Howland and another teacher (it is unclear if it was the same man) took poster board from their classrooms and went sledding on the hill at East Fairhaven School with all their students, earning a spot on the principal's bench for the two teachers.

"I don't remember much," said Mr. Randall. "But I was constantly in trouble with all my teachers, except Miss Howland. I never had a problem with her. She was just good with kids that way."

A story that the Rev. Ms. McClure told during her eulogy seemed to punctuate that notion. During a performance by the children of the congregation during the Christmas season, Ms. Howland and the late Milton George donned Santa hats and "skipped down the aisle," of the church to join the children.

"Because Joyce and Milton were children at heart," said the Reverend.

No discussion of Joyce would be complete without a story about her heavy smoking, a habit even her oldest friends remember her "always" having.

The Rev. Ms. McClure recounted a story on an occasion when Joyce was locked out of her cousin's house after

stepping outside to smoke. It was the pre-cellphone era and Ms. Howland had to search around the neighborhood to find someone awake so she could call her cousin.

The Reverend, who was a close neighbor to Joyce, also joked that she had many a late night visit from Joyce, "because I had a key to her house."

During the memorial service on Saturday, the Rev. Ms. McClure said the "grief and loss" from such a violent end to Joyce's life is "almost unbearable," and strains the ability to go on. But, she added, love endures.

"May there be peace and healing today," she said. "Joyce's spirit lives on in each one of you."



Joyce Howland in one of the costumes she loved to wear. The fun-loving, heavy-smoking social director of a singles club was found murdered in her home on Oct. 15. Police have charged a contractor who worked on her home with the murder. *Photo from a display at her memorial on 11/9.*

"We've gathered to grieve, to weep, to laugh and especially to celebrate," said the Reverend in her eulogy of her neighbor and long time, active member of the congregation. "...to celebrate Joyce's life and to honor all that she was to each of us."

She noted that people from different aspects of Joyce's life were there with their own memories: students, fellow teachers, family members, friends.

The Reverend read from a letter by Gail Enos-Sylvia-Cox, who served on the Fairhaven Teachers Association with Joyce.

"Everyone loved her and her smile and her joyful personality," wrote Ms. Enos-Sylvia-Cox. "We need to remember all this in this time of sorrow. This terrible tragedy should not overshadow all the good that was done by her...she would not want that."

The Rev. Ms. McClure said people

should remember the lessons that Joyce taught, including "how to be a person who loved life."

She recounted how Joyce had suffered from back pain for the last few years, but recently seemed to be getting better and becoming more active again.

"The spirit of your friendship will not end with her death," she said. "Some of you have come as neighbors who knew her from a distance — the quiet but friendly woman who lived in the well-kept house on Hamlet Street."

She said that although people have gathered to make sense of Joyce's death, "some things, like the horror and cruelty of Joyce's death are beyond our reasoning."

She said, however, that three things do make sense: love, hope and God's presence.

"I do not believe, in any way, that what happened to Joyce was part of any plan of God's. The God I know is a God of love, not hate or evil," said the Reverend Ms. McClure.

She recounted an Elie Wiesel story about God being with a young boy as he died in a Nazi camp.

"I believe that God was with Joyce in that room on that terrible day, that she sensed God's presence in some way, deep inside her," she said.

She had to "struggle," she said, with the notion that God would let something so terrible happen, but told people to hold onto love, hold onto hope, and to rest in God's presence.

"Let us look for signs of God all around us," she said and asked for everyone to commit to doing one thing each day in Joyce's memory, "one thing that will help to grow love in the world, to grow love in our community."

True to form, Joyce had spelled out what she wanted in her memorial service including two songs: "In the Bulb There is a Flower," by Natalie Sleeth; and "All My Life's a Circle," by Harry Chapin.

Joyce's Goddaughter, Stephanie LeMay Vasquez read "Afterglow," by Helen Lowrie Marshall.

"I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one, I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done," she read. "You cannot grieve forever; she would not want you to. She hopes that you could carry on the way you always do. So, talk about the good times and the way you showed you cared, the days you spent together, all the happiness you shared."

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During the annual **Medicare Open Enrollment, (Oct. 15-Dec. 7)**, you will have a chance to change your coverage for next year. State-certified SHINE (Medicare) Counselors

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Wood School honors veterans

By Beth David
Editor

LL Wood School students and staff took time out on Friday, 11/8, to honor veterans in commemoration of Veterans Day. About 45 veterans attended a short ceremony in the gym that included three students reading from some essays. Fifth grade teacher Amy Silva explained that the essays were chosen at random because they were all "so amazing."

Several students read from the essays that thanked veterans for the

sacrifices they made to keep Americans safe.

Veterans stood when their branch song played during the Armed Forces Medley that played on the big screen.

Fairhaven resident Lionel Delude, 89, received special recognition during the proceedings. He spent 15 months as a prisoner of war in World War II when he was captured in Italy.

"We're so happy you are here with us today," said Ms. Silva.

In addition to the Pledge of Allegiance, the children also sang,

"Thank You Soldiers" as loud as can be.

Ms. Silva told students to remember when they had their day off on Veterans Day that the reason was to "honor those who have served our country so valiantly."

She told students that if they saw veterans marching in the parade that they should say "thank you."

And on the way out, she said, "Be sure to make eye contact with the veterans and say 'thank you.'"

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Veterans line up for a picture after a ceremony at the LL Wood School in Fairhaven honoring veterans in commemoration of Veterans Day. Students read from essays thanking veterans for their service, the Armed Services Medley played on the big screen, and students sang "Thank You, Veterans." Fairhaven resident Lionel Delude (9th from left, front row), 89, received special recognition. He was a prisoner of war for 15 months in WWII. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

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Flood insurance rates could continue to skyrocket

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Flood insurance rates are out of control, says one Sciticut Neck resident who is afraid she will be drowning in a sea of financial burden imposed upon her by recently re-drawn Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) flood maps.

"Flood insurance has become exorbitant," said Susan Sullivan, who lives in "a little house on the water" on Reservation Road. Ms. Sullivan is forced to add flood insurance on her house because it is mortgaged.

Her insurance has increased steadily since she purchased the home in 2004, when her annual policy cost her \$300. Last year, her premium was up to \$4,000.

Ms. Sullivan is treading water and she firmly believes the Town of Fairhaven could throw her and other residents a life ring to keep them afloat. However, she says the Town is slow in taking the initial steps toward applying for a FEMA program that could save affected residents up to 45% off their flood insurance.

Ms. Sullivan said she has been in contact with Building Commissioner Wayne Fostin since 2011 about the Town applying for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). She said she is still waiting and hoping Mr. Fostin will one day request and receive the required informational books and applications from FEMA to start the application process.

"Every time I fax something to them (FEMA) it never gets through," said Mr. Fostin. "I've been trying for seven months."

Mr. Fostin said he will not truly be compelled to take actual steps toward applying for the program until the Selectboard tells him to.

The CRS program works on a point system, rewarding towns with blanket flood insurance discounts in five-percent increments, up to 45%, for each criterion met within four different categories. The categories are Public Information, Mapping and Regulations, Flood Damage Reduction, and Flood Preparedness. Some Massachusetts towns like Plymouth, Marshfield, and Provincetown have already earned their first few 5% increments of flood insurance savings for their residents.

"That's an awful lot of work," stated Mr. Fostin, who claimed that he would be the person in charge of spearheading the

project; a feat too difficult for one person.

"He (Mr. Fostin) told me he was familiar with the program and years ago he looked into it and it didn't seem practical," said Ms. Sullivan. "But now...it's ridiculous."

Ms. Sullivan had been exchanging emails with then newly elected Selectperson Geoff Haworth about her problem and the CRS program FEMA offers. In his last email to her dated 10/3, he assured her that he had spoken with Mr. Fostin, that Mr. Fostin had ordered the books of information on the program, and that Mr. Haworth would contact her once the books arrived.

Ms. Sullivan again contacted Mr. Haworth almost a month later with an email dated 10/31 looking for an update. She received no reply.

Mr. Haworth responded to a request

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for comment this week, acknowledging that he had been in contact with Ms. Sullivan and the Town is still waiting for the requested materials from FEMA.

"I understand Mr. Fostin's answer from a time management aspect," said Mr. Haworth in his 11/13 email. "Mr. Fostin is the building commissioner and the conservation agent. The duties involved in those two roles make it near impossible for him to take on an additional role."

Mr. Haworth said he would prefer

affected members of the community "step forward to do the work," adding, "I would be willing to assist from the town if they are willing to put the time and effort into the program."

Ms. Sullivan is willing and made the suggestion herself over the phone during an 11/12 interview.

Fairhaven-based Realtor Howe Allen acknowledged in a phone interview the problem with increased flood insurance rates that resulted from the changes to the Flood Insurance Program stemming from the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. The act increased rates for many policyholders. Mr. Allen said it definitely has many of his clients concerned about affordability of flood insurance.

He recalled one closing transaction that was scheduled for 9/30 that the client had to postpone until 10/2, one day after the 10/1 change. As a result of the postponement, the original flood insurance on the house was no longer transferable.

"The premium went from approximately \$700 to upwards of \$12,000 per year," said Mr. Allen. That was literally overnight.

Right now, Mr. Howe recommends residents advocate for themselves and speak to reliable insurance agents to get the most up-to-date information on homeowner flood insurance. That is how the buyer he spoke of was able to get the original policy of \$700 transferred instead of being stuck with the \$12,000 policy.

Rising flood insurance rates are not unique to Fairhaven, rather it is a nation-wide issue and millions of citizens find themselves in the same sinking boat as Ms. Sullivan.

"The Town could take some responsibility and put this forward and ask who in the community would want to help," said Ms. Sullivan. "But to throw up your hands and just say it's too much work — it's just depressing."

For more information about the CRS program visit <http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-rating-system#fact>

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Jon Stetson, a Fairhaven native, is an internationally acclaimed mentalist

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Proceeds from the event will benefit the FHS After Prom Committee, which each year organizes a free, fun-filled event at the school after the Junior-Senior Prom from midnight to 5:00 a.m. The night includes games, music, food and prizes for the

students, and each year has over 200 in attendance. The committee must raise in excess of \$10,000 each year to host the event and relies on several fundraisers throughout the year, in addition to support from businesses and individuals in the community.

Tickets for the Stetson Experience may be purchased by contacting Marianne Tichon at 508-989-5328. They can also be purchased at Euro Phoenix, 24 Centre Street, Fairhaven, or at the door. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., there will be a cash bar at this 21+ event. A DJ will be on hand before and after the performance.

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restrictive."

The attorney general's office would still need to approve a bylaw passed by Town Meeting, and looks unfavorably on conditions that would make the existence of RMDs too forbidding.

Ms. Cripps continued with her discussion until Board Member Frank Budryk turned to her and said, "You want to restrict them so it won't happen."

Ms. Cripps resented the notion and told Mr. Budryk that she was "frustrated" that "people like you" keep saying she is against RMDs.

"I'm telling you," she said to Mr. Budryk, "You're wrong!"

Soon after, Board Member Rene Fleurent Jr. proclaimed that he

opposes RMDs and does not want one in Fairhaven, contradictory to upholding the law of the Commonwealth.

Ms. Cripps pointed out that no one from the public showed up for the meeting, which was not a public hearing, but still remained an open meeting for the public to attend.

Motioning with his pen over a large area of his proposed overlay zoning map, Mr. Roth again addressed Ms. Cripps. "You'd be taking all this out."

"Okay," said Ms. Cripps.

She also took issue with misconceptions she said the public has made over the activities and intentions of the Planning Board, especially the accusation that the board is trying to "ban" RMDs.

"People are gonna believe what they want to believe," said Ms. Cripps. "Even if you tell them the sky is blue," she suggested, they would still say it's purple.

Mr. Fleurent argued that a public hearing could wait until the 1/14 meeting date and asked why it was such an issue that it had to be done in December.

The issue is the pending RMD application for Fairhaven. The State will be issuing the provisionary permits for up to five RMD applicants in Bristol County on Jan. 31.

"If we want to stay in the game," repeated Mr. Hayward, "we need to remain part of the game."

The public is encouraged to attend the 12/10 public hearing on the new bylaw at 6:30 at Town Hall.

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- Petitioner: William Ashworth**, RE: 8 Mina Street, Plat 37A, Lots 487, Book 7708 and Page 007; **Administrative Appeal:** Administrative Appeal of the issuance of a building permit for a two-car garage at 8 Mina Street.
- Petitioner: Bruce Medeiros**, RE: 16 Narragansett Boulevard, Plat 30A, Lots 101, 102, 103, Certificate #23138; **198-18:** Short 20' of the required 100' frontage on lots 101, 102 and 103 in a RA District.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman

Town of Fairhaven Notice of Public Hearing Community Development Strategy

Town of Fairhaven will hold a Public Hearing at 7:15 P.M. on November 18, 2013, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA to hear public comment on the Town's Community Development Strategy, including potential target areas for community development activities. Any persons or organizations will be given the opportunity to be heard.

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Board of Appeals

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Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/18, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Boat Ramp Committee

Tues., 11/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Community Preservation

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

Conservation Commission

Mon., 11/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs. 11/14, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Personnel Board

Tues., 11/19, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 11/26 Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 12/11, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 11/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/18 with Selectboard
Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Planing Commission

Thurs., 11/21, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 11/18, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

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Wednesday	20	0918	2145	0208	1458
Thursday	21	0958	2229	0250	1537
Friday	22	1038	2313	0333	1616
Saturday	23	1119	2359	0417	1659

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José Narosky

From our readers

Unexpected Fairhaven stop is pleasant surprise

We are an unlikely couple of sailors, unlikely to have met and unlikely to come to sailing since we are both from towns far from the sea and far from one another. Somehow we found our way to Fairhaven, where we have been living while refitting our Columbia 29 from scratch.

We have had the privilege of staying with a lovely host family, Suzanne and John Sullivan, through a long refit period. We are so thankful for their generosity, as this literally made our restoration process possible. You know what they say about houseguests and fish after three days? Well, they kept us for six months.

We often read this paper to keep up with town issues, events and personalities, so that we would have some idea of what the people around

us were talking about. So we thought it was fitting that we send in a letter before we go, to tell you what a couple of outsiders noticed about Fairhaven.

This is one of the last places on Earth that you can leave your bike unlocked. That sounds small but it actually says a lot. We particularly enjoyed the biking around in our off hours, on the path through the marshes and woods, down the neck and to West Island. We often commuted over to New Bedford, past the fishing boats and the ice houses, the maritime panorama unraveling in front of our eyes.

Here we finally learned how to properly pronounce "skawlllop." How embarrassing for us that we were saying it wrong all these years.

Especially for Fabio, who is not from the US, this is a special part of the country to experience. He says

it's got character, "sometimes a harsh character, but it's not a plain unsalted middle of nowhere, it's a part of the world that leaves a mark and we can now call it home."

Following the example of Joshua Slocum, we are about to set sails from Fairhaven for our own cruising experience, but before we leave we offer a big thank-you to Fairhaven. To John and Sue (and Keith and Todd), Gail and Arne, Freddy and Heather, Brandon, David, Polly, Baxter, Lucy and even Midnight, thank you for supporting us and sharing this great place.

Fair winds, Kate Zidar and Fabio Brunazzi, Coastal US

You can follow the travels and travails of Kate and Fabio on their blogs: Kate, <http://planktoneveryday.com/Fabio>; Fabio: <http://lapossibilitadiunisola.wordpress.com> The expect to be asea by this weekend.

Man dies in crash, Fairhaven woman charged

Bristol County DA Press Release

Caitlin Chouinard, 26, of Fairhaven was arraigned on 11/8 in St. Luke's Hospital on charges of motor vehicle homicide by result of operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and marked lanes violations. Bail was set in the amount of \$5,000 cash and she is due to appear in New Bedford District Court for a pretrial hearing on January 24th.

Ms. Chouinard was arraigned in connection to an early morning fatal

crash on Route 140 on 11/8 in New Bedford that resulted in the death of Adam Taylor, 23, of Acushnet.

According to a preliminary investigation, Ms. Chouinard was driving her 2005 Jeep Liberty northbound on Route 140 around 2 a.m. when she apparently lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle rolled over and came to rest in the same northbound lanes of Route 140 between Exits 4 and 5 in New Bedford.

A short time later, another Jeep

(1994) driven by Mr. Taylor, crashed into the disabled vehicle. Both vehicles became engulfed in flames. Ms. Chouinard was able to escape from before the fire began.

New Bedford Police, Fire and Rescue personnel arrived at the scene minutes after receiving reports of the crash and extinguished the fires. Mr. Taylor was declared deceased at the scene, while Ms. Chouinard was rushed to St. Luke's Hospital with unspecified injuries.



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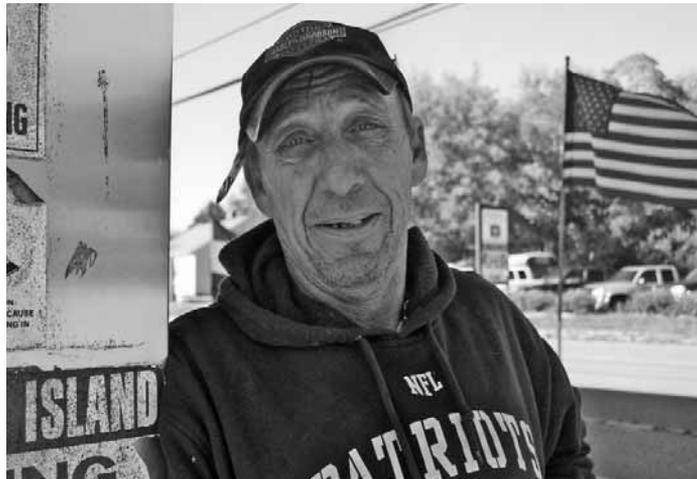
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