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

## Unusual visitor in harbor gets big welcome



Scores of people line the New Bedford-Fairhaven bridge on Thursday, 4/12, to catch a glimpse of a pilot whale that visited the harbor. Officials kept an eye on it and kept boats away all day, fearing it was sick, but it found its way out of the harbor on Friday morning and swam out to sea. See page 3. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com). Visit [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) for more photos of this and other events.

## From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

I know I'm in trouble when I'm awake to receive all those junk emails that arrive in the overnight hours. I am SOOOOO too old for my life.

Let's see, where to begin?

How about our cover shot?

See all those people out there?

See 'em? Huh? Just as many at

Captain Leroy's watching that whale. Hundreds, I tell you, hundreds. How many of them are my readers, y'think? I saw at least 10 of my readers watching that whale. So, how many of them called me do you think? Huh? Huh? NONE. NONE. NONE. The calls...the TWO calls, came from officials on the waterfront.

It was all over the radio, the TV, there was all kinds of hooplah

and  
none  
of  
my  
readers  
called  
me.

It would've been soooooo embarrassing to miss an event that brought the regional press here for a good thing for a change.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, to the persons who called me. They were together, so although technically it was two calls, it was just one lead.

My readers! Where were you? Sob...sob...sob...

Now, onto more fun things: The Planning Board vs. the Selectboard. PB chair Wayne Hayward is all upset that his wind turbine bylaw did not get on the special town meeting warrant. He blames the selectboard, they blame him, citing town counsel's ruling. See page 17 for that.

Okay back to the whale. At first everyone thought it was sick. Then it just swam off, back through the gates and out to sea. I think he just wanted some company. He knew if he got close to shore, people would visit him. They think it was the same whale that beached itself a while back on the Cape. I think the Cape didn't have the friendly set-up we have. People were on that bridge we all love and hate, hanging out on Pope's Island, at Captain Leroy's. It was a a festival atmosphere. All ages, all persuasions.

Everyone was trying to get a glimpse of our visitor. Every time he popped his head up, people would gasp and exclaim "there it is!" and point and take pictures.

It was a great little diversion, especially since he swam away, apparently healthy after all. I just wish he had popped up out of the water a little more so I could've gotten a good picture of his whole snout. They are so cute, if the pictures online are any indication. I couldn't find any good copyright-free ones, though, so you'll have to surf the web yourself to see them.

Well, time to go. There's meeting coverage and all kinds of fun stuff in here, of course. You'll just have to thumb through to find it all. Be sure to notice who's advertising with us and tell them you saw their ads in the Neighb News. See ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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### CORRECTIONS

In our Fairhaven ConservationCommission article last week, we spelled a name incorrectly. It should have been Caroline Marcoux. We apologize for the error.

# Pilot Whale hangs out in New Bedford Harbor for a day

By Beth David  
**Editor**

A 15-foot pilot whale, estimated to be about 1200 pounds, took up residence in New Bedford Harbor for a day last week. Officials were notified of the whale by a fishing boat on Thursday morning, 4/12.

According to CT Harry from the International Fund for Animal Welfare, the pilot whale is a toothed whale that is a social animal, usually found in groups. He said the whale was swimming lethargically, and officials feared it was sick. At about 6 p.m. on Thursday he said they were hoping it would beach itself so they could take blood samples and tag it.

"We can't do a whole lot because it's so big and the harbor is so deep," said Mr. Harry. He said they have several options for "herding" it out to sea, including electronic "pingers" and using boats to move it away, but

because of the deep water, the whale could simply swim under boats. Then there was the problem of needing it to swim through the narrow gates of the hurricane barrier.

He said they did not want to interfere with it if it was healthy. He said they would watch it for a "couple of days," but that turned out not to be necessary.

The whale left the harbor on its own at about 8:15 on Friday morning, according to Fairhaven Shellfish Warden Timothy Cox, whose department assisted in keeping an eye on the whale.

A police boat kept vessels away all day as the whale moved around the harbor. Late in the afternoon it hung out by the bridge for several hours, allowing hundreds of people to watch it from above and from Captain Leroy's on Pope's Island.

People lined the sidewalk of the

bridge, leaning over the railings taking pictures and reveling in the sight of the whale, trying to spy where it would surface next. Exclamations, gasps, and shouts of "there it is" rang through the air every time it broke through, as people of all ages took a break from the daily grind to check out New Bedford's popular visitor.

Mr. Cox said officials felt it could be the same whale that beached itself on the Cape a few weeks ago, but IFAW was not able to tag that one either.

For more information on pilot whales visit: [http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/mammals/cetaceans/pilotwhale\\_longfinned.htm](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/mammals/cetaceans/pilotwhale_longfinned.htm) or [http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/mammals/cetaceans/pilotwhale\\_shortfinned.htm](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/mammals/cetaceans/pilotwhale_shortfinned.htm)

For more information about IFAW, visit [www.ifaw.org/](http://www.ifaw.org/)



This pilot whale hung out in New Bedford Harbor for the whole day on Thursday, 4/12/12, then swam out to sea on its own on Friday morning, 4/13. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com). Visit [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) for more photos of this and other events

# Budget cuts could result in layoffs for 7-8 in school department

By Joyce Rowley

## Neighb News Correspondent

Fairhaven Superintendent of Schools Robert N. Baldwin presented both an \$18,015,557 level service budget and then a \$17,655,050 budget representing approximately a 2% reduction to the School Committee at the April 11 public hearing. The level service budget had been online at the School District website since February. Due to the sensitive nature of the cuts that will be needed to make up the 2% reduction, that information was presented for the first time at the public hearing.

"Every two to three years, we're asked to restructure our 'company' due to financial times," said Dr. Baldwin. In 2010, the School District had to eliminate 17 positions in order to meet a 4% cut. Six classroom teachers, six paraprofessionals, a director of administration, two guidance counselors, a technical support position and a maintenance position were cut. Many of the 17 positions were not restored.

School Committee Vice-chairperson David Gonsalves said that during the Special Town Meeting in 2010 some departments got a portion of their budgets back when additional money became available. Member Brian Monroe questioned whether there might be additional funding since the Finance Committee had just "found" a couple of hundred thousand dollars. Dr. Baldwin said that the windfall was quickly used up in newly found health insurance costs.

But School Committee member Bernard Roderick said it was like "déjà vu all over again."

"Money will be found, other departments will corner a lot of it," said Mr. Roderick.

According Massachusetts law the

School Committee votes a certified budget figure in order to seek approval of the school department budget by Town Meeting, Dr. Baldwin said. Town Meeting votes one figure. Only the School Committee has the authority to vote specific line items within the budget.

The level service budget included a \$14,360,000 services component and a \$3,655,557 operational budget.

Dr. Baldwin said the proposed service reductions were based on the School District's class size goals and mission statement. These included:

Reducing District Title I services by restructuring the delivery of services; Maintaining the status quo

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for maintenance services; Restructuring the delivery of the academic program in Grade 6; Eliminating health education from the middle school; Reducing the delivery of student services in Grade 6; Reducing the frequency of art education delivered to the students in the middle school level; and Eliminating Spanish as an exploratory course at the middle school level in Grade 6. Spanish it will still be available as a major course.

At the same time, the School District was mandated to add English Language Learner services according

to new state requirements, Dr. Baldwin said.

Of the seven to eight positions likely to be lost, one is for the maintenance position that was to be restored from the 2010 budget cuts. Dr. Baldwin was careful not to specify which staff might lose their jobs as part of this proposed budget. Instead, he indicated what the requirements are for laying off school district staff.

During the week of April 23-27, specific teachers without professional status will be notified in a written letter that there is a strong indication they will not be recommended for contract renewal. The following week, the school district will go to precinct meetings after certifying the school budget in order to actively seek out funding.

On May 7-10, some teachers will be given notice that their last day is June 15. Specific employees in the teachers union will be notified of a reduction in force based on funding level and/or elimination of education programs. On May 11, new jobs will be posted.

"If we work really hard, we can do it," said Dr. Baldwin. "But we're getting to a point where we're not going to be able to do it anymore."

Member Brian Monroe asked about the Grade 6 class size goals, since many of the cuts seemed directed at that grade. Dr. Baldwin assured the School Committee that although the number of students will increase, for the most part, class size goals will be adhered to.

Mr. Gonsalves asked if there would be additional discussions to allow time to review the material presented. Chairperson Pamela Kuechler said that the discussions would continue through the next several

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## Superintendent's contract renewed

By Beth David

### Editor

Robert Baldwin, Fairhaven's superintendent of schools, renewed his contract a year before it expired, according to School Committee chairperson Pamela Kuechler. She said the SC initiated the negotiations because they did not want to lose him.

"He's in demand and we're very happy with the work he's doing," she

said.

Dr. Baldwin signed a six-year contract. Next year's salary, FY13, will be as negotiated on the last contract, \$144,895. He will receive a 1% raise, with the possibility of merit increases for the next two years; then a wage "re-opener" kicks in, according to Ms. Kuechler.

She said she did not know if Dr. Baldwin had actually been contacted

by a rival district, but said she believed there were a lot of superintendent openings.

"We just know he's very good and there are a lot of openings around and we wanted to secure some stability in the district going forward," said Ms. Kuechler. "We feel comfortable the district is headed in the right direction and we want to keep moving that way." •••

# FinCom tackles special town meeting warrant

By Joyce Rowley

## Neighb News Correspondent

Fairhaven Board of Public Works Superintendent Vincent Furtado and Sewer Superintendent Linda Schick appeared before the Finance Committee at their April 12 meeting to answer questions on the BPW's \$300,000 Special Town Meeting article. Mr. Furtado said that the anaerobic digester project has a new resident engineer from Brown and Caldwell. The previous project manager and resident engineer left the firm.

"Lo and behold, two or three weeks ago, we were given close to \$300,000 of potential change orders [from Brown & Caldwell]," said Mr. Furtado.

Chairperson John Roderiques asked if the BPW had taken steps to protect its position and whether it will try to get some of the \$300,000 back. Mr. Furtado said that BPW hired someone to review the contract and construction documents.

FinCom member Edward "Ted" Silva asked what problems would have cost \$1 million. Ms. Schick listed several items.

The \$7.6 million project was funded through the state. If the Town completes the project as required, the funding becomes a grant; otherwise, it is a loan that must be repaid.

Member Padraic Elliott asked if the \$300,000 was the final amount of overages. He was assured this was the last of the overruns.

The FinCom voted unanimously (8-0) on the STM article to recommend \$300,000 of the Sewer Retained Earnings fund towards the anaerobic digester.

A \$25,000 reserve fund transfer was approved by a unanimous vote (8-0) for health insurance costs due

to a 15% increase that will take effect June 1, 2012. Item #6, group insurance, was removed from the STM warrant. Two Veteran's articles were also removed and instead voted as reserve fund transfers in the amounts Both, in the amount of \$20,000 each, were approved by a vote of 7-0, with member Ronald Quinton abstaining.

The FinCom discussed what other changes to the budget might happen before Town Meeting.

The state had announced that it might have additional funding for municipalities. For Fairhaven, it might be as much as \$185,000.

On the STM warrant, Town Charges for the Treasurer in the amount of \$1,524; Tax title costs of \$10,000; and legal expenses of \$35,000 were recommended for approval unanimously. A Town Charge by the Highway division for \$121,000 for a street sweeper was also recommended for approval with the modification that the article specify the funds are only to be used for the street sweeper.

Article 2 of the STM, Labor contract adjustments for FY2012, was voted to recommend at Town Meeting. No contracts had been submitted, and Mr. Roderiques stated that if the contract came in at Town Meeting, the FinCom still had an obligation to make a recommendation on it.

Article 3 included a number of union contracts for FY2013, but only one had signed for a specific amount. The FinCom voted to recommend approval of the clerical union's \$6,520 contract 9-0, with member Scott Fernandes now in attendance. The other four BPW contracts were unanimously voted to recommend at Town Meeting.

Article 4 of the STM was for a \$33,000 appropriation to cover the Water division's operating budget shortfall for FY2012. It passed with a 9-0 vote to recommend approval.

Article 5, a proposed request to obtain permission from the General Court to grant an easement over dedicated parkland at Cushman Park to an abutter, was voted 9-0 to yield to the petitioner.

Article 6, a request to establish a Stabilization Fund for the third ambulance, was not voted on.

Article 8, a wind turbine moratorium, was voted 9-0 to yield to the petitioner.

Article 9, a drainage easement at Elliot Lane, was also voted 9-0 to yield to the petitioner, as was Article 10, for an All Alcohol license for Total Confection LLC, a.k.a. Emma Jean's.

Articles 11 through 14 concerned establishing Stabilization Funds for pre-paid sewer betterment accounts in four areas of town, and were approved unanimously. However, Mr. Roderiques recused himself and left the room for Article 13 concerning Nancy Street as his father lives in the neighborhood.

At the end of the meeting, the FinCom discussed the four pending vacant seats on the FinCom. Three were vacated by members prior to the end of their term; the fourth will be vacated by member Lisa Plante due to redistricting. Her home was previously in Precinct 4 where she was appointed, and is now in Precinct 5. Another four seats are up for reappointment: members Sidney Martin, Kathleen Carter, Mr. Fernandes and Theresa Szala. Mr. Roderiques said that the FinCom reorganization meeting would be held in late June. •••



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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Earth Day Event

See page 18 for statewide events

Be the Solution to Pollution is hosting an **Earthday Cleanup from 8:30am-12pm Sunday April 22, at Fort Phoenix**. Meet us in the parking lot near the cannons. We will clean to the left and right of the dike. Supplies available along with refreshments. Volunteers are welcome.

Be the Solution to Pollution is committed to making drastic positive changes by creating needed public awareness about litter in our environment. We have been conducting cleanups throughout Southeastern MA and Rhode Island.

For more information, visit [www.bethesolutiontopollution.com](http://www.bethesolutiontopollution.com) or [fremarylou@yahoo.com](mailto:fremarylou@yahoo.com). Visit us on facebook: [www.facebook.com/pollutionsolution](http://www.facebook.com/pollutionsolution)

## Town Meeting Orientation

Are you a newly elected Town Meeting member interested in learning more about the Town Meeting process? Town Moderator Mark Sylvia will be holding a **Town Meeting Orientation on Wednesday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium for new Town Meeting members.**

If you are a newly elected Town Meeting member and interested in learning more about the Town Meeting process, or even if you are a seasoned Town Meeting member who would like to ask questions, you are welcome to attend this session. If you have questions, please call the Selectmen's Office at 508-979-4023 or email Mr. Sylvia at [msylvia11@comcast.net](mailto:msylvia11@comcast.net).

## Small Bus. Seminar

Are you looking for a competitive edge in today's market? Need help starting a new small business? Interested in expanding your current workforce? The Fairhaven Business Association is sponsoring a small business seminar to help small business owners and potential owners survive in this economy.

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Costs on Your Small Business, Expand with International Trade & Export, Train Employees with MA State Workforce Training Fund

The seminar will take place **Wednesday, April 25, from 9AM to 11AM** at the Seaport Inn and Marina, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Cost to attend is \$5 per person. Reservations are required. **Please call 508-994-9971 x 149 to reserve space no later than April 23rd.**

This seminar is proudly sponsored by the Fairhaven Business Association (FBA) and is a free benefit to FBA members. Visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/FairhavenBusinessAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/FairhavenBusinessAssociation).

## Colonial Kids Day

The Fairhaven Village Militia once again will host its annual Kids Day at the Academy this year during school vacation in April at the historic Fairhaven Academy building. Planned activities for children of all ages include arts and crafts, authentic 18th century lessons, drilling on the front lawn (weather permitting), Q&A with costumed interpreters, and much more.

Stop by with your children or just on your own to spread out a blanket and enjoy a picnic lunch in front of the 1798 school building. The interior of the Academy Building will be open to the public throughout this free event sponsored by the Fairhaven Village Militia.

**Kids Day will be held, free of charge, on Friday, April 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Academy, corner of Huttleston Avenue (Route 6) and Main Street, Fairhaven.** For more information, visit the militia's website at [FairhavenVillageMilitia@webs.com](mailto:FairhavenVillageMilitia@webs.com).

## West Island 5K

Road race/walk to benefit the Fairhaven High School Cross Country team. Easy course along the water includes All Kids Mile Fun Run.

**Sunday, April 29. Kids run starts at 10 a.m., race starts at 11.** Meet at the West Island Improvement Association Community Center, 41 Causeway Road.

Registrations are \$5.00 for the Kids Mile Fun Run, \$15.00 for any K-12 students registering for the 5K

Run/Walk, and \$20.00 for all others registering for the 5K Run/Walk. **The registration fee will go up to \$25 on April 15.** We have already topped 200 runners, so don't delay signing up. We truly believe our event has something for everyone. You and your family can run or walk.

On race day, parking will be available at Hoppy's Landing and on the side streets, not on the course routes. Register, view course map and other details at [westisland5k.org](http://westisland5k.org)

All our proceeds will go to the FHS Cross Country program.

## Foxwoods day trip

Join us for a trip to Foxwoods on **Tuesday, 4/24. Tickets are \$20 per person.** Bus departs from Fairhaven Recreation Center/Senior Center parking lot at 8 a.m., returns at 6 p.m. Trip includes 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the casino, Player's Choice (1 free full buffet coupon or \$15 for food), Keno Coupon, motorcoach transportation by Conway Tours.

Call Cecelia Arruda, 508-999-4755.

## Aerial Shoot

Preparations are underway by the Bicentennial Committee for an aerial photo shoot of students and residents of the Town of Fairhaven. Students from all Fairhaven Schools are invited to participate. Parents are encouraged to attend with younger children. This photo will be taken from a helicopter by a professional photographer. The Bicentennial Photo will be placed in the time capsule to be opened in 50 years. A larger aerial view will be placed in the town hall or library. Approximately 1,200 to 1,500 residents will be needed to portray: FAIRHAVEN 200.

The aerial photo shoot will take place at **Fairhaven High School's stadium field Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 11:00 am.** This free event is a memorable activity for all of the Town's children and residents in this historical Bicentennial year. See you on the 28th.

## Life Skills Workshop

**Friday, April 27, at 7 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven (Also, 8:30am-12:30pm at**

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# STILL AROUND TOWN

**UMass Dartmouth's Woodland Commons)** Contact: sustainability@umassd.edu, 508-910-6958

Carolyn Baker, Ph.D, will present a workshop in two SouthCoast locations April 27 entitled Living Resiliently in Uncertain Times. Carolyn believes, "We are living in uncertain, turbulent times. Many of us are anxious about how we will navigate through our lives amidst increasingly unstable economic and social structures, or how we'll prepare ourselves and our loved ones for an era unlike anything we have ever experienced as humans."

Her workshops use a combination of mythical storytelling, discussion, mindfulness practices, and practical

"inner tools."

## Conference Rm Use

During National Small Business Week, May 20-26, 2012, the Hampton Inn New Bedford/Fairhaven will be offering free use of the property's 720 sq. ft. meeting room to area small businesses.

"The Hampton team is committed to developing long term partnerships that promote economic growth for the SouthCoast area" said Kerrie Burren, Director of Sales. "Small businesses are the foundation of our local economy and this is our way of giving them a bit of the support and respect they deserve."

The Hampton Inn Fairhaven has a

Hospitality Suite that can accommodate up to 30 people and a Meeting Room that can comfortably accommodate 40-60 people, depending on the set-up. Complimentary small business meeting space will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Interested companies are invited to contact Kerrie Burren, Director of Sales, at 508-990-8500 to inquire about availability.

## Save the Date

The South Coast Girls Softball League.(SCGS) opening day is Sunday April 29 at Hastings Middle School, beginning at 8:30 am.

More details next week

## HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

### Clean up ward 2

Operation Clean Sweep, a New Bedford based anti-litter organization, will hold a neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, April 21, in Ward 2 from 8:30 am until Noon. The Ward 2 cleanup will be hosted by Cotali Mar Restaurant, and headquarters will be located in the restaurant's parking lot on Sawyer Street.

Students, individuals, families and community service groups are encouraged to volunteer with Operation Clean Sweep to earn community service hours, demonstrate support for the neighborhood, and pride in the community.

Cotali Mar Restaurant will provide breakfast for volunteers in the morning and lunch will be provided by Domino's Pizza, "The Official Pizza" of Operation Clean Sweep.

Volunteers are encouraged to pre-register by visiting [www.operationcleansweep.net](http://www.operationcleansweep.net) or calling 508-979-1493.

Pre-registration is not required but it is preferred so that organizers are better able to plan for the needs of the day. Volunteers are asked to wear closed toe shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather. Tools and gloves provided. Walk-ups are always welcome and all volunteer names will be entered into a drawing for a covered trash barrel!

Anyone interested in hosting a Ward cleanup is encouraged to call (508) 979-1493 for more information .

### Palmer's Island Clean-up

The City of New Bedford Conservation Commission, Ben Rose Field Center, Greenfleet, Old Bedford Village, Buzzards Bay Coalition, Hands Across the River and Youthbuild invite the public to participate in the Palmer's Island Cleanup. Meet at the Gifford Street Boat Ramp Parking Lot, Sunday, April 29th, 7:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

If you have them, we ask that you bring your own heavy duty gloves and be sure to wear protective footwear, sunscreen, water bottle, and appropriate clothing.

Instructions on what to do with certain types of refuse will be discussed at the beginning of the cleanup. For more information, please contact the New Bedford Conservation Commission at 508-991-6188.

### Dock-U-Mentary

*Nantucket's Last Fishing Family*

Bill Blount, Nantucket's last commercial fisherman, is the subject of the April Dock-u-mentaries film series which continues Friday, April 20th at 7 PM with Ruthie B., Ruthie B. 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. All programs are open to the public and presented free of charge. Accessible.

This month's film, Ruthie B., is a 45-minute presents an intimate portrait of Bill and Ruthie Blount, the last fishing family on Nantucket. It paints a vivid portrait of their struggles to stay afloat financially, Bill's determination to pursue a career that gives him satisfaction if not monetary rewards, Ruth's worries over being in debt, and her efforts to contribute to the family's income.

For more information, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, go to [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov), or visit the park's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>

### Elder Law Program

The New Bedford Council on Aging will host the Mass. Bar Association's 2012 Elder Law Program at each of New Bedford's Senior Centers. The next two are

- Wednesday, May 2, 2012 from 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m., at the Brooklawn Senior Center, 1997 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford contact Patricia Foley at 508-961-3100
- Thursday, May 3, 2012 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Buttonwood Senior Center, 1 Oneida Street, New Bedford contact Mary Ellen Spooner at 508-991-6170 press 5

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Earth Day

See page 18 for earth day events

## Civics Roundtable

Social Studies and Civic Learning Round Table hosted by The League of Women Voters of Marion-Mattapoisett-Rochester

A panel of K-12 teachers from the Old Rochester School District will share classroom practices and lessons that promote social studies and civic learning. The teachers will show how they use technology, make connections with young people from other countries and cultures, engage students with debate and counter argument as well as teach the history of Massachusetts and the democratic process.

A question and answer period will follow the panel's presentation. Refreshments will be served and childcare provided. **Wednesday, April 25, 2012 6:00-7:15 pm Center School 17 Barstow St., Mattapoisett**

## Bird Club

The Nasketucket Bird Club is hosting the following events:

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 7:30 AM GOOSEBERRY ISLAND, WESTPORT**  
With a wide range of vegetation and landscape, Gooseberry offers a great opportunity to view a variety of birds including shorebirds, hawks, and hopefully migrating songbirds. Meeting place: Park & Ride, North Street, Mattapoisett. All welcome. Info: Justin Barrett, 774-207-8515 or jbarrett426@gmail.com.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 7:00 PM MONTHLY MEETING – Mattapoisett Public Library, Barstow Street**

This monthly meeting of the Nasketucket Bird Club features Ellen Jedrey, Assistant Director of Mass Audubon's Coastal Waterbird program and Shiloh Schulte, American Oystercatcher Recovery Campaign Coordinator at the Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences.

## Yard Sale Items

Habitat for Cats will hold their Annual Memorial Day Weekend Yard Sale on Saturday May 26 (9:00 to 3:00), and Sunday May 27 (noon to 3:00). Rain or Shine. At Smith Mills

Church Hall, 11 Anderson Way, N. Dartmouth. (Directly across from Burger King on Rt. 6 near intersection of Hathaway Rd and Rt. 6)

To arrange to donate your household goods, jewelry, giftware, and other yard sale items, please call HFC at 508-961-2287, or email HH4CATS@comcast.net for more information.

## Texas Hold 'em

High Hill Fox & Coon Club, 361 Collins Corner Road Dartmouth, MA. Texas Shootout Join Us for Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament on Saturday April 21. All you can eat Chili Dinner 5:00PM. Poker 6:30 PM (Cash Pot) Admission, Dinner & Buy-In \$50.00. Cash Bar

## Dancing with Angels

Visiting Angels of the South Shore announced is hosting Third Annual "Dancing with the Angels" fundraising event to benefit South Shore Elder Services and Old Colony Elder Services' Special Needs Fund. The Special Needs Fund helps elders in the community who need assistance with everyday necessities of life, such as food, fuel, medicine and shelter. **The event will be held on April 21st at The River Club in Scituate from 6:30 to 11 p.m.** This gala event will feature live music by the White Heat Swing Quintet and offer a unique opportunity to get dressed up in evening attire and dance the night away.

Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased online at <http://www.dancingwithvisitingangels.com> or by calling (781) 834-6355, ext. 17.

## At Allens Pond

### Nature Photography

**Macro-photography Workshop at Great Neck, Fri, Apr 20, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm AND Sat, Apr 21, 8 am - 11 am Great Neck Wildlife Sanctuary**

Join photographer and naturalist Myer Bornstein to learn the art of nature macrophotography at our Great Neck Sanctuary in Wareham, MA. This is a two day workshop. The second session will meet onsite at Great Neck and will capture field shots as the morning unfolds.

Participants should bring digital

camera(s) with a macro-ready lens and/or close up filters on a regular lens, a sturdy tripod, remote control release and clothing suitable for the outdoors - especially getting down on the ground for some amazing shots!

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Friday, 4/20, Meet at Allens Pond Field Station. Saturday, 4/21, Meet at Great Neck Sanctuary Parking Lot

## Free Friday Walks!

Led by WLT/MAS staff and/or volunteer naturalists; meet at the Great Neck parking lot at 9:45am for a brief description of the hike and leave promptly at 10AM. Each walk lasts approximately 2 hours.

April 20th: Earth Day – Get Out & Explore!

Our full program catalog is also available online at [http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature\\_Connection/Sanctuaries/Allens\\_Pond/catalog.php](http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Allens_Pond/catalog.php), and many programs are offered at no charge. Registration for programs can be completed by calling (508) 636-2437 or emailing [allenspond@massaudubon.org](mailto:allenspond@massaudubon.org).

## Eco-Landscaping

The growing season is upon us and this is the year to make your lawn and garden flourish while keeping the environment healthy. You can learn how at a free eco-landscaping workshop featuring expert Michael Talbot of Environmental Landscape Consultants LLC and Talbot Ecological Land Care.

**The workshop on April 26, at 6:30pm at the Marion Music Hall is co-sponsored by the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Wareham Land Trust.**

With the warm weather and evidence of an early spring arrival throughout the Buzzards Bay region, residents are already starting to care for their lawns and gardens. Choosing eco-friendly landscaping and lawn care options can provide great benefits for the health of families and the local environment. This workshop will provide participants with tools for protecting the environment while still having a vibrant lawn and garden. **Details at [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/UpcomingEvents](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/UpcomingEvents).**

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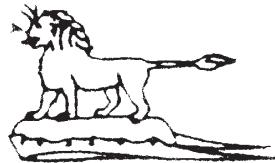
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# Recipes of the Week

## Gingerbread Cupcakes

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Line 12 muffin cups

1) Place the following ingredients in a mixing bowl:

1 stick of unsalted butter (room temperature)

2/3 C dark brown sugar

1 C molasses (spray measuring cup with oil before measuring out molasses)

1 tbsp of fresh grated ginger (a zester works best for grating ginger. Throw out the coarse strands and retain juicy paste)

Combine on medium setting, use paddle attachment

2) Sift into mixing bowl:

2 1/2 C flour, 2 tsp. ginger, 1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon, 1/2 tsp. nutmeg, 1/2 tsp. cloves

Combine on low setting

3) Add 1 heaping tsp. baking soda to 1 C of boiling water (this will foam up) add quickly to mixing bowl while stirring to dissolve, then quickly combine ingredients in mixing bowl with large spoon.

Then add 2 large eggs

Mix on medium speed for a minute Spoon batter into muffin cups with a large ice cream scoop. Place on middle shelf in preheated oven. Check after 20 minutes. Muffins are done when you lightly touch center and it springs back

While they are still warm sprinkle with sifted confectionary sugar and serve with whipped cream

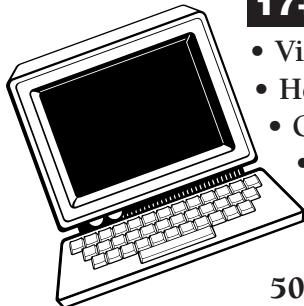
By Barb Nesto

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# A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

## Special to the Neighb News

### Fairhaven High softball

FHS 3-Case 0

Kayli Moniz got a two-out base hit to drive in two runs in 3-0 win over Case. Courtney Girouard pitched a shut-out and had a, RBI base hit.

Home vs. Wareham Monday, the Lady Blues rolled to a 12-0 win. Courtney hurled another shut-out and Kelsey Perron-Sovik and Kay Mullen had gigantic home runs.

### FHS Baseball

Ryan Baldwin pitched FHS to 5-0 win over Case. Ryan also homered. Billy Lessa, Drew Wethington and Andrew Casteel had bit hits.

### Lacrosse

FHS 8-Apponequet 7

Kobie Edwards had three goals, Billy Pires two, Alec Dompierre two. Nate Rock got one in a thriller of a game for SCC win.

### FHS Ladies' Tennis

The Lady Blues rolled over



Every year, a group of hardy souls make the trek to Florida for spring training. Fairhaven's spring training gang, 2012: front row, George Lebeau, Claude Snizek; second row, Wyane Wilson, Ted Botelho, Sonny Avila, Bob Martin. Submitted photo. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

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# Acushnet Saw Mill restoration project gets funding

## Press Release

The Buzzards Bay Coalition's long-planned restoration of the 19-acre Acushnet Saw Mill that straddles the River at the head of New Bedford Harbor, can come to fruition now that long-awaited funding has been released by the New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council.

The restoration project will remove acres of pavement and create a natural edge to the river. It will also recreate much needed wetlands that will help filter pollutants before they enter the river. When completed, the site will have a visitor center and walking trails and serve as a tremendous public resource for the City of New Bedford and the Town of Acushnet.

"With this restoration, the residents of New Bedford's north end and the Town of Acushnet will be reconnected with the Acushnet River in a way that improves, rather than hinders, the health of the River," says the Bay Coalition's Restoration Ecologist Sara daSilva Quintal, who grew up in the neighborhood. "We have a plan for the restoration and have been doing site preparation all in anticipation of this funding. Now we can hit the ground running."

The Bay Coalition purchased the property in 2007 with funding from an earlier round of New Bedford Harbor Trustees Awards and created a concept plan for the restoration. Now with the release of \$1.2 million — first announced in 2011 — the Bay Coalition will be finalizing design, applying for permits and starting construction of the project.

That is welcome news to Congressman Barney Frank who worked hard to secure funding for the project.

"I am proud of my role in helping to

secure federal funding to bring this project to fruition," said Frank. "I am pleased at how the federal government worked with the Buzzards Bay Coalition, area residents and local government to turn an abandoned sawmill into a beautiful access point for the Acushnet River that will be enjoyed by future generations."

In addition to supporting the restoration of the Acushnet Saw Mill, an additional \$600,000 award from the NBHTC will provide a portion of the funding needed to acquire the nearby 46-acre LaPalme Farm in Acushnet — that could expand the size of the area for both the health of the river and for passive public recreation.

The LaPalme Riverside Farm parcel is the largest remaining undeveloped land parcel along the Acushnet River between the Acushnet Saw Mill Site (near Main Street) and the Hamlin Street river crossing. Its preservation in conjunction with the Saw Mill restoration provides a valuable opportunity for preserving critical wildlife habitat along the Acushnet River while enhancing public access to the River with convenient access from densely populated adjacent neighborhoods.

The remaining \$125,000 needed to complete the LaPalme Farm acquisition has been recommended by the

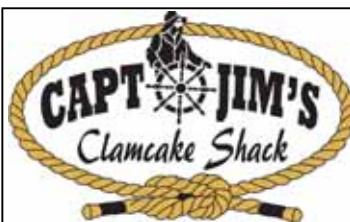


Members of the Buzzards Bay Coalition inspect the fishway at the Acushnet Saw Mill last fall. The fishway was built in 2007 to make it easier for herring to reach their spawning waters in the New Bedford Reservoir and populations have risen ten-fold since then. Submitted photo. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

Acushnet Community Preservation Committee and now awaits approval at the June Acushnet Town Meeting.

While much of the Acushnet Saw Mill restoration will involve the use of heavy machinery, there will be plenty of ways for the public to get involved. Interested volunteers of all ages should contact Sara daSilva Quintal at 508.999.6363 x225. This trail and habitat management project is supported in part by the Massachusetts Service Alliance. Visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/) for more info.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition is a private, non-profit membership organization dedicated to the protection, restoration, and sustainable use of Buzzards Bay and its watershed. The organization works to improve the health of the Bay ecosystem for all through education, conservation, research and advocacy and is supported by more than 8,400 members. •••



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# Fire dept. quickly puts down fire on West Island Reservation

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Fire Department responded to a brush fire at the West Island State Reservation on Monday, 4/16, at about 4:50 p.m. and quickly put out the flames of a "creeping ground fire" according to Lt. Robert Lincoln on the scene. By 6 p.m. firefighters were saturating the area to make sure no hotspots flared up.

The department used the Unit 2 tank truck, Unit 5 Brush truck and forestry hoses to reach the wooded area several hundred yards into the main road just north of Causeway Road.

Lt. Lincoln said no cause was apparent. It could have been caused by a carelessly tossed cigarette or even the sun.

"It's just so dry," said Lt. Lincoln.

Approximately one acre burned at the ground level and caused only light smoke.

"Luckily we had light winds," said Lt. Lincoln, adding that it probably started to the north of the main road, where there is a footpath. The fire then "crawled" north in front of the

wind.

The fire in the 363-acre wildlife reservation could easily have turned into a serious event. Lt. Lincoln said there are several agencies Fairhaven could call in for aid if that had been the case.



LEFT: Fairhaven Firefighter Nick Oliveira uses the forestry hose to saturate the ground in the West Island State Reservation after firefighters doused a fire in the woods on Monday, 4/16. RIGHT: Adam Katz, with a water tank on his back, uses ax and small hose to put out hotspots. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com). Visit [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) for more photos of this and other events.

"It didn't get to that, we got a good jump on it," he said.

Someone walking in the woods called police who directed the call to the fire department. •••



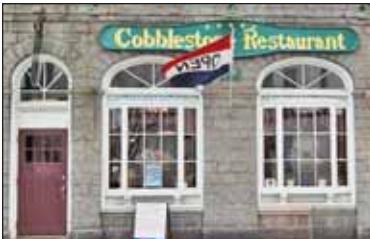
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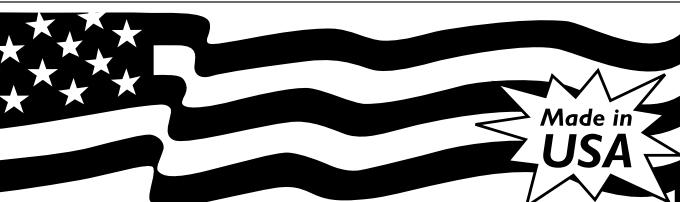
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#### **Senior Singles Supper Club**

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# FIA gives community awards at 129th dinner

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Improvement Association celebrated both people and events at their 19th Annual Dinner Meeting on April 10 at The Wamsutta Club of New Bedford.

Outgoing president Trey Whalley traced the organization's history, saying its first major project was planting 2,000 trees along the streets and roads of Fairhaven.

He said while a lot has obviously changed in the world and in town, the mission of the FIA has not.

He said the FIA still "endeavors to preserve yesterday, improve today, and plan for tomorrow."

He said he fully expected the organization to be around for another 129 years.

"We are 129 years old because we have a strong culture," said Mr. Whalley, and "culture trumps strategy."

Junior Awards included a Public Service Award to nine-year-old Gunnar Berg, who drew accolades for his willingness to step in where needed at events, without being told to.

His family kept the award a surprise until they left for the event.

"It's been an awesome day and week," said Gunnar to the crowd, adding that he got his report card that day, too.

High-schooler Hailey Stevens received an award for helping at "a number of events," said Mr. Whalley.

"She is someone we can always



Gunnar Berg, 9, says a few words after receiving his award at the Fairhaven Improvement Association dinner, while FIA outgoing president Trey Whalley and corresponding secretary Linda Meredith look on. Photo by Beth David.



Some of the award recipients at the Fairhaven Improvement Association's Annual Dinner on April 10 at the Wamsutta Club. Front row, L-R: Gunnar Berg, Hailey Stevens, Theresa Pereira, Robert Harellick of Harellick Dental. Back row, L-R: Matthew Aguiar, Ellen Cebulla of Rasputin's, Scott Harellick. Photo by Beth David. See it in color [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com). Visit [www.facebook.com/NeighbNews](https://www.facebook.com/NeighbNews) for more photos of this and other events.

count on when we ask for help."

Matthew Aguiar received an award for his help with posters and other materials for a variety of events, including Homecoming, which is the FIA's largest annual event.

Adult awards went to Harellick Dental Group for hosting a free care day, when they treated 70 patients. Father and son team Robert and Scott Harellick traded jokes at the mike.

"It's the perfect situation," said the younger Mr. Harellick, Scott. I do the work and my father takes all the credit."

He said his wife thought of the idea and he put it together, as his father accepted the award.

Scott said the day was "the best experience I've had in life," seeing how happy people were as they smiled on the way out of the office.

Theresa "Terry" Pereira received an award for being "so dependable and reliable," said Mr. Whalley.

And, she is also a sort of poet laureate for the FIA with her "Roses are Red," rhymes.

Dottie Reid also received a Public Service Award.

Business Beautification Awards went to T's Auto Salon and Rasputin's Tavern.

"The whole town benefits when businesses project a

positive image like you have," Mr. Whalley said.

Mark Twain made an appearance and a speech, and the group heard the treasurer's report, and a little from their new president, Mark Sylvia.

He said he was "stricken" by the fact he would serve in the same role as Edmund Anthony and Elizabeth Hastings, both of whom have schools named after them. He said he lived across the street from Elizabeth Hastings.

"So I recognize how very important this role is and I will do my best," he said, adding that the improvement associations throughout Fairhaven are a "unifying force" that instill civic pride.

For more information on the FIA contact corresponding secretary Linda Meredith, 508-994-8751. \*\*\*



Brothers Nelson and Tony Almeida (right and far right) listen to Trey Whalley talk about why their business, T's Auto, deserved the Business Beautification Award from the Fairhaven Improvement Association, while corresponding secretary Linda Meredith holds the award. Beth David photo.

# **Hayward says Planning followed rules, Selectboard obstructive**

*By Beth David  
Editor*

Fairhaven Planning Board (PB) chairperson Wayne Hayward has categorically denied that he made any mistakes in trying to get a change in the wind turbine bylaw on the special town meeting warrant. Mr. Hayward, instead, squarely places the blame at the feet of the Selectboard, who, he says, have been obstructive.

Selectboard chair Brian Bowcock takes issue with Mr. Hayward's assertion.

The issue revolves around a town bylaw that has weak setbacks and height requirements for wind turbines (WTs). The controversy with the currently installed WTs on Arsene Street has brought to light the local bylaw which allows for a maximum height of 350 feet to the top of the hub, which would allow approximately another 150 feet for the blades, and a setback that is only the distance of the overall height of the WT from houses. That would have put the existing turbines another several hundred feet closer to homes. WT foes have asserted that the current WTs are too close to residences.

Mr. Hayward said he wanted the PB to have a hearing to talk about height requirements and setbacks, but he did not want to give a specific number before the hearing.

"We could've put any number there and then gone through the public hearing and after public comment come out with another number," said Mr. Hayward. "That's the whole point of public comment. It would've met the deadline."

But Town Counsel Thomas Crotty wrote that the memo as submitted needed to have the specific changes that the PB was recommending. He also made a point of writing that the Selectboard needed 14 days before they would respond to putting it on the warrant.

"We're the only body in town that can change the zoning. We don't need the selectmen's permission to do it. We don't need anyone's permission to do it. We just need the selectmen's cooperation to put it on the warrant," said Mr. Hayward. "If they were all cooperating for the good of the town, 14 minutes would be enough, not 14 days."

"We're all in agreement that now would be the proper time to take a look at planning board rules, setbacks the whole nine yards," said Dr. Bowcock, adding that bylaws changes should be done over time, with "a number of" meetings, and not rushed through.

Mr. Hayward agreed that bylaws changes usually take six to eight months and it was a "compressed time period." He said he was concerned that developers would see the weak bylaws and the fact that we already have two Industrial WTs in town and would bombard the town with poorly sited WTs.

Windwise, the group opposed to industrial wind turbines in Fairhaven, has repeatedly said that developers and the "state" have identified places in town to site turbines.

Mr. Hayward has asserted that

the 14-day waiting period does not apply to town boards, only to articles submitted by citizen signature.

He said his board has never been held to the 14-day rule in the past, but either way he would have made that 14 days. The hearing was on April 3 and he said he had until April 5. He also said other articles were placed on the Special Town Meeting warrant after the PB's was refused.

"I really don't feel I made any mistakes," said Mr. Hayward.

He said he told people at the public hearing that he would "take the heat" for the mistakes because "there's no way I can force the issue. I've done everything I can possibly do."

He said that is why he backed off at the public hearing.

"It's very confrontational, but I'm not the enemy of Jeff [Osuch, executive secretary to the Selectboard] and the selectmen," said Mr. Hayward. "It's hard to explain. One day you're a foe and then you're sitting side by side. That's why I backed off."

Mr. Hayward said the board will continue to work on amending the bylaw and will hold more hearings and it will be on the agenda at more meetings for the public to weigh in.

Meanwhile, the article will not be on the warrant in May.

"They're exercising a lot of authority over these articles," said Mr. Hayward. "I'm a little amazed that the planning board wouldn't be getting cooperation, but then again, we haven't been getting cooperation for awhile."

Mr. Hayward has been very vocal about his department's budget being cut.

Dr. Bowcock insists it is not a matter of cooperation, but a matter of sticking to proper procedure.

"People jump up and down about process all the time," said Dr. Bowcock. "We're just asking them to follow procedure, and saying 'we've always done it that way' is not an excuse."

Mr. Crotty was not available for comment for this story.

*Editor's Note: See Mr. Hayward's letter to the editor on page 22. Also, available on our website at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com): the memorandum in question and associated letters/emails.*

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**[Wayne Hayward]**

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there are 88 properties that meet the 10-acre threshold and could be sited with turbines.

But Dr. Bowcock said there is no rush, that it requires "at least a year's worth of wind studies," before a developer would erect a multi-million dollar wind turbine at a site.

"Take your time, do it right, there are not any turbines going up [now]," said Dr. Bowcock.

He said sticking to proper procedure was more important than ever in this litigious climate we have. The town is embroiled in a lawsuit with Windwise over a technicality in the siting of the turbines.

The Attorney General must approve all bylaws changes the town makes. If proper procedure was not followed, it will be rejected.

"We're asking them to do their job," said Dr. Bowcock. "Go through the process properly."

Mr. Hayward asserts he was in compliance with all procedures, that

# **BDTV Marathon coming up, looking for sponsors...and viewers**

## *Press Release*

It's almost time to tune in and turn on to the 4th annual BD-TV (Blue Devil-TV) Telethon.

This year's event is set for Friday, May 4 from noon to 6 p.m. Produced by the Fairhaven High School students in the media classes, the telethon covers many aspects of Fairhaven High School and the community.

Students are hoping to surpass the \$2,000 raised last year through donations from area businesses. They are raising money for equipment, scholarships and field trips for the media program. They were able to buy memory cards, portable lighting, and boom microphones, and pay for the transportation/costs of a video contest last year.

The telethon can be viewed live on Comcast's Channel 9 in Fairhaven and also on the Internet.

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Alumni for updated software, students will also be able to stream the telethon through the Internet at [bdtv.us.to](http://bdtv.us.to). Viewers can also find that site through [fairhavenps.org](http://fairhavenps.org).

BD-TV will be taking live donations of any amount from viewers through the website or email at [bdtv@fairhavenps.org](mailto:bdtv@fairhavenps.org), and they will update throughout the telethon on their boards. Donations can also be sent to Fairhaven High School, c/o BDTV Telethon, 12 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Businesses have various tiers to choose from and their names will be posted and announced on the channel every hour (Bronze or Silver patrons), or every half hour (Gold or Platinum patrons) for the duration of the event. These postings also will be viewable on the bulletin board for four weeks after the event.

A five-minute segment is also

available for Gold and Platinum patrons when they can be a part of an interview with the students.

Students welcome any businesses to email them at [bdtv@fairhavenps.org](mailto:bdtv@fairhavenps.org) with a contact name and number or call 508-979-4051, ext. 0 and ask for the TV Studio.

Organized by FHS media teacher Jo-Anne Charette, student organizers include Allison Roderiques, Peyton Tanguay, Alexandra Charette, Julia Nguyen, Reece Arnold, Rachel Lincoln, and Kayla Fournier. Hosting duties will be shared by Roderiques, Jamaul Jones, Kris Moore, Alexandra Saulenas, Alexandra Berntson, and John Stapleton. Jones, Serena Vega, and Miranda Branco are in charge of the business advertising. The live event will be directed by Anthony Pauline, Alyssa Do Couto, and Andrew Romano. Senior Devin Soares is the director of Internet streaming.

## **Sunday is Earth Day, local and national events planned**

### **In Mass.**

Earth Day 2012 will be celebrated on April 22, but residents from across Massachusetts will mark the occasion at local and regional cleanups, environmental festivals and other "green" events over the next several weeks. The venues and themes vary, but a common thread remains: environmental awareness and stewardship.

Earth Day events will be taking place at various times throughout April into May, for any resident looking to get involved in a river cleanup, to get information about the environment, to find out how to recycle electronics or Styrofoam, or simply to get outside with their friends and neighbors.

Amherst will hold a Sustainability Festival on Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Commons in Downtown Amherst. There will be music, kids' activities, sustainable crafts, information about energy, water, trees and recycling, as well as a textile/clothing drive.

Or, you can attend the Earth Day Party for the Planet on Sunday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **at the Franklin Park Zoo in Boston.** You will have "zookeeper encounters" and zoo enrichment activities, and learn about the incredible animals and

their environment.

A link to a full list of community events — that will be updated frequently as new events are announced — is located at: <http://www.mass.gov/dep/public/earthday.htm>

MassDEP is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills, and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.

*See page 6 for an event in Fairhaven and page 7 for an event in New Bedford*

### **Washington, DC, Rally**

Earth Day Network will hold a Mobilize the Earth™ rally on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on Earth Day, including appearances by Cheap Trick, Dave Mason, Kicking Daisies and The Explorers Club. The April 22 event to galvanize the environmental movement will run from noon to 7:00 p.m.

Tens of thousands of people are expected to descend on the National Mall for the event, joined by civic leaders, government officials and celebrities. Speakers will include EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Atlanta Falcons fullback

Ovie Mughelli, Indy Car driver Leilani Münter, members of Congress, representatives from U.S. government agencies, and the heads of major national and international NGOs. Denis Hayes, organizer of the first Earth Day in 1970, will also speak.

The entire rally will be streamed live on the web at [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org).

The event on the National Mall will include an "EcoVillage" with dozens of interactive exhibits, including renewable energy demonstrations, educational workshops and voter registration.

A youth march, slated to be the largest Earth Day youth march ever, organized by Earth Day Network partner iMatter, will begin at 11:30 a.m. at 12th Street and Madison Drive NW on the Mall.

The rally on the National Mall, America's premier national park, is the centerpiece of the global Earth Day and part of a vast network of Earth Day events around the world. More than one billion people in 192 countries participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world.

For more information about Earth Day on the National Mall, go to [www.earthday.org/mall](http://www.earthday.org/mall). For more information on Earth Day 2012 and Mobilize the Earth, go to [www.earthday.org/2012](http://www.earthday.org/2012).



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# Southern Mass Credit Union Holds 90th Annual Meeting

## Press Release

Southern Mass Credit Union (SMCU), recently held its 90th Annual Meeting at its main office located at 123 Alden Road, Fairhaven, MA.

David S. Darmofal, Chairman of the SMCU Board of Directors, opened the meeting by welcoming members and thanking them for their continued support of the credit union over the past year. He stressed that SMCU is very strong, well-capitalized, continues to grow and members deposits are safe, secure and insured.

He also noted that in 2012 Southern Mass Credit Union is celebrating its 90th year of providing continuous service to our membership. He then opened the business portion of the meeting where the following individuals were unanimously re-elected to SMCUs Board of Directors for three-year terms: Pamela Bourgault, David Darmofal, John S. Mitchell, and Mark Sylvia.

Daniel E. Waltz, President and CEO, addressed the attending membership, thanked them for their loyalty and support throughout the past years, and presented a summary of SMCUs 2011 operating year highlighting the credit union's asset, share deposit and loan growth, strong capital position, as well as, membership growth.

Mr. Waltz stated that SMCU had a very successful year and ended 2011 with total assets of \$191,232,536, a 1.95% growth rate from 2010; total loans of \$100,792,764, total share deposits of \$170,894,297 and total equity of \$19,153,319. Total members of the credit union at year-end 2011 were 9,908, representing a membership growth rate of 3.34% from 2010.

In addition Mr. Waltz reviewed the several community projects and events the credit union sponsored and participated in during 2011, as well as products and services

planned for the credit union's 90th Anniversary year.

During the annual meeting two Excellence in Service Awards were presented. These awards are presented to two employees who exemplify the credit union's mission of providing excellent service to its membership.

One of these awards is a result of nominations from members throughout the year for exceptional service they have received from SMCU employees and the other is a result of nominations from fellow employees.

Mr. Darmofal and Mr. Waltz presented these awards to Vanessa Hemsley, Member/Financial Services Representative, who received the Excellence in Member Service Award and to Heather Estrela, IT Technical Support/Electronic Data Services Representative, who received the Excellence in Employee Service Award.

Mr. Waltz also presented a Special People Helping People certificate to Maureen Bertrand, EVP/Operations Officer for her dedicated volunteer work with and for the elderly through Coastline Elderly Services, Inc. for the past six years as a Money Management Volunteer and the last four years as the Money Management Program Co-Chairperson. He also presented a Special Service Award certificate to Mr. Craig Booth, IT Manager, for his dedicated service to our country. Mr. Booth is a member of the National Guard 863rd Military Police and was recently deployed to active duty for a six-month deployment having just returned to



Southern Mass Credit Union President and CEO Daniel E. Waltz presents Excellence in Service awards to Vanessa Hemsley (left) and Heather Estrela (right) at the credit union's 90th annual meeting recently. Submitted photo. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

SMCU in early March.

Following the Annual Membership Meeting, the Board of Directors met to reorganize and elected the following officers for the 2012-2013 year: David S. Darmofal, Chairman; Robert Ferretti, 1st Vice Chairman; Mary Ellen Silva, 2nd Vice Chairman; Alfred Peccini, 3rd Vice Chairman and Assistant Clerk/Treasurer; Richard E. Ellis, Clerk/Treasurer.

Other members of the Board of Directors of SMCU are Pamela Bourgault, John S. Mitchell, Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Mark Sylvia, Paul Sylvia, Sandra Tynan and Robert Wallace.

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## Wind turbine update

By Beth David  
Editor

The two wind turbines on the bike path off Arsene Street are a few days behind schedule to start spinning, but not by much. Developers had hoped to have them spinning full time by Sunday, Earth Day, but it looks like the first energized spin will not happen until Tuesday or Wednesday.

According to developer Sumul Shah some key electrical components were delayed, but should be here now. Electrical connections will be completed by 4/23. At any point now, though, people may see the blades spin a limited basis as people work on the turbines. They will not be generating electricity, however, until after the "witness tests" by NStar,

scheduled for 4/24 and 4/25.

From 4/25-30, the turbines will generate electricity at 50% capacity while more tests and calibrations are performed. They will operate most of the time except when stopped for inspection or maintenance.

In early May the turbine will undergo the "Operational Test,"

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during which they must undergo a 240 hour period of error-free operation before "deemed acceptable," according to Mr. Shah.

"This is our planned schedule at the moment," Mr. Sha wrote in an email. "Of course, the purpose of each test is to identify problems. As

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problems arise, they have the potential to delay the schedule."

Meanwhile on Earth Day, the town of Scituate is planning a festive celebration dedicating their turbine, which is the same make and model as Fairhaven's, and installed by the same developers.

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## Legal notices/Public Hearings

### Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

1. Michael F. Cardoso 54 Gilbert Street Plat 29D, Lots 14A, 15, 28A, 29 Book 9720, Page 170  
198-18 Short 10' of the required 20' east side setback and 1% over the maximum allowed lot coverage of 15% all within a RR District.

2. Carlos Tavares 22 Ash Street Plat 24, Page 211 Certificate #19918  
198-23-A1 380 square feet greater than the allowed 700 square feet for an accessory structure

198-23-A2 No accessory structure may exceed 20' in height.

3. Joshua F. Benoit 95 Pleasant Street Plat 8, Lot 17 Book 10209, Page 218  
198-23-4 Short 2' of the required 5' property line setback for an accessory structure.

Very Truly, Peter DeTerra, Chairman

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Bike Path Committee

Thurs., 4/26, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Bicentennial Comm.

Sat., 4/21, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 5/1, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 4/23, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 4/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Finance Committee

Thurs., 4/19, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 4/26, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 4/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 4/25, FHS Library, 6:30

### Selectboard

Mon., 4/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Health

Tues., 4/24, Parting Ways Sch., 6:30 p

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 4/23, BPW Bldg, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Tues., 5/1, Ford MS, 5 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 4/23, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### Board of Appeals

Mon. 5/7, Acush Comm Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

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Wednesday	25	1124	2325	0440
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Saturday	28	0059	1345	0648
Sunday	29	0153	1439	0752
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## Letters from our readers

### Planning board coverage not accurate

To address the meeting coverage as reported in this newspaper of the last [Fairhaven] Planning Board meeting [published in the 4/5 issue], I want to be clear what transpired and what did not and why some members of Windwise may have viewed the hearing as a farce, in an effort to bring confidence to the residents that the Planning Board fully understands our complex requirements.

It was our intention to insert an article on the Special Town Meeting warrant for reduced heights and increased setbacks to future wind turbines. The board closed the hearing and we are now faced with Selectmen refusing to place our article on the warrant. We cannot force them to do so. That is a fact!

The Planning Board properly advertised a public hearing notice for two consecutive weeks with everything required to notify the public. Indeed, the public came to the hearing, prepared and gave comment. You were properly notified!

The Planning Board gave a proper warrant article request to the Selectmen, well before the filing time contained in Fairhaven Code 50-2 as a placeholder. It contained every single word of our article. Not one single word was left out. We would have changed a number and a word, after the public hearing, which is the point of public comment. This is the proper procedure. The simple text changes would have been forwarded two days before the required date of April 5 to the Selectmen. Requirement met!

The Selectmen have never required us to wait 14 days to send our own article back to us for review, again! This is a new requirement, only for this one bylaw amendment, according to the Town Planner. Planning Boards are not required to wait 14 days in any community. Only when Selectmen receive articles submitted from private parties. The Selectmen have since received and placed on the warrant article, other petitioned submissions, after their arbitrary date in March, even though our zoning amendment was not allowed. This 14-day, never-used-before, back-and-forth gimmick was initially used as a procedural flaw that they have now backed off of.

This is the farce!

If the Planning Board had access to our own legal counsel, then we would have a letter from Planning Board's counsel on how we have met the requirements of M.G.L. 40A Section 5. That is a fact!

The proposed article would have zero effect on past turbine sites. The Fairhaven Planning Board tries to quickly, as legally permissible, protect the community from other future permits. The Selectmen are more concerned with protecting themselves in current legal proceedings. We acted to prevent the future use of current setbacks, but they act to allow the continued use of current setbacks in the future! That is unfortunate!

What I, as chairman, accepted as my fault, was estimating the concerns of the Board of Selectmen as being our concerns; that they would be as willing to quickly work to protect the community as we were. Now I freely admit that thinking was flawed. I will receive no cooperation and should expect further trip-wires being placed for future amendments if they can use all their legal resources, while denying yet another board their access to legal counsel, to find something, anything to stop the Fairhaven Planning Board. Denying any town board access to legal counsel, early in the process stage, will assuredly increase legal costs in the final product. A glaring fact!

I never claimed that the board did not follow all requirements as to the process. I did admit that having such a compressed window to act would require 100% cooperation by all parties. Once it was clear that was not the case, I willingly prevented more infighting and agreed to move on. I stand by the board's action as to legal procedures being complied with. But I now personally view the Selectmen in a different light and maybe more in line to the criticisms we have heard from private groups.

I cautioned the board against the original Wind Energy Facilities bylaw years ago, but they refused to acknowledge the excessive heights and the irresponsible setbacks, which then forced me and Marinus Vander Pol to vote in the negative on the rushed special permit for the current two turbines.

Selectmen, shoving their cut-and-paste bylaws through the Town

Planner Department is exactly how we got in this mess in the first place. That is recorded history!

*Wayne Hayward, Fairhaven Planning Board Chairperson*

### Verizon illegally in Cushman Park

We have all heard the phrase: "Save the best for last."

We are facing a long and busy [Town Meeting] warrant containing 50 articles, and the "last has been saved for best." It will address an important question, it being, who owns Cushman Park? Can the Town Meeting members sell or give away parts of Cushman Park or are we allowed to grant a Quitclaim or Covenants in perpetuity?

Individually, what seems to be the problem? These questions have evolved over years due to the lack of information, poor judgement or direct deceit to gain possession.

As a voting member on this question, I have found the answer to a simple question, who gave the Cushman Park to the town and under what agreement, if the elected officials at the time in question checked the Henry Huttleston Rogers deed dated in 1903, the answer is clear as written: quote, "to have and to hold to the said Town of Fairhaven its successors and assigns forever as a public park under the provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts now or hereafter enacted relating to parks owned or maintained by municipalities."

Refer to land records in book 229 on page 420, which makes it illegal to grant any part of the Town gift by Henry Huttleston Rogers deed of Cushman park in memory of Robert Cushman.

Due to lack of information at the Special Town Meeting in November 1995, Article 1 was improperly presented.

I ask that you vote to rescind the article because it is illegal according to the deed.

*Alfter F. Benac, Fairhaven town meeting member*

### Not a "Luddite"

This letter is a response to Elizabeth Morse Read's "Technology wins: Luddites, Unite" posted in the ST on 4/10/2012. I am curious as to

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what other issues, real or imagined, she refers to.

I am part of a large group of residents who oppose not wind power in general but the placement of these two industrial turbines in such close proximity to residents. If Ms. Read did some research on the subject she would find that these industrial turbines are two of the closest turbines of this size to residents in the world.

When she speaks of us handing out health care complaint forms and comments that we should spend our time running for office instead, I have to wonder where has she been during the recent town elections. Three people who oppose the building of these turbines based on safety concerns and siting violations did run for office and won.

They have worked for years trying to make our town a "green community" without harming people. They have fought for the safety of the residents for years, combating the absurd projects our officials have tried to bring to this town.

The handouts that Ms. Read refers to are extremely important. Her "wait and see" attitude is appalling to me especially in the face of so many documented adverse health effects of turbines in close proximity to people. I urge residents to keep a record of their health before and after the turbines are turned on. I suspect our town will soon have its own evidence of the physical harm done to residents by turbines.

I do have a cell phone to speak to people all over the country that have been affected. I do have a computer to do research on people's complaints all over the country and world. I have taken the time to speak to people who are directly affected by turbines. I do not just sit in my home reading the propaganda the wind industry spins.

Ms. Read refers to her "off the boat" grandparents who were afraid of much of the technology that is now commonplace. My off-the-boat grandparents did not think smoking was harmful, however several of my relatives died from cigarette related lung cancer. My off-the-boat grandparents and parents did not think that asbestos was harmful, however my father died from lung cancer caused by the asbestos he worked with in the navy. My mother

did not think that taking mega doses of ibuprofen for her migraines was harmful; however she developed kidney failure as a result.

Many of the people in Falmouth that I spoke with were in favor of the turbines until they became ill and some to the extent of abandoning their homes.

One would assume that an educated woman would take some time away from working on a post-grad certificate and do some real research on the subject before accusing others of just having too much time on their hands.

*Dawn Devlin, Fairhaven*

### **The Long Term Effects of LFN Exposure**

Long term exposure to low frequency noise (LFN), which includes the inaudible range below 20Hz called infrasound, is known to cause extremely serious illness known as Vibroacoustic disease (VAD). Industrial wind turbines are known to emit intense sound waves across the LFN spectrum, as well as accompanying vibrations when sound energy strikes a solid object such as a building. After prolonged exposure to LFN, many of the most serious consequences of this disease are irreversible.

Much of what is known about VAD has been learned by two doctors, Castello Branco and Alves Pereira at the Center for Human Performance, University of Lisbon. Additional studies which support their findings were inspired by the work. Together, Castello Branco and Alves Pereira have conducted the longest and most comprehensive studies of LFN on human health in the world. At the request of the Portuguese Air Force, they studied pilots and aviation mechanics that are constantly exposed to intense LFN. As such, it is important to realize that their patients began their careers at the peak of health and physical conditioning.

In 2004, these doctors published some of their findings to date, stating "Vibroacoustic disease (VAD) is a whole-body, systemic pathology, characterized by the abnormal proliferation of extra-cellular matrices, and caused by excessive exposure to low frequency noise (LFN).... In both human and animal

models, LFN exposure causes thickening of cardiovascular structures. Indeed, pericardial thickening with no inflammatory process, and in the absence of diastolic dysfunction, is the hallmark of VAD. Depressions, increased irritability and aggressiveness, a tendency for isolation, and decreased cognitive skills are all part of the clinical picture of VAD."

To decode this a bit, LFN caused damage to the heart and major blood vessels, as well as serious mental health symptoms. Be sure to note that they use the term "cause" instead of saying "associated with."

Perhaps even more importantly, they state that "LFN is a demonstrated genotoxic agent, inducing an increased frequency of sister chromatid exchanges in both human and animal models."

Again, to decode, LFN disrupts the normal cellular operations of both human and animals at its most basic level — the genetic level. That is why its effects are considered a whole body, systemic pathology. VAD can affect any organ in the human body. These doctors were able to directly observe dysplastic effects, the remnants of cells which had their cell walls literally exploded like little water balloons by LFN, pouring their still living organelles (cell organs) into the blood and tissue of the body.

In medical terms, genotoxins are separated into three main groups: carcinogens, mutagens, and teratogens, i.e. those that cause cancer, genetic mutations, or birth defects, respectively. Prolonged exposure to LFN, however, is known to cause all three.

Castello Branco and Alves Pereira found increased incidence of autoimmune diseases such as Lupus, as well as malignant tumors, late-onset epilepsy, squamous cell carcinomas in the respiratory tract, heart disease and breathing disorders among their study group over the course of 10 years. They also found vitiligo (loss of skin pigmentation) and a host of neurological disorders such as vertigo (dizziness), nausea, disequilibrium (loss of balance), depression, diminished cognitive capability and archaic palmo-mental reflex. The latter, sometimes referred to as the Snout Reflex, is considered by neurologists to be a clear sign of

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underlying brain damage.

The pervasive and diverse effects of VAD make it extremely difficult to diagnose. It is often misdiagnosed partly because most doctors lack the training to ask patients about exposure to LFN; and partly because patients themselves lack awareness of LFN sources in their own environment. Indeed, in its earlier stages, VAD is often ignored or dismissed as mere malingering or hypochondria.

The individual factors or conditions that make some people more susceptible to the most severe forms

of VAD have not been identified, but only about 30% of those exposed exhibit no symptoms at all. Yet, approximately 5% of occupationally LFN-exposed individuals develop pathologies severe enough to require early disability retirement (Castelo Branco 1999).

We still lack precise knowledge about how much exposure to LFN causes VAD or how long it takes to develop stage III symptoms. However, I know how we can find out. Let's build some massive industrial machines that produce intense LFN

continuously, and place them in a densely populated residential neighborhood for 20 years and see how long it takes residents to develop VAD.

Wait, I just remembered, Jeffrey Osuch, Charlie Murphy, Michael Sylvia and Brian Bowcock will implement this brilliant experiment in Little Bay on April 22nd. Apparently, they chose Earth Day to emphasize the total lack of any consideration for human beings. Who can compete with such genius?

*Curt Devlin, Fairhaven*

## Little people march for other little people



The children at Little People's College on Bridge Street in Fairhaven held a March for Cystic Fibrosis in March. After learning about some children who are afflicted with Cystic Fibrosis, the children participated in a "Mini March" which raised \$412.00 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The children marched around the playground waving streamers and cheering as they marched. *Submitted photos, See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*

## YMCA & BBC team up for river exploration camp

### Press Release

Spring is here and summer is coming soon! This summer the Buzzards Bay Coalition and YMCA Southcoast are proud to offer the new River Exploration Camp. This week-long day camp will be full of hands-on activities for kids to explore the Mattapoisett River from its headwaters to Buzzards Bay.

River Exploration Camp is just one of the ways the Bay Coalition and YMCA Southcoast are partnering to help kids explore the Bay and watershed this summer. As part of a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Bay Coalition will provide Bay stewardship programs for traditional day camps at Camp Massasoit in Mattapoisett and at Camp Frederick Douglass in New Bedford.

Campers of all ages will engage in hands-on, exploratory activities designed to connect them to their Bay. This partnership allows the Bay

Coalition to further its mission of helping people to discover Buzzards Bay while providing new opportunities for the YMCA's summer camp programming.

Campers who want to dig a little deeper can sign up for one of two weeks of River Exploration Camp. (July 9th-13th for ages 9-11 or August 13th-17th for ages 12-14). Campers will spend the week in an in-depth study of the Mattapoisett River. Starting from a home-base at Camp Massasoit at the mouth of the river, campers will travel upriver to YMCA property on Snipatuit Pond in Rochester, where the river begins. Campers will learn what it takes to be a river biologist while hiking, seining, water sampling, and creating a Mattapoisett River Field Guide.

YMCA Southcoast has been a leading provider of quality day camp programs for more than 50 years. Camp Massasoit and Camp Frederick Douglass collectively serve hundreds

of local children, ranging from ages 5 to 14. This summer, the Buzzards Bay Coalition will put a Bay-focused spin on camp activities. Children at Camp Frederick Douglass will engage in water testing, searching for plankton, and exploring easily-overlooked habitats in downtown New Bedford. At Camp Massasoit, campers will muck around in the salt marsh, seine in the estuary, and explore the intertidal zone. All activities are designed to tap into campers' natural curiosity and desire to explore. They will form a bond with the natural environment that hopefully will last a lifetime.

The Bay Coalition encourages all of its supporters to consider YMCA summer camps for their children to form lasting relationships with peers and the local environment. Registration forms can be found at [www.ymcasouthcoast.org](http://www.ymcasouthcoast.org). For more information visit: <http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/Camps> •••

# Land Preservation Trust celebrates 20 years

## Press Release

The Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust held its Annual Members Meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2012. This year the Land Trust is celebrating its 20th year.

John Darwin, President of the FALPT Board of Directors, is one of its founding members. He spoke regarding the State of the Trust. Last year, 2011, was a good year. The Trust has accumulated a total of 743 acres in Fairhaven and Acushnet and continues to get land donations. Over five acres was acquired from Jim Kalife in 2011.

John recently completed a survey received from the USDA regarding the amount of forest land the Trust protects. Taking into account that a forest is considered one or more acres with ten or more trees per acre, the Trust protects approximately 501 acres of forest in 17 different parcels.

Total acres protected by the Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust is 1,022, including Conservation Restrictions held by the Trust. And the Trust is financially stable.

John then introduced Mark Rasmussen, founder of the Fairhaven



TOP: This map of all property owned by the Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust is available on their website at <http://falpt.org>. The FALPT protects more than 1,000 acres locally. Image from the FALPT website. ABOVE: Just look for the green triangular signs for trail access. Neighb News file photo by Beth David. See photos in color at [www.neighbnews.com](http://www.neighbnews.com)

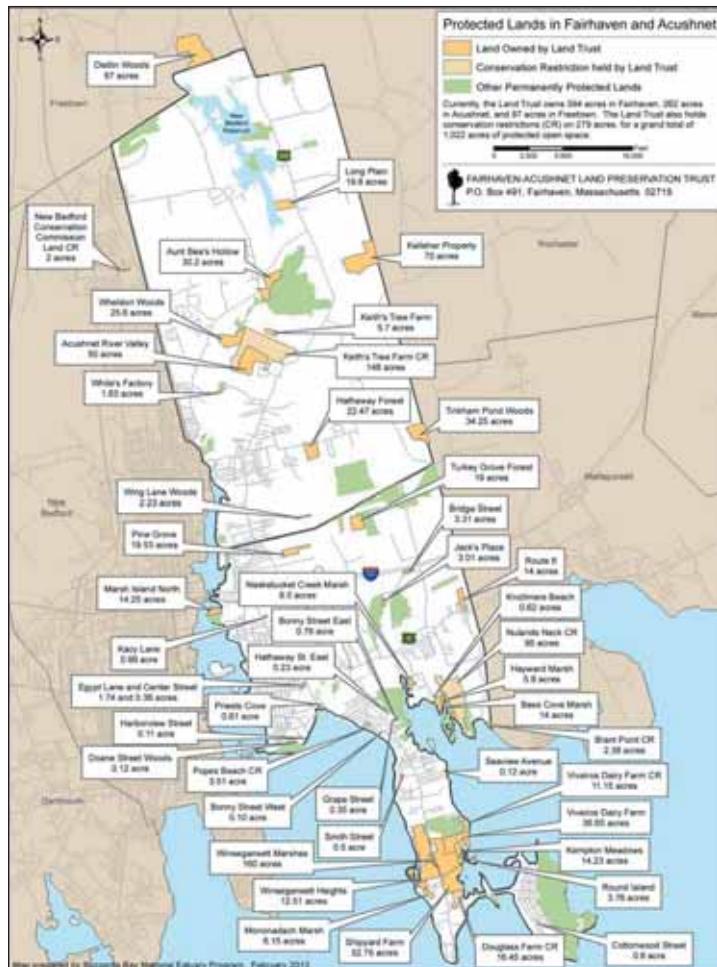
Fairhaven already had land trusts. Mark had acquired his conservation ethic from John Darwin's Mom, who was a teacher in elementary school.

Through the Land Trust Alliance, and assistance from the neighboring land trusts, Mark gathered the necessary information and started sparking interest in others: John Darwin, Peter London, Toby Dills, Dan Mello and David Hewitt. Mr. Hewitt was founder of the Mattapoisett Land Trust. He moved to the neck and came on board of the Fairhaven Trust. He brought a lot of insight with him from starting the Mattapoisett Trust in the 1970s.

Area land trusts were very supportive, as a land trust in Fairhaven would fill a gap in the effort to protect land along the Buzzard's Bay watershed.

In those early days, the biggest job was getting the word out. In 1994, the first property to be acquired was a small lot on Egypt Lane donated by John Darwin. After a few years, the Land Trust started pursuing people to get land.

Joyce Reynolds helped bring Acushnet into the Trust. In 1996, the 22-acre forest on Hathaway Road was the first property accepted by Fairhaven Land Preservation Trust in Acushnet. Mattapoisett refused



because the land was outside of their area. Acushnet did not have a land trust. So the Fairhaven Land Preservation Trust accepted the forest and then more Acushnet people got involved and joined the Trust. It was not until the acquisition of White's Factory in 1998 that the name was changed to include Acushnet, becoming the Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust.

The Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust is a non-profit organization. As such, it depends on membership fees to keep the budget in line. For more information about the Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust, contact John Darwin at (508) 667-1040, or visit our website at [www.falpt.org](http://www.falpt.org). \*\*\*

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# Looking back at Fairhaven sports: Livesey Club, 1948-49

## Livesey Club Celebrates 63 years

Celebrating the Fairhaven Bicentennial 200th Birthday with Glory Days of the past at FHS, we thought we would recognize sports and social organizations this town has had over the years.

For 63 years the Thomas Livesey Memorial Club has been going, starting with sandlot and semi-pro football, to fast pitch, modified, and slow pitch softball, City League and Y

League Basketball. The Livesey Club was a major Fairhaven adult sports sponsor, also running the fast pitch and modified pitch Livesey League when softball was at its peak, along with big regional and local softball tournaments.

In the sixties, the Club started the pee wee and midget football program, and were the first sponsors of Fairhaven Little League and Pony League Youth teams.

They also did girls softball, and Fairhaven Rec basketball and Youth

Hockey. The Club gives out eight annual scholarships to deserving high school students.

Chartered in 1949, the first President was Walter Borowicz. Charter signees who are still members are Hawk Medeiros, his brother John Medeiros, Roger Demanche, and Weber Torres. Present President is Dave Sylvia, VP Dennis Arsenault, Treasurer John Rodrigues, Secretary Kevin St. Pierre. Plans are underway for a float in the bicentennial parade.



In the middle 40s, the Blue Devils were a sandlot football team which went undefeated. Named after the Duke University football team, the Blue Devils became Livesey Club in 1949 and played two years of semi-pro. *Photo courtesy of the Livesey Club.*

## SCHOOLS: cont'd from page 4

meetings, as there was time before the budget had to be certified.

Only one parent offered comment on the proposed budget. Diane Hahn of Precinct 2 asked whether kindergarten and extracurricular activities such as sports and drama were mandated. When Dr. Baldwin replied they were not, she said she felt there was already a shortage of paraprofessionals in the classroom to assist students.

"We're paying for non-mandated things. Maybe it's time for user fees for extracurricular activities," said Ms. Hahn, adding that her son would benefit from paraprofessional help in his advanced placement and honors classes, but the school district does not supply them.

Renee Bradshaw, Precinct 4 resident, parent, and Fairhaven Education Association spoke on behalf of the FEA.

"We support you in your mission and we'd like to be a part of it," she said.

Ms. Bradshaw also said she was disappointed that they had not been part of the discussions leading up to the proposed budget.

To see the complete budget and references to existing Mass. law, visit the Fairhaven Schools website: [http://www.fairhavenps.org/fy\\_13\\_budget.cfm](http://www.fairhavenps.org/fy_13_budget.cfm) •••

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## Everyday Specials

Kahlua 750ml All Flavors.....	\$19 <sup>99</sup>
Seagram's 7 1.75.....	\$18 <sup>99</sup>
Canadian Club 1.75 .....	\$19 <sup>99</sup>
Beck's Loose Bottles.....	\$19 <sup>99</sup> + dep
Bud & Bud Light 30 pack .....	\$19 <sup>99</sup> + dep
Coors Light 30 pack.....	\$19 <sup>99</sup> + dep
Heineken 24 Loose Bottles .....	\$20 <sup>99</sup> + dep
Rubinoff Vodka All Flavors 1.75 .....	\$10 <sup>99</sup>
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**Every Friday:** Couto &  
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