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

Happy Birthday Fairhaven!



Fairhaven town hall employees don the serious looks so prevalent in old photographs, along with the garb of 1812 Fairhaven to commemorate Fairhaven's 200th birthday on Wed., 2/22. On Feb. 22, 1812, Fairhaven became incorporated as a separate town. Town hall hosted an open house all day Wednesday to celebrate, complete with cake and party favors. On Saturday, 2/25, the town will re-enact the articles of incorporation ceremony, including an interesting point or two about the political limitations placed on women in 1812 politics. See page 16 for story. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com Find us on Facebook for more photos of this and other events.

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

I threw away my old jacket this week. It was a pretty unceremonious affair. I didn't have a bag in the barrel yet, after removing it for trash day, so I just threw the jacket on the ground next to the trash barrel until I could get around to putting a bag in it.

Quite unceremonious indeed.

I've had that jacket since, oh, probably 1979 or 1980. It was one of my first bargain buys as an independent woman living on my own just outside of Boston: just a cheap parka-type, short jacket, dark blue. It had a hood that rolled up into a little compartment around the neck and closed up by a zipper. I had very long hair back then, though, and the bulge annoyed me, so I cut the hood out. I did that with all my winter coats back then. No hoods.

I paid \$10 for the jacket at the Bradlees in Chelsea.

Bradlees stores do not exist anymore.

It started out as my everyday jacket for cold, but not bitterly cold, weather. As it got older, it was a just-bumming around the campfire jacket. When I bought my own home, it became my working-in-the-yard-only jacket; but I would still run around Fairhaven in it sometimes, just to pick up something quickly at a store.

It was pretty beat-up. The cuffs were frayed, there were spots on it from a 1994 attempt to power-wash spilled white paint from the back of my pickup truck. That was not a good idea.

Even the paint blotches had mostly faded away though.

But, alas, the zipper broke. It had been fussy the last few weeks, but I could always manage to hook it up and pull it up and down. Until one day this week. No more zipper. No more jacket. It's as simple as that.

As I walked back and forth, toting wood into the house for the stove, a certain wistfulness came to me whenever I looked at that jacket lying so ignominiously on the ground near the trash barrel without a bag.

Then I put a bag in the barrel and threw the jacket in.

That jacket could've told a few tales, I suppose. But not anymore. Now it's on its way to the SEMASS plant to be burned and make a spark or two of electricity for the grid.

Why do I bore you with the tale of my little jacket?

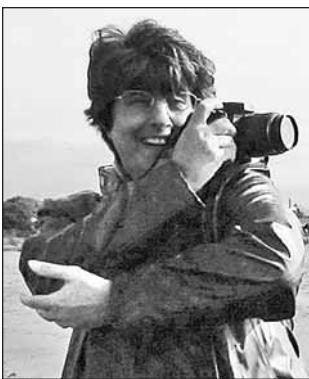
I don't know. Maybe it's the big EGO (yes, all CAPS all the time) that I have. The anti-wind people have been very helpful in pointing out the size of my ego on more than one occasion recently.

Or maybe because it's just all about change.

Change is hard sometimes. But change happens. There's just no getting around that.

Some change is good, some change is bad; some change is seen as good by some and bad by others. But, change is here to stay. People are born, people die; the tide rolls in, the tide rolls out, never looking the same twice, yet looking pretty much the same all the time. One of life's glorious little enigmas.

Change happens. Change is coming. And me, myself and I (and my id, my ego and my super-ego) will be waiting for it. Until next week...



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS

Nothing this week? Really?
Don't be shy now. Let us know.

Tech Ed students at HMS create new toys



A recent eighth-grade technology education class at Hasting Middle School, under the direction of teacher Bruce Riseborough, built and create some wonderful projects. The challenge is to design and build a machine following the design process. It is all to be done at home, with check-in dates for things like research, scale diagram and tools and materials lists. They have the full semester to work on it and can work with a partner if they have teacher approval. They are encouraged to work with an adult so it gives them some quality time with a parent or grandparent. LEFT: Hunter Major and Mason Bowman get ready to launch tennis balls through the "rocket launcher." RIGHT: Zack Baptista and Dustin Cunha holding their the hover craft that they built together. Submitted photos. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com



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February is African American History Month

From the Library of Congress

The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American society.

As a Harvard-trained historian, Carter G. Woodson, like W. E. B. Du Bois before him, believed that truth could not be denied and that reason would prevail over prejudice. His hopes to raise awareness of African Americans' contributions to civilization was realized when he and the organization he founded, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), conceived and announced Negro History Week in 1925.

The event was first celebrated during a week in February 1926 that encompassed the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The response was overwhelming: Black history clubs sprang up; teachers demanded materials to instruct their pupils; and progressive whites, not simply white scholars and philanthropists, stepped forward to endorse the effort.

By the time of Woodson's death in 1950, Negro History Week had become a central part of African American life and substantial progress had been made in bringing more Americans to appreciate the celebration. At mid-century, mayors of cities nationwide issued proclamations noting Negro History Week.

The Black Awakening of the 1960s dramatically expanded the consciousness of African Americans about the importance of black history, and the Civil Rights movement focused Americans of all color on the subject of the contributions of African Americans to our history and culture.

The celebration was expanded to a month in 1976, the nation's bicentennial. President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

That year, fifty years after the first celebration, the association held the first African American History Month. By this time, the entire nation had come to recognize the importance of Black history in the drama of the American story. Since then each American president has issued African American History Month proclamations. And the association — now the Association for the Study of

African American Life and History (ASALH) — continues to promote the study of Black history all year.

(*Excerpt from an essay by Daryl Michael Scott, Howard University, for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History*)

About This Year's Theme

This year's theme "Black Women in American Culture and History," honors African American women and the myriad of roles they played in the shaping of our nation. The theme, chosen by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History urges all Americans to study and reflect on the value of their contribution to the nation.

Women to consider: Sojourner Truth (www.sojournertruth.org), Rosa Parks (www.rosaparks.org), Ella Fitzgerald (www.ellafitzgerald.com), Zora Neale Hurston (<http://zoranealehurston.com>)

For more information on Black History Month, visit the Library of Congress sponsored website: www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov/; The Smithsonian Institute website: www.smithsonianeducation.org/heritage_month/bhm/index.html; the National Park service: www.nps.gov/history/aahistory; and the National Endowment for the Humanities: <http://edsitement.neh.gov/black-history-month#node-19469> •••

BOH says daytime meetings have nothing to do with wind foes

*By Beth David
Editor*

Fairhaven Board of Health chairperson Peter DeTerra said that board's decision to hold the last two meetings at noon had nothing to do with Windwise, the group of residents opposed to two industrial wind turbines slated to be installed in Fairhaven on Arsene Street near the wastewater treatment plant.

Mr. DeTerra explained in an email that a Feb. 6 meeting was held on Feb. 2 because of a conflict with a board member. He said the board wanted to send a letter to the Selectboard to clarify some issues that Windwise members had brought up.

Board member Jeannine Lopes confirmed that she had a conflict with the last two meetings, but that the board would start meeting again on its Monday night schedule.

About 20 members of Windwise

attended the board meeting on Tuesday, 2/21.

According to an email from Windwise's Ken Pottel, the group wanted to be on the agenda to demand that the board mandate noise measuring devices in all houses within 3,000 feet of the IWTs.

He said the board is deliberately avoiding the group.

"We really do not know how to deal with a town board which is doing everything to keep us from being able to meet with them," wrote Mr. Pottel.

Mr. DeTerra said the board needed more time to get answers to their questions.

The BOH was also waiting for an answer from the Department of Environmental Protection about the claim from the group that industrial wind turbines constitute a "noisome trade" and must be sited in a designated zone. The BOH also

sought a ruling from Town Counsel instructing them on whether or not they had the authority to stop the IWT project.

In a letter dated Jan. 20, Atty. Tom Crotty responded to the board saying that they did not have the authority to act.

He quoted a 1974 court case stating "an anticipatory injunction cannot be obtained where the nuisance depends upon the way in which an enterprise is conducted, rather than upon the essential character of the enterprise itself."

The DEP letter states that industrial wind turbines do not fall under the category requiring a separate zone and cautioned the board against invoking a "site assignment process in this novel context."

Both letters will be available on our website: www.NeighbNews.com

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Bicentennial Events

Bicentennial Concert

Providence Brigade Band, **Sat., Feb. 25, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**, Town Hall.

This free concert features the Providence Brigade Band, a 19th century period brass band specializing in traditional music from the 1800s and the Civil War period. Free. Accessible.

Ceremony of Incorporation

Fairhaven's 1812 Incorporation, **Saturday, February 25 at 4:00 p.m., Fairhaven Town Hall.** Accessible

A program including the 1812 Articles of Incorporation, music and public addresses by local officials will be presented, followed by birthday cake in the banquet room and a **lantern walk to Cushman Park for a bonfire.** Sponsored by the Fairhaven Bicentennial Committee. Free.

Bonfire and Fireworks

Saturday, February 25, 2012, 6:00 p.m., Cushman Park, Green Street.

A lantern walk from the Town Hall following the Bicentennial Program will lead to a public gathering to enjoy a blazing bonfire and ground fireworks presented by Dr. Brian Bowcock. Sponsored by the Bicentennial Committee. Free. Accessible.

Colonial Club Historical Tea

Open House and Historical Tea on Sunday, February 26 from 1-4 p.m. at the Colonial Club, 6 Cherry Street, Fairhaven. Refreshments by the ladies of the Colonial Club. Door prizes. Free and open to the public. Not Accessible.

For further information, please contact Doreen Nelsen, 508 994-1098.

Ecumenical Service

Sunday, February 26, at 2:00 p.m. The faith communities of Fairhaven will celebrate the bicentennial of the town with an ecumenical service of prayer, song, word, and reflection at the First Congregational Church, the oldest church structure of Fairhaven.

The service will incorporate a brief history of the beginnings of each faith community and then will lead us through song and prayer to reflections from four faith perspectives on these communities which are rooted in the earth and guided by the sea. A combined choir will bring song and praise to our worship.

The entire community is invited to

join us. Following our worship a reception will be held in the church hall of the church. The First Congregational Church is located at 34 Center Street. Free. Accessible.

Banquet and Ball

Tickets are now available for the 2012 Bicentennial Ball to be held on **March 10, 2012** at the Seaport Inn. Tickets are \$40 and are available at Mike & Wayne's, 163 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, 508-997-2668; or contact Don Arsenault at 508-971-8719.

Cocktails (cash bar) from 6-7 p.m., Dinner at 7, dancing to follow dinner. Semi formal dress or period dress requested. *This should be a sell-out event. Get your tickets now.*

For a full list of events visit www.Fairhaven200.blogspot.com or the office of tourism website, <http://fairhavenevents.blogspot.com/>

Masons Open House

On **February 25**, Fairhaven's **George H. Taber Masonic Lodge** will open their doors as part of the town wide 200th celebration with an open house to the public from 9 A.M.-3 P.M. This will provide the public with the opportunity learn about the Masonic fraternity. The Masonic Building is on the corner of Main and Center Streets and was built by Henry Huttleston Rogers.

Golden Agers

The Fairhaven Golden Agers Club will hold an open house on **Wednesday, 2/29 in the Oxford Terrace Community Room, 275 Main St., Fairhaven**, from 12:30-4 p.m. Accessible. All ages, 18+ are welcome to the Open House. Do come by to see how to spend a pleasant Wednesday 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.

Nature Trails mtg

An organizational meeting for the new Fairhaven Nature Trail will be

held on **March 1, at 6:30 PM at East Fairhaven School.**

Do you enjoy the outdoors? Hiking? Would you like to help create a resource for the children of Fairhaven to learn about the environment? Come and learn about an exciting opportunity to participate in the creation of nature trails and outdoor education centers located behind the East Fairhaven and Wood Elementary Schools. This proposed project is looking for interested community members willing to help develop this project and create new opportunities for all to enjoy. All are welcome!!

Spaghetti Supper & Book Fair

Sponsored by the Rogers School PTO, the 8th Annual Spaghetti Supper, Scholastic Book Fair, and Silent Auction. The event is open to the public and benefits the Rogers School PTO and Rogers School Library. **Friday, March 2, from 5-8pm at Rogers School, 100 Pleasant St., Fairhaven.** Tickets at the door: \$5 a person; children 5 and younger free.

Ticket includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread and dessert.

Accessible, call 508-979-4075 for entrance.

Ayyám-í-Ha Party

Ayyám-í-Ha Party & Yo-yos, Music & Dance with Ooch. Come join us for a joyous celebration of Ayyám-í-Ha, a Bahá'í time of hospitality and simple gift-giving at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, on **Sat., Feb. 25 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** Accessible.

10:30: Story & introductions; **11:00:** Entertainment with Ooch; **Noon:** Crafts & refreshments.

Free and open to the community.

Book Haven New Day

Starting **March 3**, the Oxford Book Haven & Cafe, located downstairs in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Main St., Fairhaven, will be open on Saturday instead of Thursday. Hours will be from 9-1. We will be selling coffee, soft drinks, and desserts. There is a large selection of books, and most are just 50 cents.

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NFIA Banquet

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association is pleased to announce that their annual "OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVANT AWARDS BANQUET" will be held on **Saturday, March 3rd**, and the major recipient this year will be Kathleen M. Sturtevant.

Mrs. Sturtevant is currently a member of the Fairhaven Board of Public Works and was directly involved in spearheading the Sconticut Neck sewer project.

Also during the evening Chief

Michael Myers will offer recognition from the police department to Police Detective Glenn Cudmore, Chief Timothy Francis from the fire department will recognize Fire-fighter/Paramedics Joy Nichols, Antone Medeiros and Chauncey Burr; and Superintendent Dr. Robert Baldwin from the school department will recognize Scott Francis, athletic director for their specific accomplishments.

This event will be held at the Century House, 107 South Main St., Acushnet. Cocktail hour is 6:00 p.m.

to 7:00 p.m. A family style, all you can eat, sit down dinner begins at 7:00 p.m. **Ticket price is \$26.00.**

Tickets are available by contacting any NFIA member or by calling N.F.I.A. President Michael Silvia at 508-990-3622, or Ted Silva at 508-996-3229. You may also e-mail your request to tedsilva@comcast.net.

No tickets will be available at the door that evening. Please order soon.

Please join N.F.I.A. in commemorating the public service of these individuals.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Youth Basketball Tournament

Boys & Girls Club of GNB Annual Basketball Challenge Tournament for Boys Division – 4th and 5th Grades, 6th Grade, 7th Grade, and 8th Grade. Girls Division – 7th and 8th Graders. The \$125 per-team registration fee includes team jerseys and trophies for champions.

Save the Dates

The Junior Tournament will run March 9, 10, 11th and 16, 17, 18th. The 20th annual Basketball Challenge is March 23rd. Call Robert Mendes, 508-992-8011. For more info visit Club's website at www.bgcnewbedford.org

Whaling Museum

The following events are at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB. Accessible. Visit www.whaling museum.org.

Free Film/Racial Relations Discussion

The City of New Bedford Human Relations Commission is hosting a free public film viewing and community discussion on the documentary, "Freedom Riders" on **Thursday, February 23 at 6:00 p.m.**

This inspirational documentary is about a band of courageous civil rights activists calling themselves the Freedom Riders. Produced by the WGBH American Experience Series, "Freedom Riders" is a powerful, harrowing and ultimately inspirational story of six months in 1961 that changed America forever.

For additional information about this FREE community event, call the

City of New Bedford Human Relations Commission, (508) 979-1464.

Chocolate Day/Free Event

Mocha Dick is purported to have been a real sperm whale that terrorized whaling crews in the 1830s. Some scholars believe he was the inspiration for Herman Melville's great white whale, Moby-Dick.

Beyond this obscure reference to mocha, is there any connection between 19th century American Whaling and chocolate? It turns out there is. Chocolate will be the subject of "Valentine's Day II – Chocolate Day," with four free public lectures by chocolate experts, demonstrations in colonial chocolate-making and sampling on **Saturday, February 25, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** **Admission is FREE to Valentine's Day II — Chocolate Day,**

Lecture Series Continues

Dr. Peter Capelotti, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Penn State Abington will present an illustrated lecture titled, "The Whaling Expedition of the Ulysses 1937-38," on **Thursday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m.**

Writer, editor and member of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, Dr. Capelotti will relate a remarkable turning point in early 20th century whaling. In the spring of 1937, U.S. Coast Guard Lieutenant Quentin Robert Walsh received a special assignment aboard the whaling factory ship, Ulysses: to monitor the commercial operation's compliance with international agreements protecting marine life. This extraordinary adventure in which Walsh played diplomat, international

inspector and military policeman, permitted him to witness an unprecedented slaughter of whales. His report became the most detailed account on the actual hunting and killing of pelagic whales.

Admission: \$15 members; \$20 non-members. For tickets, call 508-997-0046 Ext. 100. The 2012 lecture series is presented by BayCoast Bank, and sponsored in part by C.E. Beckman, and Hampton Inn.

Vets Dinner

The Veteran's Transition House is sponsoring the second annual VTH Spaghetti Supper on Sunday, 3/11 at the United Fisherman Club on Orchard Street in New Bedford. The club has generously offered the hall at a steep discount. Video DJ Rick has again volunteered his services.

Last year this event raised more than \$13,000 and this year we hope to raise more.

The VTH is a place where those veterans who are having trouble can come in off the street and get a warm bed and a hot meal. "A Hand Up, Not a Hand Out" is their motto. A place that helps with programs to get people who served their country get back on their feet.

To buy tickets, make a donation, or volunteer, call Walter at 508-989-0350.

Restore Buzzards Bay Workshop

On March 1, 22 and April 5, 2012 from 10am to 5pm, the Buzzards Bay Coalition will host its FREE annual decision-maker workshop series

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focusing on Restoring the Bay's Natural Resources. The free three-part workshop series will include site visits, lectures from restoration experts, and discussions in order to understand the ins and outs of restoring the region's rivers, wetlands and living resources.

The March 1st workshop will explore how restoration can benefit the region's natural resources with a focus on assessing damaged natural resources and the values associated with restoration.

On March 22nd, we learn how to involve the community in restoration plans. This session will focus on developing transparent restoration plans that address economic cost

benefits and safety concerns of stakeholders.

Finally the April 5th workshop will demonstrate how to make restoration projects happen. This session will focus on managing multi-source funding, permitting, planning and design, and managing construction.

For more information visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/decisionmaker or contact Shannon McManus, 508-999-6363x226, mcmanus@savebuzzardsbay.org to register.

DA's Baseball Clinic

Free baseball clinic for New Bedford youth with former Boston Red Sox pitcher Brian Rose, Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech Baseball Team,

high school baseball coaches and members of District Attorney Sam Sutter's office.

Saturday, March 3, at GNB Voc-Tech, 1121 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford, 10 a.m.-noon. Boys and girls in grades 2-8 are invited

Information on local leagues available. Registration forms available at Bristol County DA's office, 888 Purchase St., NB; New Bedford YWCA, 25 South Winter St.; Boys & Girls Club, 166 Jenny St. Free sports bag give-away to all players.

For more information contact Brian Rose at the DA's office, 508-961-1972. Online registration form available at <http://www.bristolda.com/DA/Events.html>

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Children's Auditions

Ocean State Theatre Company announces Open Children's Auditions for its summer production of *The Sound of Music* at Theatre By The Sea for children between the ages of 6-18 years old to play the Von Trapp family children.

Auditions will be held on Wednesday, February 29, from 5:00 – 10:00 pm at: University of Rhode Island (URI), Fine Arts Building, Studio G, Rt. 138 and Upper College Road, Kingston, RI 02881

For more information on what you should wear and take with you, visit www.theatrebythesea.com

Tiara Classic Reg.

Register now for the 6th annual 5K family road race with a .8 mile fun run for children, the Tiara Classic. Runners and walkers welcome. This is a healthy lifestyle event celebrating mothers and motherhood to benefit The Women's Fund of Southeastern Massachusetts.. On Sunday, May 13, at 9:00 AM for the Fun Run Start and 9:30 AM for the Race Start. At The Oxford Creamery, 98 County Road, Mattapoisett. Visit www.tiaraclassic5k.com to register

This year, the children's Fun Run (ages 3-12) will feature a staggered start for runners aged 8-12 starting at 9:00 AM and a 9:05 AM start for runners aged 3-7. Children 5 years and younger must be accompanied

by an adult. This out and back course will be closely monitored by race marshals, course cones and Mattapoisett police. All Fun Run participants will receive t-shirts and medals for participating.

Individual prizes and team prizes.

T-shirts will be provided to the first 300 5K registrants. Register now to get a t-shirt!

Bird Nest Workshop

Join staff from Mass Audubon's Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary on **Sunday, Feb. 25th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 pm** for their bluebird nest box monitor information and training session. The session is free and open to the public and focuses on training participants to monitor nest boxes on the sanctuary as volunteers or on their own properties.

We will visit 30 nest box sites along the 3-mile hike through the Allens Neck trail system and learn how to monitor nest boxes and attract bluebirds. The trail winds through shrub land and grassland habitats which attract other bird species, like tree swallows that also nest in the boxes and compete for space. We will investigate the boxes for signs of bluebird nesting material and discuss ways to identify other species of birds. Participants will have the opportunity to join the Allens Pond's volunteer nest box monitoring program.

Please meet at the Allens Neck

trailhead parking lot at the elbow curve on Allens Neck Rd., Dartmouth, MA. Wear warm clothes and suitable footwear for walking in potentially wet conditions. Bring binoculars, water, notebook, and pen. For more information or to register for the program, call the Sanctuary at (508) 636-2437 or email allenspond@massaudubon.org.

Bird Club

The next meeting of the Nasketucket Bird Club will be on **Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012 at the Mattapoisett Public Library at 7 p.m., 7 Barstow St. Accessible.** This monthly meeting will feature club member Arpad Lind as he shares some of his bird photography. We are also starting a feature every meeting where someone gives a short talk about their favorite bird. Free to all. Come and share your winter sightings with us.

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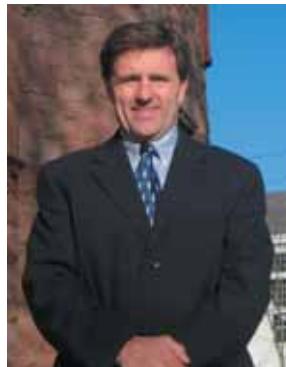
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 1 (6 oz) package herb and garlic feta, crumbled
 1 (8 oz) package shredded Cheddar cheese
 Salt and pepper to taste
 1 (9") unbaked deep dish pie crust
 4 eggs, beaten
 1 cup milk

Preheat oven to 375°. In a med. skillet, melt butter over med. heat. Saute garlic and onion in butter until lightly browned, about 7 mins. Stir in spinach, mushrooms, feta and 1/2 cup Cheddar cheese. Season with salt and pepper. Spoon mixture into pie crust.

In a med. bowl, whisk together eggs and milk. Season with salt & pepper. Pour into the pastry shell, allowing egg mixture to thoroughly combine with spinach mixture.

Bake in preheated oven for 15 minutes. Sprinkle top with remaining Cheddar cheese, and bake an additional 35 to 40 minutes, until set in center. Allow to stand 10 minutes before serving.

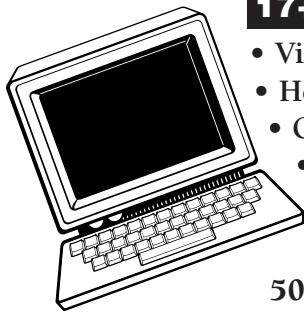
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A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neighb News

Fairhaven girls clinch SC Conference

For the first time since 08, the Fairhaven High School girls are SouthCoast champs. They rolled over Seekonk 69-44. Kara Charette and Kelsey Perrone-Sovik were top scorers.

On Friday, the defeated D-R 65-30 at the Leach Gym. Kara had 19, Ashley Brown returned from injury and had 14 points. The girls were an amazing 15-0 in league play. They suffered two losses to New Bedford, one to Dartmouth and one to Abington, but all were in non-league games.

Awaiting state tourney pairings. They could be high seed and at home.

FHS Boys Basketball

The Bluemen lost another toughy 51-47. Seth Jardin and Dan McLaughlin both had four three-pointers.

Lost to D-R Friday 66-44. Seth Jardin had five three-pointers

and game high 19 points for Blues.

Home for last game Saturday vs. Canton, the Bluemen went down in defeat 40-27.

Prose on Pros

Last week I watched the Celtics get destroyed by a Rose-less Chicago Bulls team. It was sad to see the Big Three play so poorly.

Spring is here, the grass is green. I wonder where the Birdies are. Florida is where baseball spring training's ready to start. Sox have new park in Ft. Meyes, cable Jet Blue and super training facility. Bob Valentine takes over for Tito and it should be a breath of fresh air for Sox.

Sad to see Wakefield retire. The old Knuckleballer spent 17 seasons with Sox getting 200 wins.



The Fairhaven High School girls basketball team won the SouthCoast Conference with an amazing 15-0 in league play. FIRST ROW, L-R: Kayli Moniz, Kiyana Alfaiate, Ashley Brown, Kelsey Perrone-Sovik, Tae Kojima, Brianna Pelton. SECOND ROW: Emma Moorehead, Katie Langlois, Mariah Nicholas, Kay Mullen, Kara Charette, Madison Shields, Rebecca Larson.

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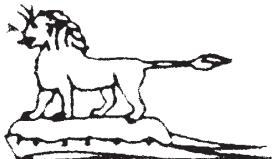
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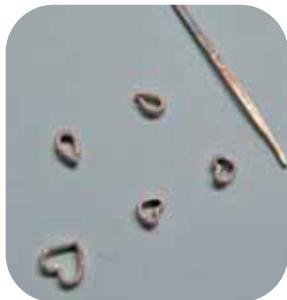
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Acushnet moving forward on new police station

By Diane Kozak

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Public Building Safety Committee reviewed seven proposals to perform a feasibility study for the possible construction of a new police station at their meeting on February 15th. The committee voted to have each of the eight committee members individually review the proposals and rank them in order of preference. They will meet on February 29th to review the rankings and discuss which architectural firm to hire to do the study.

The firms which submitted proposals are: Lieb Architects of Danvers, MA; Jacunski Humes of Berlin, CT; JM Booth Associates of New Bedford, MA; The Carell Group of Hopkinton, MA; RGB Architects of Providence, RI; Tecton Architects, Hartford, CT; and Kaestle Boos Associates of Foxborough, MA.

The feasibility studies will include recommendations on the size and design of the new police station, as well as its location within the town.



ABOVE: The Acushnet Police Department moved into this building, the old Parting Ways School, 40 years ago as a temporary solution. BELOW: Acushnet Police Chief Michael G. Alves demonstrates how detectives have to crouch to get to their space in the old building. Acushnet has solicited bids for a feasibility study on building a new police station. Photos by Diane Kozak. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com



Although the town owned land at 60 Middle Road, where the EMS building is located, is being considered as the possible site for the police station, other locations may also be considered.

The process concerning the building of a new police station began when town residents passed Article 5 at the

special town meeting in October 2011. The article allowed town officials to raise and appropriate or transfer \$35,000 for the purpose of conducting a Police Station Feasibility Study.

To oversee the project, the Public Building Safety Committee was formed shortly thereafter.

The committee members are Chairperson Police Chief Michael Alves, Town Planner Henry Young, Town Administrator Alan Coutinho, Building Inspector Jim Marot, Selectboard Chairperson Kevin Gaspar, Police Officer Jeremy Fontes, Finance Committee Member Robert St. Jean and Resident at Large Tom

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In December, members toured newly built police stations in Marion and Swansea to gather information regarding features needed for the town's facility. The tours highlighted particular concerns regarding the safety of the employees of the police department in regard to having adequate space to provide secure areas for prisoners, weapons and evidence.

At a recent Selectboard meeting Mr. Gaspar stated, "Part of the committee was shocked to see what our police officers work with on a daily basis."

The police department moved into the old Parting Ways School building 40 years ago as a temporary solution. At the time the town had built the elementary school so there was no money to build a police station.

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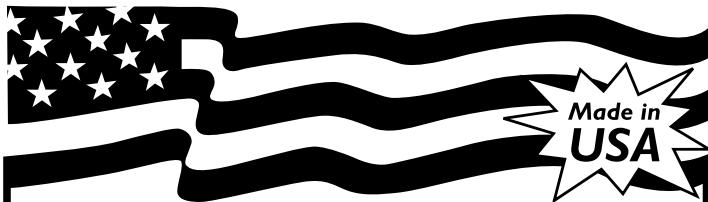
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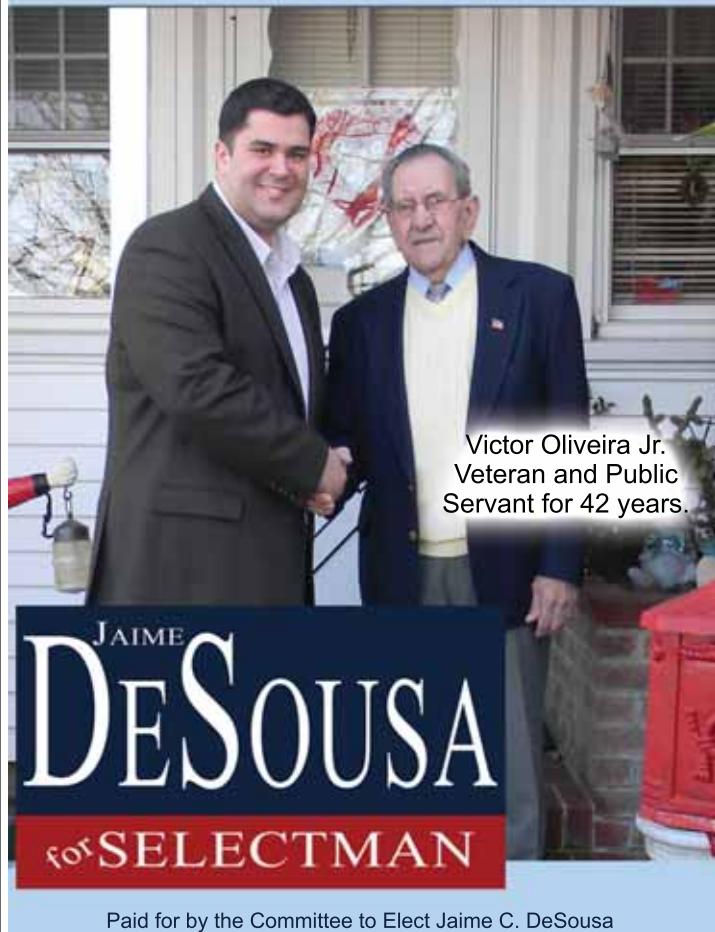
-Victor Oliveira Jr.

Victor Oliveira Jr., is a World War II Veteran and served in Fairhaven Town Government for 42 years on various boards.

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Town hall celebrates Fairhaven's birthday, 200 years to the day

By Beth David
Editor

It's just a birthday party, really. The guest of honor, however, just happens to be 200 years old.

The town of Fairhaven celebrates its 200th birthday this year. On Feb. 22, 1812, the town was officially incorporated, breaking away from New Bedford.

To celebrate the day Town Hall held an open house most of the day on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012.

Many town hall employees dressed in 1812 garb, although reliable sources tell the Neighb News that they were allowed to use computers and telephones.

Town Hall was decorated with birthday cards created by elementary school students from the East Fairhaven School. A birthday cake,



cookies, coffee, and party favors were free to all attendees.

Rosalina and Lenny Benoit joined the Open House, and Mr. Benoit said he remembered the Sesquicentennial 50 years ago.

"We think it's great. I never thought I'd make it," said Mr. Benoit, who was 16 in 1962 for the 150th birthday events.

"It's a great old town. It has a lot of history," he said, adding that when he walks near Fort Phoenix and the former site of Henry Huttleston Rogers' estate, he tries to imagine the scene with no road and no cars.

The Selectboard was scheduled to have a meeting on Wednesday, not its usual day, to commemorate the occasion.

On Saturday, town hall will be the scene of a re-enactment of the Articles of Incorporation with role playing, including some illustrations of the limitations placed on women in 1812.

"We've come a long way since then," said Bicentennial Committee Chairperson Wayne Oliveira.

He said the public is encouraged to attend on Saturday dressed in period costume. A lantern walk is



ABOVE, L-R: Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeff Osuch and Selectboard secretary Anne Kakley, dressed in 1812 togs, go over some documents on Wed., 2/22, on the town of Fairhaven's 200th birthday. LEFT BELOW: What's a birthday party without a birthday cake? See page 6 for this weekend's Bicentennial events. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com Find us on Facebook for more photos of this and other events.

scheduled for later in the afternoon (see page 6 for schedule) and he also encouraged participants to bring their own lanterns.

After three years of planning, Mr. Oliveira said he is "relieved, excited, a little nervous. We're just going to have a good time." •••

Fairhaven Shipyard roof catches fire

Fairhaven Fire Dept. Press Release

At 4:43 pm on Tuesday, 2/21, a watchman at the Fairhaven Shipyard at 50 Fort Street noticed smoke coming from the roof line of the main 3-1/2 story building.

An alarm was transmitted from fire headquarters sending two engines and a ladder truck to the scene. When firefighters arrived they found a heavy smoke condition coming from the roof. The ladder was put up to the roof and the fire extinguished within a half-hour.

Fire crews remained on scene for another hour overhauling and checking for any extension into the structure. No injuries were reported and all workers at the shipyard escaped without injury as the shipyard was open at the time of the fire. Fairhaven fire officials are investigating the cause of the fire which was confined to the roof. Early estimates put the damage at approximately \$5,000, thanks to the quick work of fire crews.



Fairhaven Firefighters climb to the roof of Fairhaven Shipyard at 50 Fort Street responding to a fire on Tuesday, 2/21. Firefighters extinguished the fire quickly, but no cause was reported. No one was injured. The fire department estimated damage at \$5,000. Photo by Heidi Winnett. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

FinCom reviews COA budget; tree warden pay raise request

By Joyce Rowley

Neighb News Correspondent

At the February 16 Fairhaven Finance Committee meeting, Chairperson John Roderiques announced that there was a strong possibility another FinCom member would resign. Mr. Roderiques said that member Jennifer Bishop had implied that she was planning on resigning for personal reasons. This third resignation since January would bring the FinCom down to ten, but would not affect the current quorum of six members needed to vote, said Mr. Roderiques.

Council on Aging Director Anne Silvia and COA Treasurer Geraldine "Gerri" Frates presented the Council's budget to the FinCom but will need to make modifications and resubmit it. Due to a misunderstanding, the budget did not include a 2% reduction overall, but only in some budget categories. Also, the salary budget was not calculated by the number of pay weeks — 52.2 in FY2013 — instead of 52. The recent 1% pay increase for clerical workers voted at the February 15 Town Meeting will have to be added in as well.

Member Theresa Szala asked if the \$2,500 vehicle repair and maintenance line item could be reduced since COA was getting a new van. Ms. Silvia responded that one of the five COA vans would be taken offline, and two others were being replaced. One van was to be purchased from Coastline Elderly Services, Inc., and the other new van was to be leased from Southeastern Regional Transportation Authority. Neither was in the fleet yet, she said.

There were still two older vans that required maintenance.

Due to the deficit, which currently stood at \$1.9 million but may be reduced to \$700,000 or \$800,000 after eliminating some articles, all departments need to show where their day-to-day operations can be cut. The COA budget needed to show a total of about \$3,200. The budget as submitted only showed a \$1,000 reduction.

Ms. Frates said that the vehicle repair line item could be reduced to make up some of the difference, and that they would resubmit new figures.

Antone Medeiros, Jr., Tree Warden, appeared before the FinCom with a FY2013 budget and a request to raise

his salary by \$3,000 or 50% of his current \$6,000 salary. He said his budget was level funded because there was very little to cut. He has two part-time workers rather than one for safety's sake, he said.

Other major costs questioned by the FinCom were department purchases of 35 trees each year, which Mr. Medeiros said were used to replace trees that are taken out by hurricanes or road construction. Mr. Hyland suggested reducing the \$5,000 tree purchase line item to come up with the department's 2% reduction.

As for the salary increase, Mr. Medeiros said he had not had a raise in a long time.

"I'm using my own truck. I don't get benefits or extra [pay] for going out at night or on weekends. The increase is about \$50 per week. It would make [the salary] more realistic," said Mr. Medeiros.

No one should have to pay for the privilege of working for the Town of Fairhaven [John Roderiques]

FinCom Secretary Ted Silva said that he could not support a 50% salary increase, although he supported the tree warden's efforts. He said that Mr. Medeiros should have come forward sooner, as had other elected officials.

Mr. Roderiques suggested that the department budget include a mileage line item so that Mr. Medeiros could get reimbursed for the use of his truck.

"No one should have to pay for the privilege of working for the Town of Fairhaven," said Mr. Roderiques. But he also said it would be difficult to get a 50% increase for the salary based on the reasons given.

The FinCom also reviewed articles for Town Meeting.

Article 7, Workers' Compensation Assessment, was set aside, as Town Counsel Thomas Crotty had not completed his letter of opinion, according to Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch.

The board unanimously voted (9-0) to recommend indefinite proposal for Article 37, repair to Fairhaven High School masonry in the amount of \$500,000, member Scott Fernandes absent.

Mr. Silva asked if the work had to be done anyway. Mr. Roderiques said it was, but that the granting mechanism to get the work done would require holding \$500,000 and paying it out before partial reimbursement.

Articles 39 and 40, revolving fund accounts for special needs early childhood and non-mandated student activities, respectively, were unanimously voted to recommend adoption (10-0), with Mr. Fernandes arriving before the item was discussed.

Likewise articles 44 and 45, revolving fund accounts for hazardous materials and Hoppy's Landing were also unanimously voted to recommend adoption (10-0), as was Article 43, acceptance of an easement for property at the corner of Bridge Street and Mill Road for road widening (10-0).

The FinCom voted to recommend approval of Article 49, purchase of a new ambulance for \$220,000 as the money had been set aside in equal amounts over ten years as part of the Town's program to maintain two ambulances that are less than five years old.

Mr. Roderiques said that he had scheduled the Historical Commission and possibly the Board of Public Works for the February 23 meeting. The Recreation department was asked to come in on March 1, and the School District on March 8 or 22.

Ms. Carter asked if the school would also be required to show a 2% reduction. Mr. Roderiques said that vote would be simple since the Town Meeting can only vote a single number. If the budget is \$18 million, he said, the vote would be 2% off that amount.

"You can't line item [the School District's] budget. You vote one figure for them. I don't agree with that, but that's the law," said Mr. Roderiques, adding that the State law allowing a 2.5% debt override included language that required voting a school budget to a single number so towns did not shift the burden of a deficit to schools. ***

Fairhaven teen earns rank of Eagle Scout

On January 21st, Cameron Souza of Fairhaven was recognized at the First Congregational Church in Fairhaven by being awarded the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America, the Eagle Scout.

Along with Cam, his fellow Scouts

and leaders of Troop 55 of the First Congregational Church, family, friends, and guests were the Order of the Arrow (OA), Abanki Lodge 102 Ceremonial Team of the Narragansett Council, B.S.A.

Cam is a member of the O.A.

Ceremonial Team and requested that the team perform a ceremony in his honor ,and they obliged.

The team members were John Kelly, Nick Grande, Lee Estes, Adam Estes, Drew Roberts, and Kyle Boyle.



Cameron Souza attained the rank of Eagle Scout on January 21 at a ceremony at the First Congregational Church in Fairhaven. Mr. Souza, 18, attends Plymouth State University where he is majoring in Music Education and Music with an option in Vocal Performance and Pedagogy, and a minor in Math Education 7-12. He works as a community advisor at the university. LEFT: Cam with his parents, Richard and Kelli Souza. RIGHT: Cam with his Order of the Arrow Team of the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America. Photos submitted. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

Special TM upholds previous vote in favor of turbines

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven town meeting members voted down an attempt by wind turbine foes to stop the installation of two industrial wind turbines on Arsene Street. At a special town meeting held on Wednesday, 2/15, members voted down all three articles which were the reason for calling the special TM.

The Article to make recalling town officials failed when members voted for Indefinite Postponement.

Article three, setting term limits, also failed.

The moderator allowed lots of discussion on Article Four, which would have instructed town officials to halt construction of the IWTs, now in progress, even though Town Counsel had already written that the article would not be "effective" if passed. A vote of Indefinite Postponement passed 134-80.

The group Windwise Fairhaven gave a presentation, delivered by Selectboard candidate Bob Espindola, that reiterated the group's previous claims that the IWTs could

cause residents nearby to suffer from "Wind Turbine Syndrome." WTS is a collection of symptoms including headaches, nausea, dizziness, anxiety and depression that opponents of IWTs say is caused by wind turbines sited too close to houses.

Most scientific data have failed to verify the existence of the syndrome. Scientists have acknowledged that wind turbine noise can cause sleep disturbances that would in turn cause some of the same symptoms.

Residents in Falmouth have complained of symptoms and have supported Windwise Fairhaven by appearing at numerous Fairhaven board meetings to talk about the effects of the IWTs near them.

Town Officials reminded TM members that they voted in 2007 to approve the wind turbines and also voted on eight other articles related to the IWTs. All those votes failed.

During discussion on the recall vote, Selectboard Chair Michael Silvia told TM members, "Let's be blunt here. One person's citizens movement is another person's lynch mob."

He said it should be very difficult to recall elected officials, and for a reason that mobilizes the whole community, not just a few. He said all politicians can be voted out of office at the end of their terms.

"Be careful what you ask for," said Mr. Silvia. "It can be used against you."

Town Counsel had also advised that if approved, it could not take effect unless the legislature made the change under the Home Rule Amendment.

Town Counsel also ruled that the article calling for term limits would have to be acted on under the same rules because towns do not have the power to regulate elections.

Planning Board Chair Wayne Hayward pointed out several problems with the term limits article, including that nearly all current members of all boards and town meeting members would have to resign. He also pointed out that the article called for a limit of two terms or six years, but that Planning Board members serve 4 year terms and

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Great sports from Fairhaven's past: 1958

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neigh News

The 1958 Fairhaven High School girls basketball team, coached by Anne Hayes and Mary Elizabeth Tripp, won the Narragansett League championship with an amazing 10-1 record. The Lady Blues got great play from Sheila Tunstall, Linda Long, Regina Damm and Jovina Pina.

The men's basketball team highlighted Barry Behn, three-year starter who averaged 27 points per game and went on to play at Brown University. Barry, a Hall-of-Famer, was a four spot letterman at FHS. Junio Al Dellecese was outstanding on this team, along with Jim Lacerda, Paul Bernard and Bobby Botelho.



The FHS girls basketball team of 1958 finished up the season 10-1, winning the Narragansett League Championship. FIRST ROW, L-R: A. Norlander, R. Damm, B. Besse, C. Rego, S. Tunstall, L. Long, B. Jensen, J. Pina, J. Luiz. SECOND ROW, L-R: J. Walega, P. Souza, B. Richard, P. Barrow, P. Goodwin, C. Benjamin, H. Hirst, D. Johnson, G. Arruda, U. Fernandes. Yearbook photo courtesy of the Millicent Library archives.



Looking back... at Fort Phoenix

Left to right: High school friends Thelma, Tay and Judy enjoy a sunny afternoon at Fort Phoenix circa 1948. The three life-long friends still make it a point to get together a couple of times a year. Thelma and Tay see each other often, because they are still both local.

(Note the woman in the left of frame. Do you know who she is? We don't, so tell us if you do.)

Have a old picture you want to share?

If you have an old picture suitable for this "Looking back" page, send it to us at: neighbnews@comcast.net, or mail to Fairhaven Neighborhood News, 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Please send pictures at least 50 years old.

Looking back...at the Fairhaven Star

On Feb. 10, 1912, the Fairhaven Star ran an article on page two telling people to get their tickets for the centennial ball to be held on Feb. 22. "The number of tickets is limited and positively none will be sold at the door on the evening of the ball. The price is 75 cents or \$1.50 per couple, on sale by members of the committee.

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Housing Authority is a 5-year term.

At the end of the meeting, a group of Windwise members lingered outside.

"It's just beginning," said Ken Pottel, adding that people town meeting members were going to wish they had not voted for the IWTs.

"I hope I'm wrong," he said.

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Wed., 3/7, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 2/27, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Commission on Disability

Wed., 3/7, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 2/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 2/23, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 3/1, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 2/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 2/29, FHS Library, 6:30

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Mon. 3/5, Acush Comm Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Health

Tues., 2/28, Parting Ways Sch, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 2/27, BPW Bldg, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Tues., 3/6, Ford MS, 5 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 2/27, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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		HIGH	LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.
February	2012			

Thursday	23	0847	2102	0200*	1410*
Friday	24	0926	2141	0237*	1443*
Saturday	25	1005	2219	0313*	1518*
Sunday	26	1044	2257	0350*	1554*
Monday	27	1123	2335	0428	1632
Tuesday	28	---	1205	0511	1715
Wednesday	29	0017	1252	0603	1807

		HIGH	LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.
March	2012			

Thursday	1	0106	1345	0719	1912
Friday	2	0202	1446	0855	2026
Saturday	3	0308	1550	0958	2133
Sunday	4	0414	1648	1044	2230
Monday	5	0511	1739	1125	2321*
Tuesday	6	0601	1826	----	1204*
Wednesday	7	0648	1912	0010*	1242*
Thursday	8	0733	1957	0059*	1321*
Friday	9	0820	2044	0147*	1401*

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to the public.

"Mayor Ashley and wife of New Bedford, the Selectmen of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Mattapoisett and Marion, and their wives, will receive special invitations to be the guests of Fairhaven on that day.

"The exhibit of old fashioned things will be arranged in the rooms west of the lower corridor in the town hall building and will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Feb. 22. L.D. Eldred is chairman of the sub-committee to receive the articles and he has an advertisement in this issue requesting the cooperation of the public in this matter..."

On page one of that same issue, under the regular feature entitled "For Those Whose Time Is Limited," was this short piece:

Thomas White, a lumberman, walked 36 miles from a camp near Somerset, Vt., to Pittsfield, Mass., to cast his vote for Mayor Frink. White was ill in bed when a telephone message was received at the camp requesting him to get to the polls if he possibly could. Despite the protests of his fellow workmen he started out early in the morning and arrived at the voting booth at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, half an hour before the polls closed.

We wonder what Mr. White would think about voter participation (or lack thereof) in 2012.***

Letters from our readers

Votes Are Supposed To Count

I've had it drummed into me since childhood that everyone's right to vote is both a sacred responsibility and a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the success of a representative democratic government. As important as it is to always recognize the importance of our opportunity to vote, so should be our recognition that the results of that vote must be honored. When we vote, it is supposed to count.

As demonstrated by relatively low voter turnout rates here and everywhere, it is hard enough to encourage everyone to make the effort to be informed, take a position and make it known by casting a ballot. That takes time, energy and effort and we all have full lives, schedules and other commitments to juggle. But when someone makes that effort, they should be rewarded with the assurance that it wasn't for nothing and it counts toward an outcome.

To me, there seem to be rumblings of discontent among the few in this town who don't share my belief in the validity of a vote or a vote's outcome. There are glimpses into movements to undo votes, declare completed votes invalid, initiate re-votes on issues already decided and ease the restraints on reversing the outcomes of votes already cast.

The motivation for this movement appears to be fairly simple: if one doesn't like the outcome, then one declares the process which produced it faulty or unfair. These feelings of malcontent appear to be swirling around the issues of wind turbines, the new elementary school and our elected and appointed officials' roles in managing the decision making processes of each. In each of these cases information was disseminated, debates were voiced at Town Meeting and other venues, and votes were taken.

In the absence of substantiated factors that prove that any vote was invalid, all votes should be respected and stamped with the weight of the will of the voters. Do such factors exist for the issues of turbines or new schools? I don't think so.

Opponents of the wind turbine project have voiced their multitude of concerns for years including "flicker," ice fling, alleged property devalua-

tion, and health impacts.

These issues were discussed and debated openly and extensively prior to and at Town Meeting in 2007, and the project was approved. Some would claim that new information on negative health impacts have surfaced since then, and while new information should always be evaluated, these claims are in direct opposition to comprehensive studies completed by the Province of Ontario, the State of Oregon Public Health Division and most recently the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, among many others, that all conclude, in my interpretation, that scientific evidence of these health claims are at best inconclusive or at worst outright false.

I also believe that these "epidemic" health claims don't meet the common sense standard given that similarly sized turbines have been in operation all over our region, state, country and the world for many years with little or no outcry over any health impact.

Some are claiming that increased awareness of the turbine project would have affected the outcome of the new elementary school vote. I find this dubious since there was to be a school at the Wood School site regardless of whether the town approved a new school or not.

I urge you to get elected to serve on Town Meeting, read and evaluate every article and vote what you think is right. I urge you to take notice of every election and ballot issue, do your homework and make your voice heard by voting. Everyone who does that deserves the respect and consideration they earned for taking part in their government, regardless of which way they voted.

They also deserve to know that their vote will be counted, respected and acted upon in accordance with the law and the trust of our community. Any step taken to reduce that trust is, in my opinion, a disservice to each and every voter and a step back in the progress we have made in earning and building public trust in government, let alone public interest in participating in it.

*Phil Washko, Candidate for Selectman,
Fairhaven*

Thanks for help with elevator rehab

We of the "Lift You Up" committee of Saint Joseph Parish in Fairhaven

wish to express our sincere thanks to all who contributed to the success of our first fundraiser to repair the Church elevator.

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Jeanette Braga, Fairhaven

Brown is tireless advocate

It has been over two years now United States Senator Scott Brown was elected by the people in a special election to replace the late Ted Kennedy. Since his first day in office, Scott Brown has been a tireless advocate on behalf of the New Bedford fishing industry.

Brown, fiercely independent, methodically and deliberately labors on behalf of all residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts but he has proven time and again from his legislation to innumerable visits that there is a special place in the Senator's heart for New Bedford and the SouthCoast.

Additionally, as a member of the Senate's Veterans Affairs Committee, and through his role as a 32-year member of the Massachusetts National Guard, Brown has been a passionate advocate for all our veterans.

Senator Brown recently sent letters to the leadership of the New Bedford Historical Society, New Bedford Whaling Museum, and the Old Dartmouth Historical Society thanking those organizations for devoting "each day of the year to the history and contributions of people of color in our Commonwealth. In doing, you help to preserve unique and valuable elements of our culture and shatter stereotypes."

Senator Brown specifically noted the collaboration of these organizations holding the Paul Cuffe Symposium in October 2009. The Senator is also keenly aware of the recent dedication of the Paul Cuffe Park at the corner of Union Street and Johnny Cake Hill that occurred during the recent collaboration upon the

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New Bedford Genealogy Symposium in September 2011. Senator Brown singled out both the Paul Cuffe Symposium and the later park dedication in his letter.

I'm honored that Senator Brown has submitted my Master's thesis, "Paul Cuffe: A Study of His Life and the Status of His Legacy in Old Dartmouth," to the Library of Congress.

Scott Brown cares about New Bedford, its people, and our rich history. I know this because I have stood with the Senator, a friend of over a decade, at an establishment on Union Street, pointed up towards what today is the park, and discussed Paul Cuffe and other significant local historical figures. I frequently forward newspaper articles, emails, and other history related items to Senator Brown. The Senator's letter was written in late December and mailed sometime in January. Scott Brown cherishes local and African-American history throughout the year and not only in February when we celebrate Black History Month.

The Senator's recognition and his deep admiration for people of all

colors with their rich history, is evidence of his overwhelming commitment to all people who have contributed, and sacrificed, for all of us, today.

As Senator Scott Brown wrote, "...we would be remiss if we did not recognize and appreciate the vital contributions of African-Americans who have contributed so much to the rich tapestry of Massachusetts history."

Brock N. Cordeiro, Dartmouth

Wind Turbines vs Radio Comm. and Sound Waves

Fairhaven has a 550-foot radio tower located within hundreds of feet of the two proposed 400-foot commercial turbines. Comparisons of the height of the turbines has been made in relation to the radio tower.

Unanswered questions remain about the two turbines' potential impact on nearby radio stations both AM and FM. A conclusion must have been made the turbines presented no risk to the radio signals' integrity.

At a November 2010 hearing in Brewster a Cape Cod broadcasting

company raised the issue of signal interference. That turbine was never built.

Wind turbines can even cause clutter and interference with images produced by Doppler Radar. Commercial wind turbines are located over four miles from regional airports.

These two turbines are multistory electrical power plants erected on massive pylons in both Falmouth and Fairhaven.

The Fairhaven wind turbines are the second experiment after Falmouth in siting commercial wind turbines hundreds of feet from homes in Massachusetts.* The Fairhaven wind turbines will either confirm or deny the infra-sound issues.

We have to hold our public officials accountable.

Frank Haggerty, Mattapoisett

*Editor's note: There are many industrial wind turbines located closer to homes than those proposed in Fairhaven. In Templeton, houses are 450 feet away; in Gardner, two IWTs are 650 feet from a hospital. See the Neighb News, 1/26/12 issue on our website: www.NeighbNews.com

Whitfield-Manjiro Society had busy year

Press Release

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society wishes all our supporters a happy new year. At this time of year we wish to pause to thank you for your continued support. It has helped us to:

- Lead the local fund-raising efforts to aid our friends In Japan after the devastating earthquake and tsunami on March 11, 2011.
- Assist the local Shining Tides Quilt Guild to ship and distribute the 76 beautiful friendship quilts created by their members for displaced citizens in Japan.
- Nearly complete the period decoration and furnishing of the Friendship House museum.
- Participate in the Grassroots Summit in Tosashimizu, Manjiro's home town.
- Conduct three classes in the Japanese language for our local citizens.
- Host our 13th Manjiro Festival at which time Dr. Hinohara returned so we could participate in the celebration of his 100th birthday.

• Continue to host visitors to the Friendship House Museum currently bringing the total to just over 1,600 guests.

All of the above would not be possible without the continued support of our friends like you. We look forward to an exciting year of the Dragon (2112) and we take on this challenge knowing that your participation will continue. No matter what role you have played in this endeavor, we wish you to know that it is truly appreciated. We wish you, and all those you hold dear, a truly healthy & Happy New Year.

"SHINNEN AKEMASHITE
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Gerry Rooney, President & CEO

New website launched

The WMFS has launched a new website at www.whitfield-manjiro.org/

Visit to find out about ongoing programs, special events, and to learn more about the tale of Captain William Whitfield and Manjiro Nakahama.

Bridge to close 3 wks

The antiquated electrical system that allows both cars and vessels to pass the New Bedford-Fairhaven Bridge requires urgent transformer and motor upgrades that could take three weeks. The work, if left undone, could cripple the span for an unknown period of time.

The threat posed to the bridge by inadequate transformer capacity was brought home last February when a problem caused a closure. The incident initiated MassDOT's current effort to provide a permanent remedy through the installation of new transformers and motors.

Around-the-clock work will prevent vehicles from crossing the bridge for a projected three weeks beginning at 6:00 a.m. on March 4.

During the upgrade, the bridge will be set in the open position to allow marine vessels to transit the area in accordance with Federal Law and the US Coast Guard. Specific detour routes will be posted on MassDOT's website.

The aggressive work schedule is dependent on weather conditions. MassDOT will provide progress updates throughout the project. •••

ML's Eye on the Weather



A weekly weather report from ML Baron of the West Island Weather Station: westislandweather.com

By M.L.Baron
westislandweather.com

Buzzards Bay Focus of Upcoming Film Festival

From press release reports

As The Coalition for Buzzards Bay celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, they have organized their first annual film festival featuring videos and photos promoting Buzzards Bay by both professionals and amateurs.

The call for entries invites all film makers, from first timers, professionals, students and hobbyists. All film types are eligible, including features, shorts, dramas, documentaries, animation and smart phone videos, as long as some

portion of them were shot on the Bay or in its watershed, have the Bay as their subject, or promote the Bay's preservation and restoration.

Organizer Tom Gidwitz stated: "The Festival is part of our year long celebration of the Coalition's 25th anniversary and 'The People's History' of Buzzards Bay," assembled from the public's contributions of pictures, slides and videos that depict important historic or personal places and events in the Bay's history."

The Festival is scheduled for November 11th at The Zeiterion Theater in New Bedford. For more information contact The Buzzards Bay Coalition at 508-999-6363 or at this link: www.buzzardsbayfilmfestival.org

See a promotional clip featuring Crow Island and Hurricane Bob: <http://www.buzzardsbayfilmfestival.org/FILMaug19.php>

Scarce snowfall and mild temps expected to continue

In what is expected to be the least snowiest winter since 1936, the jet stream continues to maintain a spring-like winter. Long range projections by NOAA show no significant changes in this pattern that very likely will continue into March, setting an all time record for the least amount of snowfall in a winter season.

The temperatures have consistently been above average by 6

degrees, in fact the last consecutive 8 months have had above average temperatures.

With less than a month left for this winter season don't write off getting a snowstorm or two but the possibility is melting away rapidly.

With these numbers one can expect an early tick season.

Daylight Savings begins Sunday, March 4 at 2AM.

The island's ocean temperature is 39.6 degrees.

The Spring Vernal Equinox arrives on March 20 at 1:14AM

Forecast

Friday, Feb 24: Cloudy with a 50% chance of rain. Highs in the mid 50s.

Night: Mostly cloudy with a 40 % chance of showers. Lows in mid 30s.

Saturday, Feb 25: Mostly sunny and brisk. Cooler with highs in the mid 40s. **Night:** Mostly clear. Cooler with lows in the mid 20s.

Sunday, Feb 26: Mostly sunny. Highs around 40. **Night:** Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s.

Monday, Feb 27: Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s. **Night:** Mostly Cloudy. Low: 32

Tuesday, Feb. 28: Partly Cloudy. High: 36. **Night:** Partly Cloudy. Low: 33

Wed., Feb. 29: Partly Cloudy. High: 39. **Night:** Light Rain. Low: 38

Thursday, Mar. 1: Overcast. High: 43. **Night:** Mostly Cloudy. Low: 24

Friday, Mar. 2: Clear. High: 27
Night: Partly Cloudy. Low: 25

Geography bee holds possibilities for winner



The results are in for Fairhaven's Hastings Middle School National Geographic Geography Bee which was held on Thursday, January 12 in the library. First place winner was Savannah Roth, sixth grade; second place was Lauren Conlon, eighth grade; third place was Paul Katan. Thanks to all those who participated in the Geography Bee (pictured above): Sierra Canastr, Kelly Dibiasi, Emma Flanagan, Zoe Foster, Sydney Roth, Kennedy Ryan and Jeffrey Syznal. First place winner Savannah Roth will take a test which is submitted to the National Finals to potentially compete at the state and national level. Submitted photo. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

William Hayter turns 101



William Hayter turned 101 on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14., 2012, and five generations of his family celebrated with him. Alden Court threw a Valentine's Day Party and birthday party together in his honor. The Harpoon Harmonizers also serenaded him with a couple of songs. ABOVE: William Hayter with his two children, Carol Brennan and William S. Hayter. Submitted photo. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com, where you'll also find a story about Mr. Hayter on his 100th birthday on our archives page, 2/24/11 issue.

Atria residents win for fitness



Congratulations to the 2012 Presidential Physical Fitness Award Winners at Atria Assisted Living. The challenge involved taking part in a variety of daily exercise programs five times per week for six consecutive weeks. ABOVE, L-R: Irma Risch, Marjorie Weinstein, Winnie Carter, Ardiss Van Inwegen, Marion Teixeira. Photo Submitted by Wendy Carr-Cabral. Submitted photo. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

Birders scour area for annual bird count

Press Release

On Saturday, December 17, 2011, nine members of the Nasketucket Bird Club led by Justin Barrett, Club President and Mike LaBossiere, Past President, scoured the marshes, woods, thickets and shoreline of Fairhaven during the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count.

The count has been going on for over one hundred years and our club has participated since 2007. According to Audubon, "the data collected by observers over the past century allow researchers, conservation biologists, and interested individuals to study the long-term health and status of bird populations across North America."

Although the numbers of birds and species seen may vary a lot from year to year depending on weather and the number of counters, the data collected over the long term is valuable.

The best birds of the day were two Razorbills seen close to shore off West Island. They are related to Puffins and usually spend their lives at sea. A Peregrine Falcon posed atop

the mill on Angelica Rock and a disgruntled Great Horned Owl was woken up from its nap. Sixty-two species were identified.

The Nasketucket Bird Club meets most months at the Mattapoisett Public Library on Barstow Street at 7 pm on the fourth Thursday. Check the website at <http://massbird.org/Nasketucket/index.htm>

Our members include birders from Mattapoisett, Wareham, Marion, Rochester, Fairhaven, Acushnet, and other area towns. Check out the happenings section (page 8)

for the next meeting. Everyone is welcome.



The Great Horned Owl (like the one picture above) is just one of many species of birds that members of the Nasketucket Bird Club counted on December 17 of last year as part of the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count. Although club members did not have a lot of luck taking good pictures on that day, Carolyn Longworth has a great store of photos from her many birding expeditions. See her photos at <http://clongworth.smugmug.com/>. Photo courtesy of Carolyn Longworth. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

Dog days of winter



The unusually warm weather most definitely enticed people to get outside and enjoy the bike path this weekend. On Sunday, the Little Bay Extension and the main Phoenix Bike Trail were both bustling with walkers, runners, bikers, and, especially dog walkers.

LEFT: A group of family and friends from Fairhaven and Dartmouth walk some Blue Nose Pitbulls, a Red Nose Pitbull, a Boston Terrier and a Maltese on Sunday, 2/19, on the Little Bay Extension, near the wastewater treatment plant in Fairhaven. According to Meressa Borges of Fairhaven, the pitbulls are all rescues. LEFT BOTTOM: The Blue Nose (left) and Red Nose Pitbull get along just fine. BELOW: Destiny the Yorkshire Terrier gets to ride in style while Diane Segnitz does the pedaling. Alicia Menard keeps her grandmother and the little Yorkie company. *Beth David photos. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com*



Legal Notices/Public Hearings

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on March 13, 2012**, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following applications.

1) **Accepted Street Discontinuance**, the applicant, **NYE Lubricants, Inc.**, is requesting that the entire length, approximately 260-feet, of "River Avenue" north of Howland Road, as shown on Assessor's Map 19 be discontinued. The location of the street is between Lot 100 and Lot 243B, Map 19.

2) **Subdivision Rescission** – Per MGL Ch. 41, Sec. 81W, the Planning Board will be holding a hearing to rescind their approval dated, June 26, 2007, of the McCoy/Wigwam Beach Road subdivision. The location of the property is 307R

Sconticut Neck Road, Map 29, 16F and Map 29D, Lots 1C & 17.

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082.

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board

Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on WEDNESDAY, March 7, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

1. Jonathan Costa 395 Huttleston Avenue Plat 31A, Lot 309-310 Book 9008, Page 83
198-16 A Special Permit is required for a greenhouse with retail sales under 5 acres in a RA District.
2. Donna McKenna Arsene Street Plat

28, Lots 8, 8A & 9 Book 1490, Page 201 & Book 3326, Page 266

Administrative Appeal Administrative Appeal of Building Permit for Wind Turbines.

3. John W. Folino, Jr. 15-18 Arsene Way Plats 28, 30A, Lots 2A, 1A Book 4537, Page 24

Clarification of a Special Permit issued on July 5, 2011.

4. Jeffrey Antil, Trustee 249 Adams Street Plat 23, Lot 93 Book 3945, Page 91
198-21 A Special Permit is required for expansion of a pre-existing nonconforming use.

5. Jesse Perry, Jr., Trustee 36 Balsam Street Plat 43C, Lot 23 Certificate # 21031

198-18 Short 11' north side and 6' south side of the required 20' side setback and 1% over the maximum allowed lot coverage of 15% all within a RR District.

Very Truly, Peter DeTerra, Chairman

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