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## Honk! Honk! Beep! Beep! Make way for the young'uns!



The Fairhaven Recreation Center and Department of Public Works held a "Big Truck Day" on Saturday, 5/12. The DPW pulled out the big trucks and children of all ages got to climb aboard, honk the horns, and play Heavy Machine Equipment Operator. ABOVE: the view of the parking lot at the Recreation Center from 60 feet high, courtesy of the bucket truck. See page 16 for more photos. *Photo by Beth David. See it 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.*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Whooeee, St. Francis, you sure know how to push buttons (see page 19).

For those of you who don't know, St. Francis Xavier Church in Acushnet put an anti-gay message on its sign at the corner of South Main and Main Streets in Acushnet. Vanessa Raymond put a picture of it up on Facebook along with a sign she posted on the fence that said "You may not be welcome in this church but ALL people are welcome in this community. Spread LOVE, not hate." And she attached a rainbow balloon to the fence, too.

God bless her little soul.

Okay, you all know by now that I'm an out lesbian, and a lefty-liberal to boot, so there's no point in telling you how I feel about sign #1. What I want to talk about is the community response.

We've been lucky in this area, mostly; most of our religious institutions are not overtly political, not like that crazy Westboro Church in Kansas. I like to think that it's because the people around here won't tolerate it and won't participate in it.

The Catholic Church has every right to put any message it wants on its sign, of course. The Church even has a duty to espouse its message to its members, and even to the community at large. But when you go public with this stuff, the community at large also has a right to respond. That's what St. Francis learned this week: You are part of the wider community, St. Francis Xavier Church, whether you like it or not.

When you get political (non-profit though you be), when you make a provocative statement like that, then the wider community has the same right, even the same obligation, to respond.

This area, as parochial as it seems sometimes to those of us who live here and have lived other places, has great diversity and great tolerance for that diversity.

Frederick Douglass didn't find New Bedford by mistake. Mostly, though, we have an immigrant heritage, including the Cape Verdeans who came here to work on whaling ships and in factories. We have large communities of Irish, French-Canadian, Polish, Greek, Lebanese (that's me!!!), Norwegian, Chinese, Guatemalan and, of course, the largest group of all: the Portuguese. If I left anyone out, I'm sorry, I'm just trying to make a point here.

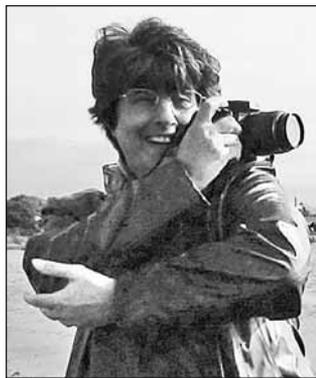
Yes, decidedly, they are mostly Christian and many of them Catholics, but not all. We have a thriving Jewish community that includes ethnicities from all over the world. We have an Interchurch Council that includes different denominations.

And then there are the UUs, of course.

What we all have in common is a Yankee independence that leads to a live-and-let-live attitude, mostly.

I'm not saying there is no discrimination against people of different races or against gays. We had a horrible incident just a few years ago at Puzzles. It was the response to it, though, that I prefer to remember: everyone came out in support of the gay community. Everyone. It was a beautiful

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Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS

Aiyiyi!!!! We knew this one, we knew this one. In our story on Town Meeting last week, we made a mistake in the photo captions. We gave two people the same first name. The woman in the center of the page was Louise Barteau. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

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thing to behold. And, when you read Jean Perry's story on page 19, you'll read that someone drove by and yelled out "dykes" to two women holding signs near the church.

We all have our preconceived notions about those who are different than us, which is pretty funny when you think about it. We should have preconceived notions about the people LIKE us, not people we don't know. But...I digress.

The thing is, in these parts, we tend to judge people by the way they act. And yes, we all judge, I will not shy away from the word.

We don't judge you on the color of your skin, as much as what kind of neighbor you are. We don't judge you on your religion, as much as how you act in the neighborhood. We don't judge you on how fat, skinny, pretty, or ugly you are, as much as how friendly you are when we see you. We don't judge you on how rich or poor you are, as much as how you treat people who are not in the same boat as you.

Are you someone I can walk up to and chat with as I'm walking by your house? Are you someone who will keep an eye on my house when I'm out? Are you the kind of person who will rescue my trash can from the windy middle-of-the-street? Are you someone who will run out and say, "hey, what's going on out here" when you see the neighborhood kids fighting? Will you drive by me without a glance when I'm pushing my bike with a flat or will you stop and offer me a ride? Will you snub your nose at me because I drive an old car, or offer me a good deal on yours when it's time for you to sell it?

We don't judge you by the gender of your partner, just by the way you treat each other. Are you a nightmare

couple when you invite me to dinner, or do I look forward to a good meal and good conversation?

These are the things that make neighborhoods, not the Catholic Church trying to influence politics with a silly sign that insults 10 percent of the population and enrages those who love that 10 percent.

Lesson learned, St. Francis? Maybe. Only time will tell. I doubt it, though. The Catholic Church isn't exactly what one would call "flexible."

Meanwhile, I'm so proud of my little corner of the world, except for the guy who yelled out "dyke" and the guy who threatened to burn down the sign...two sides of the same coin I think.

But still, I hold out hope that the Puritans are gone.

Now, if we can just get rid of the remnants of those silly Blue Laws.

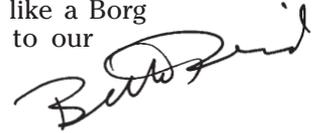
Well, I pulled the story on bike path etiquette (again) to make room for this week's ramblings. Maybe next week.

I also wanted to tell people to see Your Theatre's "Moon Over Buffalo." It was lots of fun. The acting was stellar! Check out page 7 for the last couple of chances to see it.

And...the Mobi tag. Maybe you noticed it on our cover. It's an app. If you don't know what an app is, then you probably don't have one. I have all kinds of stuff to say about it, but, no room here now. The point is, you can access the paper on your cellphone by taking a picture of that square thing that looks like a Borg cube. Then the app takes you to our website.

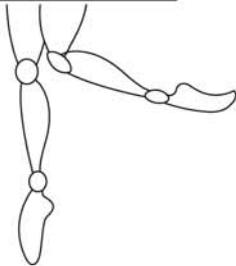
Let me know if it works.

Until next week then...see ya,



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# Planning Board meeting gets heated on several fronts

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

Some tense moments of heated discussion erupted throughout the 5/8 Fairhaven Planning Board meeting as Chairperson Wayne Hayward and Director of Planning and Economic Development Bill Roth butted heads on many of the discussion topics.

After pleading several times with the board to move forward to the other items on the agenda, Bill Roth stood up and threatened to leave the meeting.

"I'm just tired of your badgering," Mr. Roth told Mr. Hayward sternly. "I'm not gonna stay much longer if you're gonna badger me like that."

Pressure started building as Mr. Hayward described his opposition to a special permit application for an accessory apartment, or "in-law apartment" filed by Robert Leidhold of 23 Summer Street.

Mr. Hayward was citing a bylaw which states dwelling conversions (in-law apartments) "shall not be allowed unless the lot meets the minimum lot size...22,500 square feet," including four more site requirements. Mr. Hayward focused on the word "shall," which he repeated several times, and stressed that "shall" did not mean "could" or "maybe."

"I don't want to see apartments just springing up everywhere," Mr. Hayward said.

"You're prejudicing the entire board against what this gentleman needs," called out Mr. Roth.

Mr. Roth told the board he had already advised Mr. Leidhold to file his application, and board member Rene Fleurent asked why Mr. Leidhold could not at least appear before the board and present his merits.

"What prevents anyone from at least petitioning the board?" asked Mr. Fleurent. "How do we not even give that person the opportunity?"

Mr. Roth had already advertised the hearing and notified abutters of the Summer Street property.

Mr. Hayward told Mr. Roth to talk to the board first before advising a resident like Mr. Leidhold to apply for an accessory dwelling permit.

"People watching on TV — come and get your apartments. Get 'em while they're hot!" said Mr. Hayward.

"It sounds like you're going to deny all of them," responded Mr. Roth.

"You're going to have a flood of these...because it's never been done in the past," stated Mr. Hayward.

"I believe you are in violation of something!" shouted Mr. Roth. "Wrong! Wrong!" Mr. Roth suggested several times that he was unwilling to continue debating the issue with Mr. Hayward.

"Let somebody else run the meeting then," said Mr. Hayward

"Could I defend it in court if I denied due to not meeting the mandatory four requirements?" Mr. Hayward asked Mr. Roth, to which Mr. Roth simply replied, "Look at the merits."

Board member Frank Budryk commented that "respect should be denoted" to Chairperson Hayward, and later commented that board meetings should be void of shouting.

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I don't want to see  
apartments just  
springing up  
everywhere  
[Wayne Hayward]

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The board later discussed the Wind Turbine Setback bylaw revision with several members of Windwise. Ken Pottel told the board that health-effect complaints were already being filed.

"What we have been fearing is starting to take place," Mr. Pottel told the board. He said a number of people are getting sick, including an entire family who say they have begun suffering headaches since the WTs began operating.

"People can't go outside," Mr. Pottel said.

Mr. Hayward stated that the time frame for getting the bylaw on the Town Meeting warrant is pushing almost into June of 2013. He hopes to begin working sessions in September, and start crafting the bylaw in November to submit to the Selectboard. Fourteen days later, the bylaw would be returned to the Planning Board to hold a public hearing.

Mr. Roth urged members of Wind-

wise to submit relevant information regarding desired setbacks and maximum height.

"We will work with anyone who wants to come in," said Mr. Roth.

Mr. Hayward commented that it was "do-able" to have a document ready by January 2013, but if Windwise were to call a special Town Meeting for October 2012, it would be difficult to be ready in time for that.

"We're not there," said Mr. Hayward.

He told the board that Selectboard member Bob Espindola had asked about looking into a bylaw for solar panel setbacks.

"Once those roll in, they're just as bad as the wind turbines," Mr. Hayward said.

"Well, they don't make much noise," responded Mr. Roth.

"But there are chemicals bleeding all over the place," added Mr. Budryk.

Mr. Roth stated that he will be looking into the solar panel setback bylaws of surrounding towns.

"I don't want to overwork you," Mr. Hayward said to Mr. Roth. "Well, actually, I do..."

"I'm sure you do," responded Mr. Roth.

The board also discussed releasing a flow chart to the public pertaining to street acceptance procedures.

"Any way we could shorten the process?" asked Mr. Hayward.

"We process them here more streamlined than my colleagues," replied Mr. Roth.

"I know that the wind turbines took only five weeks," said Mr. Hayward. "We break records, there's no doubt about that."

Other points of discussion were the use of "chip seal," which Mr. Roth said would best fit in the subdivision regulation governing streets and roadways, specifically "required improvement."

Planning will continue to consult with the Conservation Commission and Mr. Hayward stated that the issue of chip seal would continue appearing on the agenda under long range planning.

Finally, the board briefly discussed a possible deal to receive land between Doane Street and Fort Phoenix from NSTAR, which is seeking to keep one lot and gift the land to the Town. The deal is not approved and remains conceptual only. ●●●

# Valentine's Dance reaps \$6,000 for Vietnam Moving Wall



Vietnam War veteran George Brownell (third from left standing) hands a check for \$6,000 to Gerry Payette to help defray costs of the Vietnam Moving Wall to be in Fairhaven from July 5-8 as part of the town's Bicentennial celebrations. Mr. Brownell and his wife Cheryl sponsored a Valentine's Day Dance held this past February at the VFW Ft. Phoenix Post in Fairhaven. Members of the committee, all veterans, shown in photo above are: KNEELING, L-R: Donal Arsenault, Roger Davignon BACK ROW, L-R: John Medeiros, Ft. Phoenix Post Commander Jeff Cardoza, George Brownell, Gerry Payette, Mark Kearly, Donal Leblanc, Allen Days, Gerry Stabel. Not pictured: Jim Leal, Mike Kobza, Tom Stiles, John Remedis, Bruce Wright. Photo courtesy of Jim Mahaney. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com). See Jim's photos at <http://jimmahaneyphotography.smugmug.com/>

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## Bike Path Clean-up

The newly formed Fairhaven Bike Path Committee is organizing a Phoenix Bike Trail clean-up day **this Saturday, 5/9, from 9:00 until 10:30.** We'll be meeting at the Applebees parking lot at 9:00. We encourage any group in town to participate. This is a great community service opportunity for kids in town. We ask that everyone bring a trash bag, gloves and rake, but just a pair of hands will work too.

For more information or to let us know your organization will participate please call 774-202-0015 and ask for Bob.

## Fairhaven Baby on Funniest Videos

Anne O'Brien Kakley's daughter Frances will be featured on America's Funniest Home Videos on Sunday, 5/20. Apparently, Frances had a difficult time getting a bear had off her head, which caused mom to take a video, and older sister Hazel putting in her two cents.

According to Ms. Kakley, she submitted it "on a whim." The piece is not in the competition, but will be used as filler on the show, so keep your eyes peeled.

## Riverside Cemetery

**Sunday, May 20, at 2:00 p.m. Riverside Cemetery, 274 Main St., Fairhaven.** Created in 1850 by Warren Delano II, the grandfather of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, this is one of the most beautiful rural-style cemeteries in Massachusetts. The tour visits the final resting places of some of the town's most prominent people. You'll also see lovely examples of early tombstone art as you walk along the beautifully landscaped paths. Tour includes walking on uneven ground. Wear comfortable shoes. Guide: Christopher Richard. Sponsored by the Office of Tourism. Free. For more information, call 508-979-4085.

## Boating Safety Day

As the warm weather nears, boaters are anxious to enjoy days on the water fishing, sailing, and kayaking. It's important, however, to remain alert and practice boating safety whenever you are on the water.

USCG Auxiliary 65 of Fairhaven, in keeping with its mission to foster safe recreational boating, reminds boaters of National Safe Boating Week, May 19-25, 2012.

To foster awareness, members of the Flotilla 65 will be available on **May 19 at the Pease Park Boat ramp in Fairhaven from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** to answer questions and provide Boating Safety informational pamphlets and brochures, Free Vessel Safety Checks, and children's activity coloring books.

Visit the Flotilla 65 web site at <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info/>

## FTA Opening Day

Fairhaven Tennis Association would like to announce that we will be holding our opening day on **Saturday, 5/19, from 10:00-12:00 at the Hastings Middle School courts.**

All ages welcome: Free tennis lessons, Fun tennis Activities, Signups for Junior Tennis, clinics etc., Signups for adult tennis lessons for intermediate and beginners. Join a Tennis Play group and be scheduled to play with a tennis group of your ability level each week. Be part of our drop in tennis program on Sunday Mornings. **Registration fee \$25.00 for the whole year.** Beginners welcome

Why you should learn to play tennis? This is a game that people can play throughout their lives. Tennis is a great social game which allows you to meet a lot of great people. Finally, it is a lot of fun and at the same time you get a great workout.

Why should I have my child learn tennis? Tennis is one of the most active sports that people can play all through their lives. It also promotes sportsmanship because of the nature of the sport and, once again, it is a lot of fun.

For more information go to [www.fairhaventennis.org](http://www.fairhaventennis.org)

## Bird Club

**Sunday, May 20, 7:30 a.m.** at the Nasketucket Bay State Reservation. Let's explore the woods and fields of Nasketucket: Warblers, Towhees, Orioles, and maybe we'll even see a kestrel searching for food in the fields. **Meeting place: Park & Ride, North Street, Mattapoisett.** Free. All welcome. For info: Justin Barrett,

774-207-8515 or [jmbarrett426@gmail.com](mailto:jmbarrett426@gmail.com).

**Thursday, May 24 at 7:00pm at the Mattapoisett Public Library** on Barstow Street, the Nasketucket Bird Club features Bruce Byers, Ph.D., Associate Professor at UMass Amherst. Bruce will be speaking on "Listening to Songs: The Natural History of Birdsong." Join us as Bruce provides an overview of songbird singing, with an emphasis on his personal studies and suggestions for greater appreciation of birdsong. Free. For info: Justin Barrett, 774-207-8515 or [jmbarrett426@gmail.com](mailto:jmbarrett426@gmail.com).

## At the UU Church

The following events are at the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., Fairhaven, MA. Accessible.

**Sunday, May 20th, Coming of Age Sunday.** Our youth will offer us their religious beliefs and their thoughts about the world at this time in their lives, as they move into young adulthood at 10:30AM

**Thursday, May 24th, Connecting for Change Film Series, "Journey of the Universe" at 7PM** in the Parish House Auditorium

**Sunday, June 3rd,** Celebrate Worship Through Music & Flower Communion, 10:30AM

**Sunday, June 10th,** Bridging Ceremony for High School Graduates, 10:30AM

## YTI & the Millicent

An opportunity to join in watching a play with the Millicent Library's Thursday mornings book discussion group is available on May 20th, 2:30, at Your Theatre. **The play, Moon Over Buffalo, a comedy, will be discussed on May 24th, 10:00 a.m.** at the Library's conference room, accessible.

Use the Walnut Street entrance. To reserve your ticket for the play, please call Your Theatre at 508-993-0772, and ask to be added to the Millicent Library Book Discussion's reservation list. For more information, please call Norma Markey at 508-993-3745.

## Boating Class

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a **five-week boating class: "Weekend Navigator,"** beginning

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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Aviation Fun Day

Saturday, 5/19, at the New Bedford Regional Airport. Admission is FREE (but donations are welcome). Flight demonstrations. Something for everyone: aircraft displays (C45H, helicopters, experimental aircraft, 1940 WACO, Russian Sukhoi SU-29, Homebuilts, Ultralights); police K-9 unit demos, dive team, flight simulators, raffles & golf ball drop, fire department crash truck demos, Tae Kwon Do demo. Antique and classic cars, DJ Johnny Angel. Helicopter and airplane rides (fees apply).

Contact [AtlanticAviators@yahoo.com](mailto:AtlanticAviators@yahoo.com) for more information or visit [www.atlanticaviators.org/funday](http://www.atlanticaviators.org/funday)

## Your Theatre Inc.

### Play this weekend

Last chance to see Your Theatre Inc.'s "Moon Over Buffalo." George and Charlotte Hay, fading stars of the 1950s, receive word that they might just have one last shot at stardom. Unfortunately for the Hays, everything that could go wrong does in this hilarious farce.

May 17 & 19 at 8PM, May 20 Sunday matinee at 2:30PM, 136 Rivet St. (Corner of County St.), New Bedford. Call 508 993 0772 for tickets, \$15 all seats. Visit [www.YourTheater.org](http://www.YourTheater.org)

### YTI needs volunteers

See ad on page 3

### YTI auditions

Your Theatre Inc. will hold auditions for its upcoming 66th Season **Wednesday May 23 and Thursday May 24 at 7:30 PM at its playhouse located in St. Martin's Church/hall complex, 136 Rivet Street at County Street, in New Bedford.** The audition is being held only for individuals over the age of 16 who have not previously performed at Your Theatre.

Your Theatre celebrates diversity and seeks people of all backgrounds. All are welcome! This season includes roles for people of color, Asians and people of other diverse communities.

The upcoming Season includes a long list of diverse play plus several yet to be announced special attractions planned for presentation at the theatre and various venues around greater New Bedford.

Experience is not necessary; just the desire to participate and share

the experience of live theatre and the enjoyment of collaborating with other talented individuals.

For further information visit the YTI website at [www.yourtheatre.org](http://www.yourtheatre.org) email [info@yourtheatre.org](mailto:info@yourtheatre.org).

## Jazz Fest

In cooperation with Bridgewater Credit Union as its major corporate sponsor, Your Theatre, Inc. has announced it will produce New Bedford's first jazz festival **scheduled for May 18 at Custom House Square in New Bedford's Historic District and National Park.** Jazzfest will be an upscale annual music event featuring artists from the regional and national jazz scene.

Tickets are available at branches of the Bridgewater Credit Union, the Symphony Shop, 94 State Road, North Dartmouth, Pier 37, Union Street, New Bedford, and Your Theatre's box office, 508-993-0772, or at Custom House Square the evening of the festival. **Preferred seating is \$30.00, general admission standing room tickets are \$20, and student tickets are \$10 Tickets at the door are \$5 extra.** Please call YTI for info on Gold Seating and sponsorships.

## At Whaling Museum

The following events are at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford. Accessible. Call 508-997-0046 or visit [www.WhalingMuseum.org](http://www.WhalingMuseum.org).

### Annual Meeting

The **109th Annual Meeting** of the Old Dartmouth Historical Society/New Bedford Whaling Museum will take place **Friday, May 18 at 4:00 pm. in the Cook Memorial Theater.** Annual Meeting Day events include a memorial service for museum volunteers, a graduation ceremony for museum apprentices, and an exhibit opening and reception. The public is cordially invited to attend all events.

At 3:00 p.m., the museum's Volunteer Council will host a "Volunteer and Trustee Remembrance" in the Seamen's Bethel, located adjacent to the museum on Johnny Cake Hill. Family, friends and associates are invited to join volunteers and the board of trustees as they gather in fond remembrance of departed members.

## Painting Exhibit

At 5:30 p.m. on 5/18 an exhibition of new paintings titled Dora Atwater Millikin: New Bedford Harbor Today, opens in the Centre Street Gallery - Level II. A reception in the Jacobs Family Gallery follows the opening.

## Clean Sweep Ward 5

Operation Clean Sweep, a New Bedford based anti-litter organization, will hold a neighborhood cleanup on **Saturday, May 19, in Ward 5 from 8:30 am until Noon.** The Ward 5 cleanup will be hosted by SouthCoast Hospitals Group and headquarters will be located in the St. Luke's Hospital parking lot at Hawthorn and Page Streets.

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

SouthCoast Hospitals Group will provide breakfast for volunteers in the morning and lunch will be provided by Domino's Pizza, "The Official Pizza" of Operation Clean Sweep. Gifts to Give, FUN 107, and the Southcoast Health Van will be onsite.

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

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!

Businesses or organizations interested in hosting a cleanup are encouraged to call (508) 979-1493 for more information.

## Hazelwood 5K

Hazelwood Women's Run, 5K Run/Walk to benefit The Women's Center. Starts at the Senior Center, 553 Brock Ave., in Hazelwood Park, 10 a.m. sharp. Registration: \$25, online reg, [www.rungnbtc.com](http://www.rungnbtc.com). Prizes in various categories/age groups, giveaways. FREE KIDS RUN starts at 9:30 a.m., for kids 10 and younger.

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## Art Show

The 53rd Annual Acushnet Art Show will be held on **Saturday, 5/19, from 2:00-8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 5/20 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.** at the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 South Main Street, Acushnet.

This event, which features local artists, is free and open to the public.

## Antiques: Behind the scenes

Lecture and appraisal: Behind the Scenes of the Art & Antique Trade: Great Finds, Fraud, Scandals and Valuing Your Items, Thursday, May 24, 6-8 PM. The Friends of the Acushnet Public Library are proud to present Mr. Paul Royka, a fine art & antique appraiser & auctioneer. Mr. Royka, who has been featured on ABC News, Fox News and Antiques Roadshow, will give a lecture called "Behind the Scenes of the Art & Antique Trade" and, time permitting, appraise one item per attendee at the end of this program.

Due to the limited space and parking available at the library, **this event will be held at the Council on Aging located at 59 1/2 So. Main St**

## Bake Sale

Tri Town Relay for Life/Team B.A.R.B.I.E Bake Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, May 19th from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Kitchen & Bath Details, 81 1/2 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, to help raise money for the Tri Town Relay for Life/American Cancer Society.

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. Each year, more than 3.5 million people in more than 5,100 communities in the U.S., along with additional communities in 19 other countries, gather to take part in this global phenomenon and raise much needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer. We want to create a world with more birthdays - a world where cancer never steals another year of anyone's life.

So far, we have received some amazing donations for our drawing -

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We truly hope you can make it to this event and support an amazing cause!!! Please bring your family and friends... kids love bake sales!!!

## Meet the Author

For a few hours the Mattapoisett Free Public Library is going to the dogs. **On Wednesday, May 23 at 7 pm**, Vineyard author Susan Wilson will read from her new novel "The Dog Who Danced." This New York Times bestseller will be available for purchase and for signing by the author. The public is invited to this free program at the library, **7 Barstow Street in Mattapoisett. Accessible.**

Susan Wilson has been writing books for nearly 20 years. Born in Providence, RI, she was raised in Middlefield, CT, and received a BA degree in English from Eastern Connecticut State University. Susan's family has had a long time association with Martha's Vineyard, an attachment that culminated in her marrying an islander and eventually making the Vineyard their year round home.

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### Bird Walk

**May 25th Bird Walks with Paul Champlin, 9:00am-11:00am Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary**

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Members of the public who are unable to get to these locations may contact Assistant Scoutmaster, Mike McCormack, at 508-998-11218 or [cctroop333asm@gmail.com](mailto:cctroop333asm@gmail.com) to schedule a pickup.

The public is welcome to attend this special event starting at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 9 at Cathedral Camp in E. Freetown.

## Call for Artists

Artists who are inspired by Buzzards Bay are encouraged to submit works for consideration for the exhibition titled, Interpretations: Artistic Celebrations of Buzzards Bay. The exhibit is the result of a collaboration between the Falmouth Artists Guild and the Buzzards Bay Coalition and will be displayed in both Falmouth and New Bedford.

The call for entries is now open and artists may deliver works of all media for consideration to the Falmouth Art Center (137 Gifford Street) on Monday, August 20th, from 9:30-4:00. Jurying will take place on the 21st and the exhibit will open in Falmouth on August 23rd.

Additional requirements and prospectus at [www.falmouthart.org](http://www.falmouthart.org) or by contacting the Falmouth Artists Guild at 508-540-3304 or [info@falmouthart.org](mailto:info@falmouthart.org).

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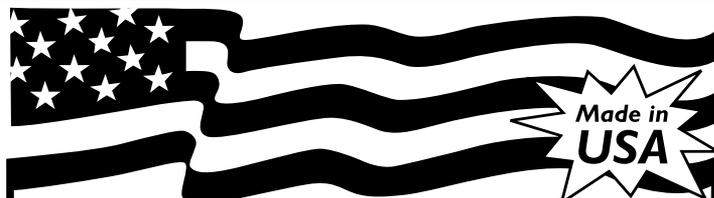
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1/4 tsp nutmeg  
1/4 tsp salt  
1 1/4 cups sugar  
2 sticks (1 cup) butter, softened  
1 egg  
2 tsp vanilla

Mix flour, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt; set aside.

Beat sugar and butter in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy; add egg and vanilla; mix well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well mixed. Refrigerate for two hours or overnight until firm.

Preheat oven to 350° and lightly grease cookie sheets.

Roll dough on lightly floured surface to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut into shapes with desired cookie cutters.

Bake in 350 oven for 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on wire rack.

*Gabby Moniz*

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

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## A Little Bit of Sports

*By Bob Hobbs*

### Special to the Neighb News

#### Fairhaven High Softball

The Lady Blues defeated Wareham 5-0 last Monday. Courtney Girouard pitched a shutout and only allowed 4 hits.

#### FHS Softball JVs

The Softball JBs are having a very successful season under Glenn Gardner. The young blues defeated NB Voke 13-1. Courtney Tavares pitched win. Kenzi Roderiques and Taylor Canastra led in hits.

#### FHS Lacrosse Team Southcoast Champs

Last year this team, in their first year of competition, came in last place. This year's Blue Crew are 12-1 and clinched SCC title with 3-5 win over ORR. Billy Pires had four goals, Kevin Pepin two and Nate Rock and Kobie Edwards had one. Alex Silva was super in goal.

#### Men & Women FHS Tennis

The men in blue defeated Bourne 5-0. Adam Lima, Anthony Joseph and Alex McGannon were big singles winners. Matt DaCosta and Dan McLaughlin remained undefeated in doubles, 11-0.

The Lady Blues defeated Bourne 3-2 on Monday. Katie Lindhold and Michelle Westgate were singles winners. Kris Flynn and Maddie McLaughlin were doubles winners.

#### FHS Boys & Girls Track

The Lady Blues rolled to a 95-50 win over Wareham last week. Emma Robidoux was triple winner: triple jump, 400 hurdles and 100 hurdles. The 400 relay was won by Ashley

Pereira, Kendell Chanler, Casey Teves and Alex Charette. The blue dashers also won 85-50.

Kyle Everett won triple jump, high jump and 100. Seth Guillotte won the mile with 5:23 time. Relay 100 won by Everett, Billy Oliver, Jarrid Antil and Jake Perrone.

#### FHS in Big 6-5 Win Over Voke

Last Saturday at Hastings, Courtney Girouard won her 12th game, also led hit parade along with Kelsey Perron-Sovik and Kayli Barrieau who had big home run.

On Monday Voke shout out the Blues 2-0 at Voke complex. Britty Costa threw a five-hitter.

Last Thursday the Lady Blues defeated Bourne 14-2. Kayli Moniz, Kacie Carvalho and Ashley Brown led the hit parade. Courtney Girouard and Maddie Manatis combined for three-hitter.

#### FHS Baseball

The Bluemen destroyed Bourne 11-1 behind pitching of Billy Lessa. Andrew Casteel and Drew Wethington had two hits, Ryan Baldwin had three hits and a homer for 8+8 FHS.

#### Colleen Pepin Soccer All Star

Former FHS star athlete Colleen Pepin will graduate from Endicott College this May. Colleen was captain and three-time All-CCC soccer player.

There is no worse lie than a truth misunderstood by those who hear it.

*William James*

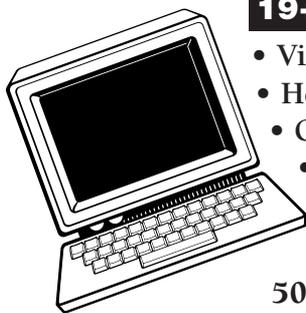
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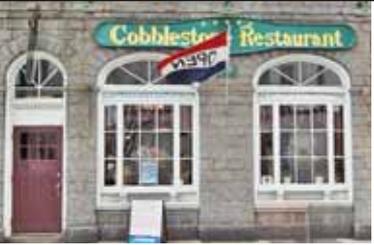


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# Selectboard OKs 2 weddings on Acushnet Farm, PO to stay open

By Diane Kozak

## Neighb News Correspondent

Unable to reach an agreement on how to handle a request by the owners of the Silverbrook Farm to allow two scheduled weddings to take place this summer despite possible zoning violations, the Acushnet selectboard ended their debate with a split vote.

The farm, which is located on Main Street in the northern section of town, is located in a Residential A district which makes hosting the weddings a disallowed use of the property. At the March 12th selectboard meeting, co-owner of the farm Nick Ciaccio and his attorney asked the board to review the wedding reception activity with respect to the town's zoning bylaws. After debating the technicalities of the wedding activity and the existing laws the selectboard unanimously denied the farm's request.

At the May 9th meeting, J.J. Pereira, also a co-owner of the farm requested that the board grant special permission for the two scheduled weddings to go forward despite the possibility of zoning violations. Mr. Pereira stated that he did not understand or agree with the selectboard's previous decision to disallow the weddings as these events were non-profit in nature and done to promote the farm, not for monetary benefit.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar explained that the fact that no fees were being charged for the use of the property was not made clear at the last meeting. He stated that in light of the new information he had no problem allowing weddings at the

farm as they were celebrations rather than business ventures. He noted that the town does not have the power to prevent any taxpayer from having celebrations on their residential property and that would include The Silverbrook Farm.

Selectboard member Leslie Dakin disagreed with Mr. Gaspar's opinion, saying that the matter has already been reviewed by town counsel and the Zoning Board, both of which stated that weddings are not permitted in residential areas.

In regard to the exchange of monies, Mr. Dakin noted that there

estate taxes at a higher rate than the farm does. In regard to the farm owner's argument that they should be allowed to host weddings because they are considered an allowable "accessory use" of their property, meaning these events are only incidental to the business, Mr. Dakin argued that if this was true then the Silverbrook Farm website would not be promoting them.

"In effect Mr. Pereira is running a commercial enterprise in a Residential A district. I am staunchly opposed to that. I just want to go on the record as stating that," Mr. Dakin said.

In response to his peer's comment Mr. Gaspar said, "I would go on the record stating that if anybody is having a graduation party at their house then they're in violation of the bylaws, too, because it's the same difference."

Chairperson of the Board David Wojnar said he could agree to allow the two scheduled weddings to move forward as he did not want to cause an imposition on the families who are planning to have their receptions on the farm. He said that he believed

the board should order a cease and desist on future wedding receptions until the matter can be reviewed by appropriate departments and changes to existing laws can be made if deemed desirable.

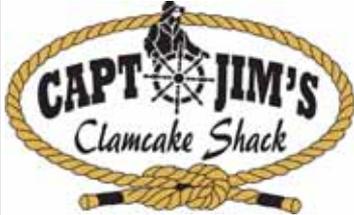
Jim Marot, Zoning Enforcement Officer, requested the selectboard to document in writing that they are asking him to look the other way in to allow the weddings. He stated that even though he personally would be

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was no viable way to validate or invalidate whether the wedding party was being charged to use the farm. He said that the residents that live in the area have a right to the peaceful enjoyment of their property without excessive or amplified noise, parking issues and traffic problems; all of which a large wedding is likely to create.

Mr. Dakin noted that consideration for the neighboring residents is important because they pay real



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in favor of allowing wedding receptions on the property, under certain circumstances, he believed the events were not allowable.

A motion was made and seconded to grant special permission for the two scheduled wedding receptions to occur at the Silverbrook Farms if/when the following conditions are met: the farm owners submit a notarized memorandum of understanding to the board vouching that they are not charging the wedding parties for the use of the property and that the wedding function marketing materials be removed from the farm's website. Mr. Wojnar and Mr. Gaspar voted in favor. Mr. Dakin was opposed.

In another matter, the selectboard approved a request made by Cathy Doane, Finance Director, and Kristie Costa, Town Collector, to implement a formal timeline for the Board of Assessors and the Assessors Office to comply in regard to the processing of the town's tax bills. Ms. Doane asked that it also be communicated to those officials that a deadline has been formalized because of the serious

cash flow ramifications that can occur when tax bills go out late.

She explained that the Finance Department must coordinate the printing and mailing of the bills, which is a strain on their staff when deadlines are not met.

When asked for a copy of the timelines, Ms. Doane stated she did not want to make them public until the Board of Assessors and the Assessors Office had received them.

"They're specific deadlines to assure the Assessors Office complete the information necessary in order for the Finance Department to get out the tax bills on time for July first and January first," said Ms. Doane.

Mr. Wojnar requested that the deadlines on the approved tax schedule be included on the Selectboard meeting agenda so the situation can be monitored regularly.

The proposed new Animal Husbandry Bylaw, which was on the warrant for the spring town meeting, was withdrawn at the recommendation of Health Agent Ralph Urban. He reported that the issues addressed in the proposed bylaw, which pertains

to the keeping of small animals on small lots, can be better addressed through Board of Health regulation changes. Mr. Marot and Animal Control Officer Rebekah Tomlinson agreed with the recommendation.

In another matter, Town administrator Alan Coutinho told the board that the postmaster of New Bedford, Ron Pauline, reported that some of the post offices on the list to be closed are to be removed. Although none of the locations that will remain open have been disclosed, the landlord of the Acushnet Post Office building on South Main street reports that he has been contacted in regard to extending the branch's soon to expire lease. •••

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# Fairhaven's Big Truck Day is beeping good time

By Beth David  
Editor

So, who likes to make noise by honking horns and climbing all over big trucks? Lots of people if Saturday's Big Truck Day was any indication. Scores of people showed up at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, where the Department of Public Works had parked the big machines for the public to sit in, honk horns, and otherwise crawl all

over. Public works employees were on hand to answer any questions and even allowed this intrepid reporter to climb into the bucket of the bucket truck and get lifted about 60 feet up in the air.

All three Fairhaven selectboard members were also on hand for a ribbon cutting and official opening of the new Rec Center floor. Cake and punch rounded out the celebra-

tion inside.

Selectboard chairperson Brian Bowcock kept it short saying hopefully the new gym floor would last longer than the last one.

For more information on the Fairhaven Recreation Center, see page 14 or visit: [http://fairhavenma.virtualltownhall.net/Pages/Fairhaven\\_MA\\_Recreation/index](http://fairhavenma.virtualltownhall.net/Pages/Fairhaven_MA_Recreation/index) or call 508-993-9269.



LEFT: L-R, Fairhaven Selectboard members Brian Bowcock, Charles Murphy and Bob Espindola cut the ribbon on the new gym to mark the completion of the new gym floor. MIDDLE: Justin Marques gets some air shooting some hoops on the new gym floor. RIGHT: Olivia Baldo checks in with the office from the grader out in the parking lot. 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.



ABOVE, L-R: Gregory and Owen Centeio with CJ Murphy inside the loader bucket of the grader. RIGHT, L-R: Hailey Moreira and Thomas Silveira get acquainted in the loader bucket of the big grader at the Fairhaven Recreation Center's Big Truck Day on Saturday, 5/12. 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.

## Come here often?



# Food drive nets more than 6,000 lbs, still short of last year

By Beth David  
Editor

The annual food drive by the National Association of Letter Carriers netted 6,060 pounds of food in Fairhaven on Saturday, 5/12, according to local coordinator Gerry Payette. It was 820 pounds less than last year, but you won't find Mr. Payette complaining.

After all was loaded into the basement of the Long Plain United Methodist Church, he said a prayer thanking all those who contributed.

The annual "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive is held nationwide, with food that is left out near mailboxes picked up by letter carriers and volunteers.

In Fairhaven, a portion of the food went to Damien's Pantry in Wareham, with the bulk of the food going to the Shepherd's Pantry at Long Plain in Acushnet.

A small group of volunteers waited around and unloaded the post office trucks as they drove into the annex off Alden Road. They loaded the food onto a van for Damien's Pantry and a large truck for the Shepherd's Pantry, courtesy of Skip's Marine. Each year, Skip's donates use of a truck. This year, their truck broke down and they

actually rented one for the cause.

"I can't thank the helpers enough," said Mr. Payette, particularly those who volunteer to pick up the food on the "walking routes."

"They are beautiful people," he said. "They say violence begets violence, but good deeds begets good deeds."

After getting loaded up, the trucks head out to be weighed and then meet the volunteers at the pantry. They unload the food, where it will be sorted and bagged for distribution.

The pantry distributes food every Saturday morning from 9-11. Food bins are located at the Millicent Library in Acushnet and at Stop & Shop in Fairhaven.

The Pantry is located at 1215 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02719; 508-763-9289. Visit [www.shepherdspantry.org](http://www.shepherdspantry.org) for more information. The pantry spends more



than \$6,000 on food each month and serves approximately 120 families each week.

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The National Association of Letter Carriers held its annual "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive on Saturday, 5/12. More than 6,000 pounds of food was donated to the Shepherd's Pantry and Damien's Pantry. TOP: Blanche Pepin, Administrator of the Shepherd's Food Pantry, slides a US Postal Service letter box down a plank over the stairs to the pantry's basement in the Long Plain United Methodist Church in Acushnet, while Arthur Ryle sets another box down the slide and Cyd Ryle carries a box out of the truck. LEFT: The volunteers pose next to the food on two pallets after the job is done (well, they still have to sort and bag, and...). RIGHT: Jacob Castelo carries a full box out of a letter carrier's truck at the post office annex in Fairhaven. 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.

# The devil is in Africa, disease and the rainy season



By Gary Souza  
**Special to  
the Neighb  
News**

**LIBERIA:**  
The Devil struck again, this time in Wulue village about 200 miles west of Monrovia out in the bush

near the sparsely populated Ivory Coast border. Two UN aid workers and a Liberian National Police officer (LNP) were in this village of the Krahn tribe when the chief and a group of villagers yelled the “country devil is coming” and bodily forced them into a room keeping them locked up for 50 minutes.

After being released the LNP officer returned with other LNP officers and arrested the tribal chief and, in a first, the country devil for unlawful confinement. The chief’s defense is that he thought he was protecting those people from the country devil.

Country devils are a combination of witch doctor and a phantom that live out in the jungle. They wear large masks and dress up to look like an African incarnation of the devil. They come into a village at night and steal whatever they want. They have an extremely shrill scream that they use at night just before entering the village allowing the villagers to lock themselves in their huts in fear of “the devil.” Villagers believe that anyone looking directly at a country devil will die within two days. There stands the chief’s defense to the charge.

I took a photo of a country devil, not knowing the significance, and was surprised when several people grabbed me and said, “no, devil, no look.” I took the pic in January and am still around so I guess I’m living on borrowed time.

The dark side of some country devils is that they sometimes abduct young girls for secret societies that believe in genital mutilation of girls. The girl is cut then released back into the jungle near her village.

In this case the country devil turned out to be a 40-year-old Krahn man who had been using his country

devil costume to take food or whatever he wanted from several villages for a number of years. It’s unclear if he will be able to resume his devil persona.

More dangerous to our Western minds than country devils is disease. There are many dangerous diseases prevalent in Liberia. Most are rare or even non-existent in the US. We received inoculations for some of those diseases, courtesy of the US State Department, before we were seconded to the U.N. Accordingly, we need not worry about Yellow Fever, Typhoid, Diphtheria or Adult Polio or at least that’s what they tell us.

We put up with the inevitable upper respiratory infections and “Montezuma’s revenge” inevitable in any third world country without much complaint.

The bane of our existence here is Malaria. As most of you know, it’s a tropical disease that kills many thousands every year. It is contracted from the bite of a certain type of mosquito prevalent in Liberia.

There is no malaria vaccine. We were given a year’s supply of Doxycycline and directed to take one pill a day. We were told that it protects from one type of malaria but not others.

Some take the pill others of us do not. In our contingent it’s about half and half. We worry about reports that Doxycycline can damage the liver if taken for an extended period and we are all here for at least a year. We balance that against the chance of getting malaria and the knowledge that quick treatment of the symptoms when they appear leaves little chance of the disease being fatal.

So far, taking the pill has not proven to be a guarantee of not getting malaria. We have a “doc” for our contingent who is in another life a physician’s assistant in South Africa. He preaches to all of us about the necessity of taking the pill daily and takes his religiously. He recently came down with malaria.

Medical facilities here

are decent. There is a Jordanian Army Field Hospital about eight kilometers north of our compound. About 10 kilometers south of us is the Ewa clinic staffed with doctors from the US. The Liberian local hospital is not a place any of us would go to.

The combination of three types of medications used to treat malaria is readily available to us in our compound when symptoms occur. Many times one of us has had to convince a buddy to get tested for malaria when that person is sure it is nothing but the start of a cold. Several times the tests have turned out positive, allowing that person to receive treatment early before the disease really took hold.

It looks like the rainy season is beginning. Most evenings terrific storms come in from the ocean. The rain and wind are as bad or worse than any we see on the Southcoast. I can see why the hurricanes that strengthen in the Atlantic and head towards the states originate with the storms that form here. But the rain does clean buildings that have accumulated six months of dust and dirt, not to mention getting the open air sewers flowing.

Former Fairhaven Police Chief Gary Souza is deployed to Liberia, West Africa with the United Nations Peacekeeping Forces and welcomes hearing from home at [souzag@un.org](mailto:souzag@un.org).



This witch doctor, wearing a bright-red mask ward off evil spirits before the Liberian president’s arrival in Paynesville on January 2nd of this year for Liberian National Police Day. “Country Devils” are a combination of witch doctor and phantoms that live out in the jungle. Villagers believe that anyone looking directly at a country devil will die within two days. Gary Souza took this picture, but is still alive and well and living in Liberia. See *photo in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*

# Legal Notices/Public Hearings

## TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION TO BID

Separate sealed bids marked for items listed below, will be received at the Board of Public Works Office, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 not later than 2:30 p.m., June 7, 2012.

On June 7, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. these bids will be publicly opened and read in the BPW Office, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

### 29 – 36: Road Materials — Sand & Gravel F.O.B.

The BPW reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.

## Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

1. **Petitioner: Edward Ducary:** 474 Scon-ticut Neck Road, Plat 29, Lot 3A, Book 2653, Page 339, 198-23: A Special Permit is required for a home occupation in the Building Trades.
2. **Petitioner: Michael Bobola:** 11 Maple Avenue, Plat 3, Lot 85-86, Book 9572, Page 211; 198-18: Lot 85 & 86 held in common ownership. Lot 85 short 55' of the required 100' frontage and 11,820 sq ft short of the required 15,000 sq ft in a RA District.

3. **Petitioner: Scott Hyman:** 54 Bayview Avenue, Plat 28A, Lot 439, Certificate #22146; 198-22: Short 5' of the required 5' property line setback for accessory structures. 198-18: 10% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 30% in a RA District.
4. **Petitioner: Bernard J. Ristuccia:** 24 Nelson Avenue, Plat 43, Lot 37-38, Book 9498, Page 120; Special Permit: Special Permit is required for expansion of a non-conforming lot; 189-18: short 6' of the required 30' rear setback, short 12' of the required 30' front setback and 1% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 15% all within a RR District.

*Very Truly, Peter DeTerra, Chairman*

## Backlash & national attention from anti-gay sign in Acushnet

*By Jean Perry*

### Neighb News Correspondent

A local Catholic church defended its decision to post a message opposing same-sex marriage on a sign that faces a busy intersection. Some local residents were offended by the message and expressed their outrage, including one woman who posted a photograph of it on her Facebook page, grabbing national attention.

The Director of Pastoral Services at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Acushnet, Steven Guillotte, started walking back inside the church after a casual sidewalk discussion with a group of four young people escalated into shouting and threats aimed at Mr. Guillotte.

"If I see that sign up again I'm gonna burn it down!" yelled Zachary Stanton, one of the young adults who was personally offended by the sign.

Mr. Guillotte is the person who, on 5/15, put the words "Two men are friends not spouses" on the church's sign located at the intersection of South Main Street and Main Street.

"Marriage is not a political institution," said Mr. Guillotte. "It's an institution that God gives us that is the natural law."

After President Obama's 5/9 announcement defending gay marriage, Mr. Guillotte felt that his church needed to make a statement in defense of the Catholic Church's opposition to homosexuality. He said he felt the Church had no platform, and stations like CNN and MSNBC were misrepresenting the Church.

"Aside from teaching morality," Mr. Guillotte said he often posts bible quotes and announcements of holy

days, and indicated that he was the one Monsignor Gerard O'Connor, pastor of St. Francis Xavier, put in control of the sign.

Vanessa Raymond of New Bedford was the person who, on the same day, tied a rainbow balloon to the fence with her own message of acceptance within the community.

"I had to do something about it," thought Ms. Raymond when she first saw the sign early Tuesday morning on her way to work, just up the street from the church.

"My problem was where the sign was posted," said Ms. Raymond. The intersection is in the middle of the town, with a four-way stop intersection which overlooks the church. "I didn't think it was a very Catholic way to express its beliefs."

Ms. Raymond returned later in the day to hang her sign and place her balloon, which she said was removed shortly after. Her sign read: You may not be welcome in this church but ALL people are welcome in this community. Spread LOVE, not hate.



Vanessa Raymond attached her own sign and a rainbow balloon to the fence when she was offended by the anti-gay message that St. Francis Xavier Church posted on its sign at the intersection of South Main and Main Streets in Acushnet. She posted it on her Facebook page and had 22,000 shares the next morning. *Photo courtesy of Vanessa Raymond. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*

She said she then woke up in the morning to discover over 22,000 Facebook "shares" from a photo she took of her sign taped in front of the church's sign, which she originally posted to her personal Facebook page.

On the morning of 5/16, the church's sign was taken down and replaced with an Ascension Thursday mass announcement.

"We knew we'd be taking it down," said Mr. Guillotte. He insisted that

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backlash from the community was not the reason for taking the sign down. He said he knew an announcement for Thursday's holy day would be going up immediately after.

Still, the sudden disappearance of the controversial message has not stopped community members from coming out to the scene to demonstrate their outrage.

Becky Quail of Acushnet, and Kim Miska of Fairhaven, stood on the sidewalk in front of the church, holding their own hand-written signs in the rain, in protest of the church's message.

"That's bigoted and ignorant...I don't care what you believe in. But you don't have to shove it down everyone's throats," said Ms. Quail. "This is why I don't attend Catholic Church."

"I live in Fairhaven, but it still affects me...It's the twenty-first century now," said Ms. Miska, holding a sign that read "St. Francis Xavier does not speak for me."

John Sweeney of Marion, a parishioner at St. Francis Xavier, said he came by hoping to catch a glimpse

of the church sign, and commented, "I agree with it...I believe in what the sign said."

Many passing cars honked their horns in support of the women's message, with the exception of one man who called the women "dykes" and drove off.

Ms. Quail commented, "I'm straight, I'm married, and I accept everybody for who they are."

Employees at Compulsive Salon located at 99 Main Street, just up the street from the church, said most of their clients are talking about the sign and reactions have been strong.

"It's wrong. It's embarrassing," said Caroline Munier, a stylist at the salon. "Everyone is just so against it."

Ms. Munier said the church sign was the first thing she heard about when she went into work the morning of 5/15, and her phone was "going off the hook" with text messages about the sign.

"The church should really think more about getting people into the church, rather than pushing them away from the church," said Compulsive Salon Owner Eli Desroches.



Kim Miska of Fairhaven (left) and Becky Quail of Acushnet let the world know they do not agree with St. Francis Xavier Church's admonishment of gays. Photo by Jean Perry. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

He added that, with the way social media has evolved, people should be careful, and noted that he had seen Ms. Raymond's photo posted on Ellen Degeneres's Facebook page.

Although the sign has come down, some residents are planning a peaceful gathering in front of St. Francis Xavier's Church on Sunday at around 9:30 a.m. during morning mass in opposition to the church's message.

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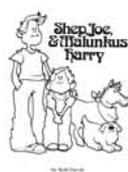
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**HAPPS: cont'd from page 6**  
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Class is limited to 16 students.  
Many insurance companies will  
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individuals who successfully  
complete this course.

### ALSO, FREE CLASS:

**GPS Operations: Thursday May 24, 7PM-930PM.** The Space Seg-  
ments (satellites) and the use and  
operation of a hand-held GPS,  
utilizing the Garmin 76 or 176 as  
models; methods of inserting  
Waypoints and Routes; setting up the  
GPS; use of tide and current tables,  
etc. Students are encouraged to bring

their hand-held GPS to class to  
possibly practice time permitting.

## Blood Drive

Roll up your sleeves and join us in  
giving the gift of life! **On May 24**, a  
community blood drive will be held at  
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Donors will receive a coupon for a  
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## Save the Dates

### Memorial Day Parade

**Monday, May 28. Steps off at 9**  
**a.m.** sharp corner of Main and Center  
Streets, to Riverside Cemetery. More  
details next week.

### Ft. Phoenix Encampment

Next weekend, May 26 & 27. More  
details next week.

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Bicentennial Committee

Sat., 5/19, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

### Bike Path Committee

Thurs., 5/24, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Board of Appeals

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

### Board of Health

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

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 5/21, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 5/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Council on Aging

Mon., 5/21, Sr. Ctr., 9:30 a.m.

### Fairhaven Cultural Council

Mon., 5/21, Nemasket Bldg., 7 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 5/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Rogers/Oxford Study Com.

Thurs., 5/17, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 5/23, FHS Library, 6:30

### Selectboard

Mon., 5/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Health

Tues., 6/12, Parting Ways Sch., 6:30 p

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 5/21, BPW Bldg, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

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

### Selectboard

Mon., 5/23, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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

	May 2012	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Friday	18	0706	1923	0045	1210
Saturday	19	0746	2000	0119	1249
Sunday	20	0824	2035	0155	1330
Monday	21	0901	2109	0234	1412
Tuesday	22	0939	2144	0312	1452
Wednesday	23	1019	2222	0349	1532
Thursday	24	1101	2303	0425	1612
Friday	25	1145	2348	0459	1653
Saturday	26	----	1232	0536	1739
Sunday	27	0037	1321	0619	1833
Monday	28	0129	1412	0710	1940
Tuesday	29	0225	1507	0811	2059
Wednesday	30	0325	1606	0914	2212
Thursday	31	0428	1707	1012	2314

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
\*\*Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

# Board of Health getting wind turbine health complaints

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

The noise from the two Arsene Street wind turbines is causing sleep deprivation, according to Windwise member Karen Isherwood of Teal Circle, who appeared before the Fairhaven Board of Health on 5/14 to read a signed statement describing how the wind turbines are exacerbating her preexisting health problems.

"It is the repetitive and looping nature of the sound that has become difficult to live with," read Ms. Isherwood. "It seems to penetrate, and reverberate in my bedroom, much like the sound of the bass tones when listening to music."

Ms. Isherwood's voice was shaking as she recalled having reached a "stable point" in her medical history, which has unravelled since the wind turbines started operating.

"I'm more tired, chronically fatigued, anxious, and irritable," stated Ms. Isherwood. "...Primarily because of sleep deprivation... increased anxiety and headaches both day and night... Disrupted sleep has stressed and weakened my immune system."

Lousie Barteau told the board that she had to move out of her Arsene Street office space because of her "severe response" to the wind turbines. She complained of symptoms such as dizziness and confusion, and then told the board that she feels similar effects while shopping in the meat section at Stop & Shop.

"I had suspected that I would be sensitive to wind turbine sound... I found that I could not be in my business and I moved out," Ms. Barteau said in support of Ms. Isherwood. "We're all going through this for the first time. That's one business that's gone kapoohey."

John Methia asked the board if there was a set time frame for a response from the developer, Fairhaven Wind LLC, once complaints are received. He described the "annoyance" of the wind turbine noise, saying the turbines are "by far the loudest I've heard at 2,000 feet."

"If it's going to be months then I can't live there," said Ms. Isherwood. She told the board that she is looking for another place to live.

When Mr. Methia commutes home from work, he said he can see the

turbines in the distance, noting the direction the blades are facing, and can estimate if he is going to get "walloped" or not.

BOH member Barbara Acksen told Mr. Methia, "Unlike Falmouth, we're not going to wait to shut them down until someone tries to commit suicide."

"Can we designate one night a week so that I can sleep?" asked Ms. Isherwood about the possibility of turning off the wind turbines as a way to mitigate her suffering.

Chairperson Peter DeTerra explained that the board was still in the process of discussing mitigation and receiving data and will address the issue in the near future.

"Frankly, I feel if we're going to solely count on the developer," said Mr. Methia, "I think we're barking up a high tree."

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The BOH plans to use the detailed complaints to locate "hot spots," and according Mr. DeTerra, data from the complaint forms being submitted point to Teal Circle and Shawmut Street being two significant "clusters."

Health Agent Pat Fowle said the detailed complaints contain language such as "on-going, all day, all night..." and suggested that those filing complaints be more specific with the time of the incident or event. She also suggested the board seek to convert from a downloadable form on the website to a form that can be filled out and sent online. Ms. Fowle is also looking into creating a response system to electronically inform those filing complaints that their complaint was received.

In other matters, Tobacco Free Community Partnership Program Manager Judith Coykendall presented the board with an update on youth access to tobacco and nicotine products. Board members expressed concern while Ms. Coykendall passed around new flavored tobacco products that she said the tobacco industry is using to specifically target young people.

"The industry is targeting kids big time," warned Ms. Coykendall. She displayed a binder of cigarillos packaged in wrappers much like candy, with flavors such as mango, vanilla, and "sexual chocolate."

"That's very enticing," Ms. Fowle said as she smelled an empty container that still held the scent of a flavored cigarillo. "It's like gum."

The board was surprised to learn of new nicotine-containing products such as mints, dissolvable strips, candy-flavored nicotine gel, and nicotine-laden wipes moistened with a cream that is absorbed through the skin.

In addition to the new "nicotine delivery products," Ms. Coykendall asked the board to consider banning new "roll your own" machines that are popping up all over the state. Customers who utilize the machine located in the store can save a significant amount of money by avoiding the taxes imposed on packaged cigarettes.

The board will review the information and decide if it will hold a public hearing on the issue.

Before adjourning, Ms. Fowle told the board that Pizza Hut has met compliance by training employees as Certified Food Managers.

Also, Health Inspector Sue Griffin found 7-Eleven to be persistently failing to comply with the "First In, First Out" process of rotating products in order to ensure older products do not remain on the shelves. Ms. Griffin has created a file and the board plans to serve the store with an Order to Correct.

Ms. Fowle then added that several fairs and events scheduled over the summer will have a variety of food vendors, and inspections for vendors selling food at beaches will begin the second week of June and will remain on-going every other week until early September.

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