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This scene will greet you along the Phoenix Bike Trail in Fairhaven. The bike path starts at the center of town and goes all the way to Mattapoisett, a 3.5 mile ride. The Little Bay Extension adds about another mile and goes right by the two industrial wind turbines behind the wastewater treatment plant. See page 16 for tips on what to expect on the bike path and how you should greet your fellow bikers, hikers, rollerbladers and walkers. *Neighb News file photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com.*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

I swear, the more I get ahead, the worse behind I fall. How does that happen?

So, my printer just called ME. That is a bad sign...I am so past deadline.

This weekend is Memorial Day. Where did the time go?

Fairhaven has lots of family-friendly stuff going on. See page 3 for details on the parade and on the encampment.

Have you ever been to the encampment? That's lots of fun. The Fairhaven Village Militia members dress up in revolutionary war era clothes and act like it's the 1700s. They cook over an open fire (that they started with flint) and they shoot muskets and...the big attraction: They shoot off the big cannons. Every year a bunch of us self-described photographers try to get a good shot of the cannon blast. I usually use it on the cover.

This year we have the Memorial Day parade AND the encampment, both of which usually go on the cover.

Guess we'll see which photo makes it this year.

So, be sure to get out to see the parade on Monday. It steps off very early, 8:30 a.m., so it'll be over by mid morning and you will still have the day ahead of you. If you've never seen that glorious "big flag" fluttering in the breeze in front of that magnificent high school building, now is your chance.

We have lots of meeting coverage for you this week: Selectboard on page 4, Conservation Commission on page 23, Board of Public Works on page 18, and Acushnet selectboard on page 12.

We've got a new guy who just started this week: Tim Haggerty. He covered Conservation and hit the nail on the head first time out. He's a college young'un, so we only have him for the summer, but we promise to put him to good use. If you see him around town, be sure to give him a friendly Fairhaven "hiya," and tell him how much you LOVE the Neighb News.

Okay, for those of you who keep track: I know I haven't gotten all the pictures on my Facebook page that I said I would. I'm getting to it, really.

Now, about our cover story. It wasn't supposed to be our cover story, but...what the heck. I love running pictures from the bike path. I haven't taken my camera out on the bike since last year, though, so the pictures are old ones, "file photos" as we say in the biz.

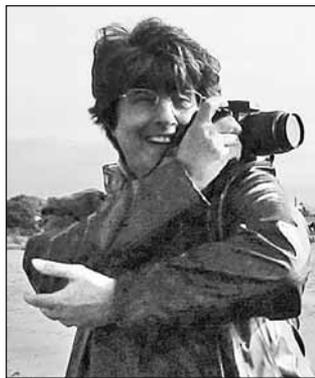
I'll get out there soon, though, and I'll just run 'em because I want to, and because I can.

Okay, gotta run.

You'll just have to thumb through to see what else is in here. Be sure to notice who are advertisers are and let them know you saw their ads in the Neighb News.

Until next week then.

See ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS

Oh, man! Talk about the old brain just going...In our story about the food drive in last week's issue we said the Millicent Library was in Acushnet...NOT! It's in Fairhaven, but...we knew that. Sorry about any confusion our error may have caused.

Memorial Day weekend includes annual parade, encampment

Fairhaven offers a variety of family-friendly events throughout town during Memorial Day weekend in this bicentennial year. And it all starts at the crack of dawn at Forth Phoenix, includes flag raising/lowering, a parade, a rededication of Benoit Square and a Revolutionary War Encampment.

Sunrise & Sunset Ceremony/Flag Raising

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association will proudly be sponsoring two special events on **Memorial Day, Monday May 28th**. The first will be a sunrise and sunset service at Fort Phoenix with a flag raising ceremony beginning at **7:00 a.m. and dedicated to the memory of Katie Brienzo**. Selectman Charles Murphy will be the speaker at this observance. Raising of the flag will be performed by members of Boy Scout Troop 55 (First Congregational Church) and Troop 52 (St. Mary's Church) with scoutmasters Scott Fernandes and Bob Dorgan. A second ritual **lowering the flag will be done at 7:00 p.m.**, again by the Boy Scouts. This flag will then be presented to Katie's mother, Karen Fostin, by Mr. Murphy.

Parade

Fairhaven will host its annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28, along Main Street, from Center Street north to Riverside Cemetery. **Step off is at 8:30 a.m. Marchers should gather by 8:00 a.m.**

Units will march from Center and Main streets north to Riverside Cemetery. There will be a pause at Fairhaven High School for the raising of the "Big Flag" with the National Anthem performed by Fairhaven High School music students. At Riverside Cemetery there will be a ceremony at the Civil War monument, followed by a cannon salute.

The parade will conclude at Riverside Cemetery where a ceremony will be held. Services include the reading of General Logan's Orders, which created Memorial Day; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address; a reading of Legion, VFW and town honor rolls; music and singing by the First Congregational Church and High School band; salute to the dead by the Fairhaven Village Militia; taps; remarks by American Legion Post #166 Commander Roy Brown and past Commander Gerald Stabel; opening and closing prayers.

Parade participants include veterans and active military personnel from all branches of the military; police and fire color guards; local and state officials; Scout units; elementary, middle school and high school bands; cheerleaders; local organizations; sports teams and many others.

Public Participation

Organizers are asking spectators to line Main Street and wave small flags as the parade passes. Home owners on Main Street are asked to place flags out front to show their support.

Re-dedication of Benoit Square

Also sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association on Memorial Day and after the parade will be a "re-dedication" of Benoit Square. This will begin **immediately after completion of the Memorial Day service at Riverside Cemetery**. Police, Fire and other agencies will march north on Main Street to the square. This spot was originally dedicated to Ernest J. Benoit on Memorial Day, 1928. Private Benoit was the first Fairhaven man killed in World War 1. N.F.I.A. President

MEM DAY: cont'd on page 6

West Island goes green — blarney green — for a night



The West Island Improvement Association held its annual Irish Night on Saturday, 5/19, complete with corned beef and cabbage, and Irish music. The annual Patrick's Day celebration, which is inevitably sold out, is held in May when summer residents are in town. FAR LEFT: Chloe Brodo dances an Irish jig. LEFT: Chloe shows her excitement with a vigorous clap and big smile. MIDDLE: Mary Heroux shows her Irish spirit with her clover-leaf hat. RIGHT: Greg Belcher, one of the organizers and cooks, addresses the crowd in his apron with the colors of the flag of Ireland. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos of this and other events.

Selectboard cancels tax title auction; FBA wants permit info

By Mali Lim

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven selectboard voted on 5/22 to cancel the tax-title auction scheduled for June 2nd after hearing arguments from Town Planner Bill Roth on the potential value of some of the properties. He said four out of the five properties in question, ranging from a condo on Arsene Way near the public works building to a “tear-down” structure on Diamond Street, had qualities that the town could find attractive in the long run.

“Getting foreclosed properties and immediately selling them can be a little short sighted,” said Mr. Roth. “Putting them up for sale isn’t always the best use. Sometimes keeping them is the best use.”

“I took a look at all five of the lots only one of the five doesn’t have any potential value to the town other than selling it and putting it back on the tax rolls,” he said.

One of the properties, located at 2 Causeway Road, was adjacent to a lot that has public access to the water and Mr. Roth felt strongly that the town should keep the land, possibly to create beach parking. The Diamond Street property, not being likely to bring in a lot of money at auction, might be more valuable as a Habitat for Humanity home, he suggested. Habitat is actively looking for sites and using the property for that type of project would not only add a new residence to the tax rolls, it would also count towards the town’s affordable housing total. As for the condo on Arsene Street, Mr. Roth envisioned various town departments, including EMA or the Harbormaster, finding uses for it, satellite offices or storage facilities, depending on its condition.

Mr. Roth suggested forming a committee to review these and future tax-title lands before deciding to auction them off. The board agreed to create the committee, which will be comprised of a selectboard member, the town’s Executive Secretary, a member of the Economic Development Commission, and the Building Commissioner/ Conservation Agent. Other boards, such the BPW, will be brought in to consult as needed.

Debra Perrin, President of the Fairhaven Business Association, and Cathy Melanson, owner of Emma

Jean’s Cupcakes and also a member of the FBA, met with the selectboard with a proposal to raise money for a “Welcome to Fairhaven” sign on the Mattapoissett side on Route 6. The sign was installed by the Fairhaven Improvement Association, and the board welcomed the FBA’s interest in raising funds an additional one.

Ms. Perrin and Ms. Melanson also relayed the FBA’s desire for better communication between town officials and the business community, including clarification on permitting processes and how to apply for various licenses.

“Basically, we want a sheet of paper that outlines what you need to do to ask for a permit, what department to go to, what to get, something that says, ‘this is the process,’” said Ms. Melanson. “Most people’s frustration is because at the end, after all the running around and all the expenses, something gets rejected and you

Getting foreclosed properties and immediately selling them can be a little short sighted [Town Planner Bill Roth]

don’t get a permit.”

Mr. Osuch noted that this was something that the Urban Institute Initiative at UMass Dartmouth had recommended that the town do to improve economic development, and thought that a lot of the information could be posted online. He also agreed that the town needed to identify a central point of contact to help people understand the licensing and permitting process.

In the meantime, the board instructed administrative assistant Anne Kakley to ensure the FBA’s Facebook page is linked to the town’s Facebook page.

The board went into executive session for approximately 40 minutes, meeting with the chief of police and Attorney Kenneth Littman to discuss a neighborhood dispute on Courtlyn Way. Mr. Littman requested executive session as it pertained to police department personnel and had potential litigation issues.

When the board reconvened in open session, they addressed Mr. Espindola’s request (carried over from last meeting) to use Koppelman & Page for town counsel due to a possible conflict of interest. Selectboard Chair Brian Bowcock noted the issues behind the request were somewhat complicated, as Mr. Espindola had been involved in a wind turbine lawsuit against the town when he was a private citizen.

“Now we’re in a situation where he’s a town official,” said Dr. Bowcock, adding that he thought it would be a conflict for the town to appoint legal representation to Mr. Espindola for action taken when he was a private citizen. He also pointed out that the State Ethics Commission (EC) refused to hand down a definitive answer on a conflict and advised Mr. Espindola to contact the EC directly. Dr. Bowcock and remaining board member Charles Murphy voted to table the discussion at Mr. Espindola’s request to give him time to seek private counsel and further clarification from the EC.

Mr. Espindola brought up a discussion on the protocols for using executive session, stating that he felt the board should make it clear to the public their reasons for using executive session. Board members agreed that they would continue to make every effort to adhere to the state’s open meeting laws.

Dr. Bowcock and Mr. Murphy disagreed with Mr. Espindola, however, on assigning selectboard members town email addresses. Under the current system, all e-mails addressed to board members, or to selectmen@fairhaven-ma.us, go automatically to Ms. Kakley, who forwards the emails to the members’ personal accounts.

Mr. Espindola stated that he did not like the idea of using his personal e-mail for town business and that he wanted to avoid the appearance of any impropriety.

Dr. Bowcock disagreed, saying that e-mail privately delivered to only one selectboard member could lead to that member giving an answer that would not reflect the consensus of the board. The current system is set up to have all three members responding to email as a board, with all incoming and outgoing e-mails

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

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Michael Silvia will be the guest speaker at this service.

War Encampment

By the Fairhaven Village Militia, annual Spring Revolutionary War Encampment and Sunset Cannon Firing on Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27, at Fort Phoenix, Fort Street, Fairhaven, from **10:00 a.m. Saturday**

Mem Day Parade & Encampment

See page 3.

Golden Agers

The Fairhaven Golden Agers Club will hold an open house on **Wednesday, 5/30 in the Oxford Terrace Community Room, 275 Main St., Fairhaven**, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Accessible. All ages, 18+ are welcome to the Open House. Do come by to see how to spend a pleasant Wednesday afternoon.

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

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

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

Fhvn Guide Book

The brand new, 24-page Visitors Guide book produced by the Office of Tourism is now available at various places in the center of town, including the Office of Tourism office, Millicent Library and Town Hall. It is also available online on the Town of Fairhaven website as a PDF that you can download and read or print yourself. Visit the Office of Tourism website to download: <http://fairhaventours.blogspot.com/>; or the town of Fairhaven website at: <http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/Pages/index>

Republican Comm

On May 29 at 6:30 PM Fairhaven Republican Town Committee will host a meeting open to the public for guest speaker Adam Chaprales. He is one of the Republican candidates for

to 3:00 p.m. Sunday: Firing of large cannons Saturday at approx. 7:45 p.m.

The Fairhaven Village Militia, the Fairhaven Office of Tourism and guests present a two-day historical encampment at Fort Phoenix. Talk to period costumed men and women about the fort's history and life in the 1770s. See military drilling, flintlock musket and cannon firing demonstrations and camp cooking demonstra-

tions. Try tomahawk throwing or children's games. Also see activities such as spinning, fire starting, demonstrations of 18th-Century dentistry and more.

On Saturday evening at approximately 7:45 p.m., the militia will load and fire the fort's five, large seacoast defense cannons. Free. Accessible. For more info: 508-979-4085 or visit <http://Fort-Phoenix.blogspot.com>.

the 9th Congressional District seats. Meeting will be held at the training room at Fairhaven Police Dept, 1 Bryant Lane, Fairhaven. Accessible. Enter from back entrance. For more info email: FairhavenGOP@comcast.net or call (508) 654-0716.

Photo Contest

For Fairhaven's Bicentennial

The Friends of the Millicent Library are sponsoring an amateur photo contest in honor of the 200th birthday of Fairhaven in 2012.

Participants will submit a current photo and select an old photograph or postcard showing how the town and its people and places have changed over the years. The new photo alongside the old photo should help answer the following questions. How has the character of the town changed? Have people places and things evolved over the years? Has something disappeared? Has something been restored? How have fashions and celebrations changed? Do we deal with nature differently now? How has transportation changed? Do we relax differently now than we did in the past?

Download forms and rules at www.millicentlibrary.org or visit the library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. The entries will be displayed in The Millicent Library. Deadline for submission is November 1, 2012. Winners will be announced on December 8, 2012 during the Old-Time Holiday Weekend

Annual Yard Sale

The West Island Improvement Association is holding a yard sale at the Community Hall, 41 Causeway Road, West Island, on Saturday, July 7th, 2012, from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Tables are for rent at \$15.00 per table. We are also looking for

donations for the West Island table. All proceeds from the sale will go directly to the WIIA.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the sorting and pricing of the donations on July 5th and 6th. We will also need help to work at the WIIA table on July 7th.

Come and join us for a fun day, rain or shine. For info, to reserve a table, or to volunteer call Christiane at 508-222-8254.

Door Decorating

The Fairhaven Improvement Association is sponsoring a door decorating contest as part of the bicentennial celebration.

First prize is \$125.00 and a blue ribbon; Second prize is \$100.00 and a red ribbon; Third prize is \$75.00 and a yellow ribbon. Two honorable mentions, \$25.00 each.

Doors must remain decorated from June 1, to July 15 and have a patriotic/bicentennial theme.

Registration blanks can be picked up at the Selectmen's Office, Millicent Library and the Northeast Maritime Institute.

Judging will be done during the week of June 10. Winners will be announced at the Homecoming Fair.

Registration fee: \$5.00 payable to Fairhaven Improvement Association and mailed to P. O. Box 404, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Cellphone Video Weekly Contest

The Buzzards Bay Film Festival has launched "Shoot the Summer!," a weekly contest for the best cellphone videos shot in, on, or around Buzzards Bay.

For information contact, Tom Gidwitz at 508-999-6363 or gidwitz@buzzardsbayfilmfestival.org

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Whaling Park Camp

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the Working Waterfront Festival are teaming up to offer two one-week summer camp programs for New Bedford children ages 9-10. Designed to give kids an introduction to the history and culture of the working port from whaling days to the present, camp activities will include: hands-on marine science, arts and crafts, daily fieldtrips, chantey singing and more.

Interested families **must complete and submit an application form by May 31st**. Please contact the National Park at 508-996-4095 or the Working Waterfront Festival office at 508-993-8894. Applications may also be downloaded from <http://www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org> OR <http://www.nps.gov/nebe/index.htm>

Class of 1950

The New Bedford Vocational Technical High School is planning a class reunion in October 2012 for the class of 1950. This class has never had a reunion and organizers are looking for classmates.

Please contact Rhea Teves-Cate at 508-996-4842 if you or someone you know graduated from NB Voke in 1950.

Lang Roast F-R

GiftsToGive will host a dinner and Celebratory Roast of the Honorable Scott W. Lang, former Mayor of the City of New Bedford **with all proceeds to benefit GiftsToGive**.

The event will take place on June 2, at 6 p.m., at the GiftsToGive Mill, 21 Cove Street in New Bedford. The event includes a dinner buffet and a cash bar. **Tickets are \$50 per person and must be purchased in advance by calling 508-717-8715 x2218**, by email Jennifer@GiftsToGive.org, online at www.GiftsToGive.org, or in person at the GiftsToGive Mill. Donations can also be made at www.GiftsToGive.org.

Open Water Challenge.

Calling all kayaks, canoes, row boats, dories, gigs and whaleboats. The Buzzards Bay Rowing Club will host its sixth annual **"Buzzards Bay Open Water Challenge"** (formerly known as Row for the Bay) on **Saturday, June 4th at 10:00 AM**.

Registration for the three-mile race, which will begin and end at beautiful Fort Taber Park in New Bedford, begins at 8:30 AM, the day of the race. To pre-register, visit the Buzzards Bay Rowing Club web site at www.buzzardsbayrowing.org or call 508-961-5955. **The entry fee is \$20.00 per person** and includes water, juice, fruit and refreshments for rowers at the end of the race..

For more information, registration form and directions, log on to our website www.buzzardsbayrowing.org or call (508) 961-5955.

Fishing Tournery

The Schwartz Center for Children's 2nd annual Fishing for a Cause tournament, schedule for June 15-16, out of the Pope's Island Marina in New Bedford, features a \$1 Million Matching Weight contest; a product of Odds On Promotions, insured by Praetorian Insurance Company.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the children of the Schwartz Center. Registered anglers are also encouraged to donate their catch to the Hunger Commission of Southeastern Massachusetts, a leading statewide advocate on hunger issues, responsible for managing emergency food and shelter programs. Those interested in fishing should **register by June 1**, at www.fishing4acause.org.

In addition to the two-day fishing tournament, Fishing for a Cause also features a **Seaside Dinner and an Awards BBQ** under a tent at Pope's Island Marina; both are catered by Russell Morin Fine catering, and open to the general public with the purchase of a ticket. **The Seaside Dinner is on Friday, June 15 from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.**, featuring the lively dance music of Santa Mamba, plus silent and live auctions; **tickets are \$90 per person**. The family-friendly **Awards BBQ is on Saturday, June 16** from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m., featuring live music by McCarthy/Richards Duo, and the Extraordinary Rendition Band, plus family fun activities; **tickets are \$25 per person. A value combo packet for both these events is available for \$100 per person.**

For more information, go to the event website: www.fishing4acause.org, where you can purchase tickets and register for the tournament. The Schwartz Center is located at One

Posa Place, Dartmouth, MA 02747. Telephone: 508-996-3391.

Whaling Masters

The Annual Meeting of the Descendants of Whaling Masters will be held on Saturday, June 9, at The Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street, New Bedford MA. Social hour is 12 noon to 1 p.m. with luncheon and a business meeting, election of officers and program following. Luncheon, \$25 per person (all inclusive). Guests welcome. For more information and to make reservations call William Potter, Jr. at 508-994-0961 by June 1, 2012.

R.S.V.P. by June 1, 2012 with menu selection for each reservation and payment to: "Descendants of Whaling Masters, Inc." c/o W. H. Potter, Jr., 194 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

For information about Descendants of Whaling Masters visit www.whalingmasters.org or write to: P. O. Box 3026, New Bedford MA 02741.

Vendors Sought

Discount Deadline Extended! All vendors who register with full payment before June 1, 2012 are entitled to deduct \$100 from regular fair rates. Dates of the Hazelwood Park Summer Fair are June 14th-17th

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Destination NB

New Bedford is ready to welcome visitors and residents alike to enjoy a summer season brimming with family-friendly festivals, cultural feasts, and engaging exhibits at its museums and art galleries. The public is invited to explore DestinationNewBedford.org a website featuring a full list of the city's 2012 summer feasts and festivals, a comprehensive map of the downtown, a directory of the best local eateries, and contact information for many of New Bedford's most treasured hidden gems.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Flag Raising

The Long Plain Museum in Acushnet will have a flag raising on **May 28 at 10:00 am**. Flag was from the late Seaman 1st Class, U.S.N. World War II veteran, Frank Correia also known as Frank Corey, co-owner of Corey Brothers Florist in New Bedford with his brother, Manuel Corey. He was the uncle of museum member Shirley (Corey) Parker and the uncle of the late David L. Corey.

Seaman Corey passed away November 1999 and is buried in the Vietnam Section of Rural Cemetery in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Lakeside fest

St. John Neumann's Lakeside Family Festival is celebrating their 28th Anniversary. This festival held on Memorial Day Weekend, has become an anticipated event in the area. Because our emphasis is to present a weekend of activities directed to all family members, we demand a safe and secure environment — absolutely no alcoholic beverages are allowed on the grounds.

The festival is located at Cathedral Camp on Long Pond, Route 18, (Middleboro Road) in East Freetown, Mass. **FREE ADMISSION! The dates and hours of operation are: Friday, May 25, from 6:00 P.M.-11:00 P.M.; Saturday, May 26, from NOON-11:00 P.M.; Sunday, May 27, from NOON-11:00 P.M.; Monday, May 28, from NOON-5 P.M.**

Festival attractions will include: Amusement rides for all ages, ethnic and American food booths, midway game booths of skill and chance, numerous raffles, our renowned GIANT Barn Sale, a "Silent Auction". Also enjoy delicious freshly prepared home-baked goods, there will be some diabetic and gluten free goodies available.

On Sunday, at 8 a.m., registration begins for our 22nd Annual Antique and Classic Car Show, registration fee is \$10.00. Call John Remedies at 508 763-0576 for more info. Judging begins at 2 p.m. and the awards section is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. (Rain date will be Monday.)

This year our entertainment "BIG TOP" will be alive with a wide assortment of acts that will entertain

every one of all ages. Want to see everything being offered at the Festival? Please go to our website at <http://www.sjnfreetown.org>

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 ½ So. Main St**

Yard Sale

Habitat for Cats will be holding 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

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.

Free Film

The Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly will host the free showing of "The Descendants" at the Council on Aging at **noon on Tuesday, May 29th. Pizza is available for \$2.00. Pizza requests must be paid by 3:00 PM on Friday, May 25th.**

This 2011 film tells of a sometimes humorous, sometimes tragic journey for Matt King (George Clooney), an indifferent husband and father of two girls. He is forced to re-examine his past and embrace his future when his wife suffers a boating accident off Waikiki.

RVSP the Mattapoisett Council on Aging at the Center School on

Barstow Street or call 508-758-4110, even if you're not having pizza.

At the Stone Barn

Stone Barn Farm Grand Opening Celebration! Sponsored by Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary on **Sat, May 26, 2012 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Pack up the family, grab your friends and join us for an amazing afternoon of discovery and activities as we open our newest property, Stone Barn Farm, to the public!

This historic century-and-a-half old building will become the new center for program activities at the Sanctuary. With generous support from the people of Dartmouth through their Community Preservation Fund, Mass Audubon has now completed the restoration and transformation of this unique building from an unstable and run-down horse barn into a handsome multi-purpose facility that will henceforth provide a center for learning, public functions and sheltered work areas for many types of projects connecting with the special environment of the Sanctuary. The parged fieldstone structure, which is very rare in this part of the country, has now been protected and preserved hopefully for at least another century-and-a-half.

Stone Barn Farm is located at 786 Horseneck Road, South Dartmouth MA. Entry to Stone Barn Farm is a laneway running south off of Horseneck Road, between the intersection with Division Road, and the Allens Neck Friends Meeting House

women4women

women4women, a non-profit women's networking group, will hold its first networking event of the year on Tuesday, May 29, from 5:30 – 8:00 pm at Kitchen and Bath Details, located at 81.5 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts.

Please RSVP "Yes, No, Maybe" in advance online at: <http://socializr.punchbowl.com/parties/4060932-women4women-networking> or email info@w4wnetwork.com. Accessible.

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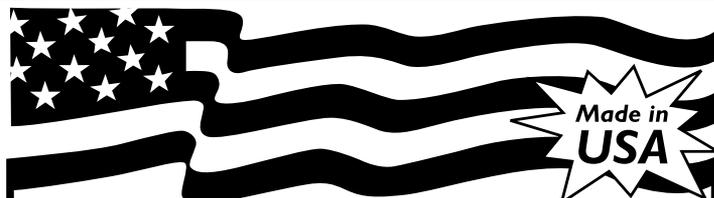
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Recipes of the Week

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1 t. grated lemon peel

1/4 c. Chopped pistachio nuts, toasted

Lemon slices

Flatten each chicken breast half to 1/4 inch thickness between sheets of plastic wrap or waxed paper. Sprinkle both sides of chicken with lemon pepper. Heat oil in 12-inch skillet over med-high heat. Cook chicken, lemon juice and lemon peel in oil 10 to 15 minutes turning chicken once and stirring juice mixture occasionally until juice of chicken is no longer pink when centers of thickest part is cut. Serve chicken topped with any remaining pan juices, nuts and lemon slices.

Tip: to roast nuts, bake uncovered in ungreased shallow pan in 350 oven for about 10 min. Stirring occasionally until golden brown. Serve with rice and cooked baby-cut carrots. Deelish lemony nutty chicken.

Bevy Lussier

To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to neighbornews@comcast.net

A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neighb News

Fairhaven High Softball

After being shut out by NB Voke Monday, the Lady Blues exploded for 13-1 win over Apponequet. Seniors Kelsey Perron-Sovik and Kayli Moniz had three-hit games and super home runs. Courtney Girouard won her 13th game.

Kayli Moniz Grand Slam Beats ORR

With FHS down 4-2 in 6th inning and with two outs, Kayli Moniz blasted a grand slam home run to lead Lady Blues to 7-4 victory. This super short stop has been super in the field and great with the bat.

Courtney Girouard got her 14th win. Kelsey Perron-Sovik, Kay Mullin, Madie Maniatis and Courney had big hits for Blues.

Home Friday vs. D-R at 3:30

Fairhaven Girls Shine at Stang and NB Voke

Lindsey Shurleff and Kenzi Pmental are having banner year and helping NB Voke to very successful season. Courtney Carrol is outstanding sophomore at second base for Stang.

FHS Lacrosse defeats NBH 17-3

The 14+1 high scoring blumen of FHS defeated New Bedford 17-3. Juniro Kobie Edwards scored three goals, giving him 80 on season. Billy Pires got four goals, Alec Dompierre, Kevin Pepin, Austin Harvey and Jeremy Lawton all had goals. Sophomore goalie Alex Silva was great in goald for coach Nick Pilla's Blues.

FHS 3, ORR 2 in Big Baseball Game

Billy Lessa pitched a super game with a little help from Ryan Baldwin as FHS defeated ORR 3-2. Billy also had the big hits with 3 along with Andrew Casteel who had 2.

Tennis: FHS clinches Playoff Spot in 5-0

Coach Greg Davis got big wins from Alex McGannon, Adam Lima, Anthony Joseph and double wins from Matt DaCosta and Dan McLaughlin, also Guilano Conte and Andy Ferreira.

FHS JV Softball

The young Lady Blues defeated ORR 13-1 last Monday for their 14th win. Kat Braley was winning pitcher. Kenzi Roderiques, Brianna Bindas and Taylor Canastra led the hit parade.

Prose on Pros

Red Sox and Yankees still struggling, should get better. Beckett should shut up and pitch.

Celtics also in trouble. Can't beat 76ers. Garnett should shut up, too, and play like he can.

Pats need more receivers I guess. Welker is tweeting anyone who can catch a pass to come to Kraftland.

Foxboro doesn't want Casinos. Bob Kraft makes enough \$\$ with Pats. New Bedford and Southeast could use casino.

Babe Ruth's house for sale in Sudbury, 1.6 mill. "Manny" R coming back with As, his buddy Jose Conseca another dopehead playing for Worcester Tornadoes in Independent League.

Would like to see Matt Light, retired Pat, take place of Gino Cappelletti with Gil Santos on radio.

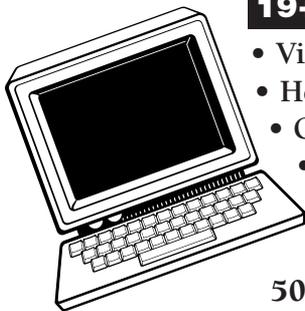
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Acushnet Selectboard split on using CPC funds for Housing Auth.

By Diane Kozak

Neighb News Correspondent

The May 14th Acushnet Selectboard meeting was standing-room-only due to the number of residents from the Presidential Terrace Apartments who attended. At its April 30th meeting the selectboard requested additional financial information from the Acushnet Housing Authority before recommending \$26,600 in funding from the Community Preservation Committee for the replacement of sliding glass doors in some apartments.

Although the AHA was invited to bring the requested information to the May 9th special board meeting, in which they were given a place on the agenda, they did not attend, nor did they forward any financial data to the selectboard members.

Instead officials from the AHA chose to bypass the selectboard's recommendation process completely, opting to have the article placed on the warrant directly by resident signature. To qualify the petition needed more than 100 resident signatures and be filed with the town clerk's office. The AHA filed a petition with more than 300 resident signatures, on Friday, May 11th.

"In our email prior to today I think we had asked for some budgetary information be provided to us and we have yet to receive that," Chairperson David Wojnar told Lynn Sigman, the Acting Director of the AHA. "I don't know if you have that information, but again, it's your call. You're more than welcome to make your case, but there really isn't much the selectmen can do since it's already in petition

form."

Ms. Sigman explained to the board that the AHA operates on a very tight budget with monthly rental income of \$20,570 and offsetting monthly expenses of \$20,354. She stated that her job was to provide safe and affordable housing for the elderly people of Acushnet with the limited funds she has to work with. It is because of these financial constraints

...well let me tell you...if this thing fails, you own those buildings and you have to do something because it belongs to Acushnet and it belongs to its people [James Madruga]

that she requested help from the CPC.

Mr. Wojnar stated he had no argument that the sliding glass doors needed to be replaced, however, he stated that it is the board's obligation to the taxpayers to ask difficult questions when it comes to where their money is going.

"There is a philosophical question about taxpayer's money going to a non-town-owned entity," Mr. Wojnar said, explaining the board's need to ask for detailed information when funding requests are made by the AHA.

He questioned why the state was not helping to fund the window and

door projects at the apartments and offered to contact the governor's office and state legislators on behalf of the AHA to get more support for the housing.

"We are getting support from the state," Ms. Sigman said. "But CPC funding is available for low income housing. That's what it's available to be applied for."

Ms. Sigman explained that CPC's all across Massachusetts fund projects for housing authorities including a project in the town of Dartmouth. She noted that it was people from the state who helped her put together the CPC funding request.

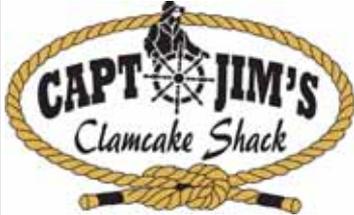
Selectboard member Leslie Dakin went on the record as being in favor of the AHA's funding request.

"The CPC Funds are earmarked specifically for affordable housing. The CPC has unanimously approved this expenditure and the need is there," he said.

Mr. Dakin explained that he spoke to a resident of the Presidential Terrace last week who told him that in the winter the condensation on her slider freezes which makes it impossible for her to open the door. He stated that in a case of a fire or an emergency that these residents would be endangered.

"I don't think we should abandon our seniors at their time of need, I really don't," said Mr. Dakin. "I know there's been some...let's put the cards on the table...bad blood, if you will, between some people in town and the Housing Authority. I would like to resolve that as well as Lynn

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would. So we need to rise above this. This would be my opinion. Let's deal with people, not politics."

Mr. Dakin's remarks were met by applause.

Before leaving, James Madruga, Chairperson of the Housing Authority, stood and stated, "When it's said it (Presidential Terrace) belongs to the state and it's not a town building...well let me tell you...if this thing fails, you own those buildings and you have to do something because it belongs to

Acushnet and it belongs to its people. It just isn't run or controlled by the Board of Selectmen."

In another matter, chairperson of the Finance Committee Robert St. Jean reported that the 2013 Budget, which will be presented at the upcoming town meeting, is balanced at \$26,557,150. He stated that the initial proposed budget had a deficit of approximately \$500,000.

He explained that if cuts were not made in the initial budgeted expenses it would have required the depletion

of about half of the town's Stabilization Fund to offset the deficit.

mittee is able to present a balanced budget without using any of the town's stabilization funds," Mr. St. Jean said. "Obviously not everybody got what they had hoped to get in the budget process. We took a hard line on a lot of items and a lot of issues."

Mr. St Jean stated that town employee salaries were level funded in the budget with the exception of contracted employees.

In other matters:

- The selectboard re-appointed Marc Brodeur to the Conservation Commission.
- Finance Director Cathy Doane reported that the town has received \$20,870 from the Mass. Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) in reimbursement for cleanup costs related to Tropical Storm Irene.
- The selectboard approved payment to Kaestle Boos Associates of \$33,250 and the establishment of a \$1,750 contingency fund for the architect, feasibility and design study for the new police station.♦♦

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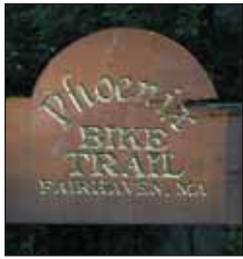
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Bike path etiquette is about more than politeness

By Beth David
Editor



This time of year, lots of people are breaking out the walking shoes and bicycles to hit the local trails. Bike paths are a favorite destination and Fairhaven has a world class example of this great community asset in the Phoenix Bike Trail.

It starts at the corner of Ferry and Main Streets by the waterfront in the center of town. It heads east and will take you on a paved surface all the way to Mattapoissett.

From there, you can pick up the Mattapoissett Rail Trail and continue for another mile to Mattapoissett Neck Road. If you're daring and want to continue on unpaved surface, you can continue on the wooded trail to the Mattapoissett River and even to Reservation Road.

As more and more people use the bike paths in the good weather, though, some misunderstandings are bound to happen. If you are familiar with a few simple rules of the road, so to speak, the experience will be more enjoyable and safer for everyone.

The most important thing is to remember that people might be coming up from behind you. When they do, they should let you know they are coming by calling out to you.

Rules & tips for bike paths

- Bicyclists should wear protective headgear.
- Roller bladders should wear helmets, knee-pads and wrist guards.
- Ride in a straight line, single file
- Always keep to the right, except when passing.
- Pass only on the left when safe to do so. Before passing you must call out a warning signal.
- Ding your bell or nicely call out "on your left" before passing people in tight situations
- Speed should be reasonable and safe for weather and traffic conditions.
- At intersections, come to a complete stop and obey all traffic signs. Bicyclists shall walk their bicycles across all intersections.
- When stopped, move to the side of the path, do not block the path for others.
- Keep your dogs on a leash and pick up after your dogs.
- Motorized vehicles shall be kept off the path with the exception of motorized wheel chairs and motorized toys.
- Do not litter
- Do not enter onto private property.
- Be patient
- Be polite
- Reduce your speed in crowded areas, especially around children and dogs
- Pass others with ample space
- Always look over your shoulder before changing lanes
- Remember that the world does not revolve around you.

Don't be annoyed when they do that, they are not yelling at you, they are warning you.

If you're hanging out waiting for someone, move to the side when you see someone coming.

See sidebar for more tips.

Fairhaven has a bike path committee that is meeting regularly. Visit the town's website at <http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/Pages/index> and click on "boards and committees" to

learn more.

For more information on the Mattapoissett Rail Trail visit <http://www.mattapoissettrailtrail.com/>

A plan is in the works to create a bike trail that will go all the way from Fall River to Wareham, and eventually from Providence to Provincetown. For more information on the South Coast Bikeway visit <http://sites.google.com/site/southcoastbikeway/>

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LEFT: This spot along the Little Bay Extension on the Phoenix Bike Trail in Fairhaven is a favorite fishing spot. RIGHT: The Phoenix Bike Trail in Fairhaven travels along scenic marshes and woodlands as it makes its way east to Mattapoissett's Rail Trail. *Neighb News* file photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos of the Phoenix Bike Trail and the Mattapoissett Rail Trail.

Complaints from turbines mount, not all bad predictions pan out

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Complaints about wind turbine noise are mounting at the Fairhaven Board of Health office, and residents are speaking out about their negative experiences, or their lack thereof.

Karen Isherwood of Teal Circle described why her hands were wrapped in white medical tape and protected by latex gloves, while standing in her backyard on the breezy morning of 5/18.

"I broke out in warts again and the gloves are to protect my family," explained Ms. Isherwood. "I also have mouth ulcers...Fact: My immune system is compromised."

Ms. Isherwood says the noise from the twin turbines, barely visible through the woods behind her house, yet clearly audible, are "destroying me physically."

"I can't stand to be outside anymore...I don't have a life anymore. The Town doesn't care and the developer doesn't care," said Ms. Isherwood.

As of 5/22, 50 complaints had been received by the Board of Health. According to BOH Chairperson Peter DeTerra, four individuals are responsible for 30 of the complaints, meaning that roughly 24 residents have reported an experience of a negative impact since both turbines began operating on 5/3.

A sleep-deprived Kathy Starr of John Street was outside working in her yard on 5/19 and took a break to describe the physical discomfort she says has been caused by the two turbines.

"It starts in the ears then starts to radiate down your neck," described Ms. Starr, closing her eyes and cupping the sides of her face. She said she was perfectly healthy with no preexisting conditions around the time the turbines were turned on.

The "grinding away" of the turbines is keeping her up at night and she says there is no getting used to it.

"I felt like my bed was lying on the side of Route 195," said Ms. Starr. "Hour after hour, it never ends."

Ms. Starr said she experiences ear pressure and pain, much like ascending or descending in an airplane. She said she walked in on her grandson, Eli, 15, using cotton swabs in his ears trying to find a way

to ease his ear pain. Ms. Starr said she believes his ear pain might be turbine-related, too.

In addition to her home, Ms. Starr claimed that she has also experienced pressure and dizziness inside Stop & Shop.

Anne Silvia, director at the Senior Center, said she has not heard anyone working at or visiting the center complaining of any turbine-related noise or health effects.

"I don't hear them. I hear traffic," said Ms. Silvia, adding that the sound of Route 6 traffic drowns out most of the noise from the turbines. She said the elderly who attend daily congregate meals have had nothing negative to say about the turbines, either.

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[Kathy Starr]

"Nobody seems that concerned. Really," stated Ms. Silvia. She said people from the center who walk the bike path on a regular basis continue to do so and without complaint.

Sumul Shah of Fairhaven, LLC said before the turbines began operating, he brainstormed about ideas to mitigate the noise from the turbines at Ms. Isherwood's residence. He said he offered to sound-proof her bedroom, but stated that it was still just only one option at this point.

Ms. Isherwood's daughter Chelsea, however, has also been having trouble sleeping. She said she has been waking up several times a night since the WTs started spinning.

She said she has been yawning while speaking on the phone at her customer service job and her bosses have noticed.

Mr. Shah said that while he visited Ms. Isherwood's house, he heard sounds from the wastewater treatment plant traveling through her house and anticipated that the turbine noise would not exceed that

level of noise.

"I don't want to dismiss anyone...I take every complaint seriously," said Mr. Shah, adding that he was looking forward to receiving data from the complaints sent to the BOH so far. He said he hoped the data from the complaints will help him conduct as consistent an investigation as possible.

Mr. Shah recalled receiving complaints directly from residents whose claims of noise disturbances were contradictory relative to their reported wind direction. He recalled one resident who called him directly to complain about effects from the turbines, yet the turbines were not operating at the time of the reported incident.

Mass DEP noise-level testing, like the one recently performed in Falmouth that led to the shutting down of Wind 1, has not been planned for Fairhaven. The Falmouth turbine measured 10 decibels above the ambient noise level.

Ed Coletta, spokesperson for the DEP, said the town of Falmouth requested that the DEP perform the test, and said similar noise-level testing could take place if enough complaints prompted town officials to contact the DEP.

Mr. Shah stated that the turbines in Fairhaven are not as loud as the two in Falmouth. He said Fairhaven's two turbines measured six decibels less.

Meanwhile, Ms. Starr said she will continue to keep a detailed journal of her experiences, and Ms. Isherwood said she will continue to file complaints as incidents occur.

"Three Teal Circle's life is over," said Ms. Isherwood.

Ms. Isherwood is a plaintiff on the lawsuit against the Town of Fairhaven, and Ms. Starr said she had attended several Windwise meetings to learn more about the possible side effects and get involved. Both women said they would prefer to step away from being considered "Windwise members," to avoid being perceived simply as "NIMBYs" [Not In My Back Yard], as Ms. Isherwood put it. They both said they would prefer to be perceived as individual residents experiencing a direct impact from the turbines.

"I'm not Windwise," said Ms. Isherwood. "I'm a human being."

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BPW rejects contractors' bids because of technicality...again

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Three Fairhaven-based contractors will be excluded from the Fairhaven Board of Public Works annual bids after the board voted 3-1 to throw out the bids because the applications were incomplete.

Board member Geoffrey Haworth defended contractors Peter DeTerra, G. Bourne Knowles, and Antone Medeiros at the 5/21 BPW meeting, saying that the instructions for filling out the form were obscure, and throwing out the bids will result in the town paying higher rates.

"You're laying off school teachers...but if you want to throw away money then that's your choice," said Mr. Haworth. He pointed out that the town would ultimately pay Fairhaven Excavation \$600 to grind a tree stump 24 inches wide or greater, while Antone Medeiros would have charged \$200. Mr. Haworth stated that the Town would be spending up to \$10,000 more in over-bids.

"This town cannot afford to take out a stump for \$600," said Mr. Haworth. He argued that, although the three applicants did not write out dollar amounts on the applications, the numbers were legible and the instructions for filling out the application could easily be missed.

"It's common sense," said Mr. Haworth. "Who cares if it's not written out?"

Chairperson Steven Riley disagreed, stating that the same issue was addressed last year and the applicants should have known better. He stated that during last fiscal year's bidding process, one of the same contractors failed to completely fill out the application in a similar, but not exact, manner.

"If three couldn't figure out how to write the words...that's their problem," said Mr. Riley.

"It's pretty explicit," added board member Kathy Sturtevant.

"This is a tough one," said Robert "Hoppy" Hobson. "I think that paying all that extra money isn't right."

He added that he was concerned a lawsuit might result if the three contractors were allowed to bid.

Public Works Superintendent Vincent Furtado mentioned that he could forward the matter to Town Counsel to see if the board could legally throw out the bids, but the board proceeded to vote to exclude them.

"We're chasing pennies, and throwing away dollars," said Mr. Haworth, calling the vote an "atrocious" and "irresponsible."

In a follow-up interview, DPW Administrative Assistant Kathy Tripp stated that the town rarely needs to grind a stump that exceeds 24 inches. Fairhaven Excavation won the bid at \$600 because, according to Ms. Tripp, it was the only contractor that

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and throwing
away dollars
[Geoffrey Haworth]**

properly filled out the application. The bids for \$200 by Antone Medeiros and \$490 by Peter DeTerra were excluded.

For the removal of stumps less than 24 inches, Fairhaven Excavation won the bid at \$250 per stump. Bids for \$115 by G. Bourne Knowles, and \$290 by Peter DeTerra were excluded.

In other matters, Bella Vista Island residents Haiem Alsawalhi and Anwar Faisal got permission from the board in a 3-1 vote to move forward in the process to replicate wetlands behind the recycling center.

Mr. Hobson commented that instead of sending his lawyers and environmental specialists, Mr. Faisal should appear himself before the board instead of simply "buying his way out of this."

Mr. Hobson cited the many violations committed by Mr. Faisal, said that Mr. Faisal had no respect for the local community, and said he would not vote in favor of Mr. Faisal.

"It doesn't make sense for me to help him out," insisted Mr. Hobson. "Money talks and poo-poo walks."

Wetland Specialist Brandon Faneuf proposed the restoration of 10,000 to 15,000 square feet of wetlands, with more specific details to follow.

Shepherd Johnson told the board that the Fairhaven Conservation Commission was "very open to the prospect" of the restoration proposal.

"I called [ConCom chairperson] Andy myself," said Mr. Riley. "He stated to me that...it's a 'one for one' reparation. But if the petitioner is willing to offer more, we'll accept it."

The project, according to Mr. Faneuf, will cost approximately one dollar per square foot, and take as little as three days to spread a "wetland seed mix" and "let nature take its course."

"This is a win-win situation for the town," said Ms. Sturtevant, adding that allowing Mr. Faisal to move forward with the project was not about personal opinions about the Bella Vista Island residents, but what is in the best interest of the Town.

Mr. Hobson made his own motion to deny, which was not seconded, then proceeded to vote against the motion to accept the proposal.

Addressing other matters, Robert Foster of the Fairhaven Tennis Association requested permission to repair cracks in the two tennis courts at Cushman Park, and resurface the two courts at Livesey Park. The FTA will fund the projects 100 percent.

Mr. Foster stated that he still receives calls about tennis courts remaining locked at Cushman Park and, due to the series of thefts of one of the combination locks, the gate will remain unlocked for the time being.

Mr. Foster said dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs is a big issue, and the board agreed that a

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The removal is necessary for a Road Construction Project. The Tree Warden posted the trees on May 18, 2012. For

more information, call the Selectmen's Office at 508-979-4023.

Board of Selectmen

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on June 04, 2012, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. In the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for Request for Determination of the following matters as required By Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Request for Determination Applicant Eric Denzer Location 21 Long Road Plot 24 Lot 19 Purpose construct 24' x 30'

garage within the 100' buffer zone to BVW.

- Request for Determination Applicant Richard Trethewey Location Nakata Ave Plot 43 Lots 91 & 91A Purpose construct storage shed within a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Michael Ristuccia Location Bass Creek Road Plot 43C Lots 389 - 402 Purpose verify wetland line and perform percolation test.

*Respectfully submitted
Andrew Jones Chairman*

Fairhaven Conservation Commission

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sent via Ms. Kakley.

Mr. Osuch explained that only town employees use the Fairhaven-ma.gov email address, while boards, whether selected or appointed, do not.

"If you want to open this up, that is your decision as a board, but where are you going to draw the line?" he asked.

Dr. Bowcock and Mr. Murphy both stated that they would prefer to keep the current system in place, leading Mr. Espindola to withdraw the request.

Bonnie DeSousa, president of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path, petitioned the board to approve plans for a 17-mile fitness challenge sponsored by the Southcoast Bikeway Committee to be held sometime in June. The committee plans to hold a picnic at Camp Massasoit and a fundraising bike challenge that would take riders from the camp to West Island and back. The board voted to support the event, and said they would contact the police chief about working with the committee.

Board members signed a letter to Rep. Straus urging him to support House Bill 3917 to prevent insurers from unilaterally slashing emergency 911 ambulance reimbursement rates.

"[Fire Chief] Tim Francis has been active on the state level with other fire chiefs fighting this battle for the past few years," said Dr. Bowcock. "Citizens rely on emergency 911 emergency services; slashing reimbursements shifts the costs to communities. We cannot stand by while insurance companies cut their costs at the expense of public safety."

The board also voted to accept a gift of cherry trees offered by Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara, in commemoration of the town's friendship with Japan. Proposed locations for the trees

include the small park at the corner of Pilgrim and Cherry, the Whitfield family gravesite at Riverside Cemetery, Town Hall, and the new Wood School.

The board recognized Ms. Kakley for becoming a notary public and approved reimbursement for the expenses she incurred, and recognized Harbormaster David Darmofal in his successful training to become a licensed captain of the Coast Guard

A few items of business were not on the original agenda including a notice from the shellfish warden announcing that round cove and senior cove will be closed to shellfishing.

The Shellfish warden will be transplanting quahogs for the next week or two.

North Cove is open to quahogging.

The board also met with Francis Cox, Jr., who complained that during the selectboard meeting of May 13, it had been implied the Dorothy Cox Candies was violating its liquor license.

"It was Dr. Bowcock who said it, that we had a beer and wine license but we were putting cordials in the gift baskets," said Mr. Cox. "We take our beer and wine license very seriously and we have never broken the law and it was put out to the public that we did that."

"You can't accuse someone of doing something unless you have the actual facts," he continued, adding that he felt the board owed him and the company an apology.

Dr. Bowcock did extend an apology, saying that it was not the board that owed the apology, it was him individually, and that he had meant no disrespect to the family or the company.

Mr. Cox accepted the apology.

In the last item of business in open session, Jack Egelston of Blue Sky Power met with the board to give an update on the solar panel project at the landfill. According to Mr. Egelston, delays in the project have been due to financing and issues with NSTAR's interconnection process, but the company anticipated finishing the project by the end of June.

Mr. Espindola noted that the projected annual production could power more than just the Hastings Middle School as planned, and wanted to know where the excess credits would go. Mr. Egelston replied that the town could decide which accounts could be added and where to assign the credits.

Mr. Espindola also asked about the unusually high projected panel degradation rates as well as whether or not the company intended to buy U.S. manufactured products. Mr. Egelston acknowledged that there would be an expected decrease in efficiency over time although he did not offer an explanation on the degradation rates. He also declined to rule out the possibility of using foreign manufacturers.

The board voted to continue the rest of the discussion with Blue Sky in executive session, as the next topic was the company contract. The board also intended to discuss possible land acquisition, boat mooring costs, and the town planner's contract.♦♦♦

A psychiatrist asks a lot
of expensive questions
your wife asks
for nothing.

Joey Adams

Letters from our readers

Achievements of some students not recognized

To All Compassionate Readers:

This is the season of celebration when our young men and women are lauded with well deserved accolades and sincere congratulations at the time of their graduations from our local high schools. I join our community in giving all of our typical students credit, not only to them for their efforts but also to the families that encouraged them, cheered them on and gave them the strength, moral standards and determination necessary to reach their highest potential. During this proud time of proms, educational awards, sports banquets, scholarships, college acceptances and graduation ceremonies I ask that we all stop and appreciate the unrecognized achievements of our other than typical students.

There are dozens of students who bravely get up each school day, take their medications, do their anti-anxiety meditations, pack their medical devices in their backpacks, board the "short bus" and gird their loins in preparation of entering their school building.

Their school day will consist of not only full inclusion classrooms but also an assortment of therapies and pull-out educational sessions that will take the place of enrichment electives and even important classroom time.

Their after school extracurriculars will not be band, sports, drama or social clubs — instead they will be psychological appointments, neuro-feedback sessions and trips to two or three medical specialists for their various medication adjustments or physical needs.

Their vacations are often filled with lengthy, multi-day evaluations and assessments in preparation for the next term, year or IEP meeting. Believe me, none of this is an exaggerated scenario for parents who are raising one or, quite often, two or more special needs children.

Given the above, it is not hard to imagine how quickly these students feel disenfranchised from their schools and their peer groups.

This ever growing population of students will most likely never know the thrill of victory when their team wins a championship, the butterflies-in-the-stomach feeling of a first dance with that special someone at the

prom, the feigned embarrassment when they walk across the stage to receive an academic award; and they certainly will never earn a perfect-attendance-for-the-year award because they are home sick dealing with their physical challenges or fear and anxiety several times each year. Even our most well-meaning teachers and administrators can do little to bridge the social chasm that exists between their typical and atypical students.

If you put yourself in the shoes of a parent dealing with the challenges their dear children face each day, it is easy to see why they swell with pride and cry with joy at what other parents take for granted: "My 13-year-old has overcome his sensory issues enough to finally be able to wear jeans — yay, no more sweatpants!!"; or "My 14-year-old can wear 'cool' sneakers because his fine motor skills have improved enough that he can tie the laces — yay, no more 'old man' velcro sneakers!"; or "My 7-year-old can finally brush her own teeth, for 20 seconds, without assistance because her oral defensiveness has improved to where she's willing to tolerate toothpaste — yay, we no longer have to hold her down to brush them for her!"; or "My 16-year-old brought home her first perfect attendance-for-a-month certificate because she managed to go to school each day that month — yay, there were only 15 school days in April!"

I know that our compassionate townspeople do not intentionally set out to make our hearts ache when our children are not included in the pomp and circumstance of the season. I do not wish to lessen the pride and joy my friends and neighbors feel when seeing their accomplished teens reach the pinnacle of high school success. However I do wish that our school department will reach out to the parents of our socially challenged students in a sincere effort to find a way to make all of our children truly be included in our full inclusion schools and that our community will give the schools the resources needed to reach that goal.

With Respect: Diane Hahn

Stamp out hunger collected 40,000 lbs in area

This letter of thanks goes out to all the surrounding communities that include New Bedford, Fairhaven, Acushnet, Dartmouth, Rochester and

Wareham, who donated non-perishable food and monetary donations towards the 20th annual "Stamp out Hunger" food drive for the needy.

On Saturday May 12, 2012, letter carriers and volunteer helpers picked up donated food along their routes that totaled just under 40,000 pounds. This food was left around mailboxes and on porches to help fill the shelves at the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet, the Damien Place Pantry in Wareham, The M.O. FOOD = L.I.F.E. Food Pantry, Immigrant Assistance Center, Salvation Army, PACE, the Red Cross and Catholic Social Services, all located in New Bedford.

Nationally, all 50 States and U.S. Jurisdictions participated in this annual food drive to help the less fortunate which ended up totaling over 70.1 million pounds last year. Locally, in Fairhaven, 6060 pounds was collected from generous residents who participated in this yearly venture.

A very special thank you, once again, goes to the dedicated volunteers who helped out on that day as well as The Standard-Times, The Advocate and The Fairhaven Neighborhood News newspapers for the much needed publicity.

And finally, the Millicent Library, Shaw's and Stop & Shop Supermarkets, all located in Fairhaven, will continue to accept non-perishable food donations that will eventually find its way to the Shepherd's Pantry, and is hosted by the good people at the Long Plain United Methodist Church at 1215 Main Street in Acushnet. Any questions, please call the pantry at 508-763-9289.

Sincerely, Gerry Payette, Fairhaven P.O.

Wind turbines are "random assault"

Commercial wind turbines make the most noise from the sides as the air rushes down the blades. The side is much louder than being behind the turbine. The trailing air from the blades creates a rope effect of air following the blades. This is the whoop sound in your home. The higher the wind speed the more air flow.

The noise effect is called a random assault because as the turbine moves around with the wind the homes to the side of the turbines are the most

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Small group protests peacefully across from St. Francis Xavier

By Beth David
Editor

Eight gay rights protestors holding signs stood across the street from St. Francis Xavier Church in Acushnet on Sunday in response to the church's posting of an anti-gay sign the week before (see 5/17/12 issue). After the church posted "Two men are friends, not spouses," Vanessa Raymond posted her own pro-gay message, took a picture and posted it on her Facebook page. The next day she had 22,000 shares of the photo.

The issue quickly gained media attention as people threatened the church and church officials said they were simply stating their religious beliefs.

Timothy Evans of Fall River was the first to show up on Sunday.

"I think the church has every right to their beliefs," said Mr. Evans. "But as a responsible and forward thinking individual in the community, it is my right and responsibility to take a stand against what I feel was clearly bigoted remarks."

Monsignor Gerard P. O'Connor, Pastor of St. Francis, said he did not

feel the message was bigoted or hateful. He said he had been preaching about love all week in the school and in his homilies that weekend.

"There is no hate in the gospel of Jesus Christ," said Msgr. O'Connor, adding that he respected the right of the protestors to express their opinions, but "We have a right to express ours. It's all about respect."

He said it was a problem that the backlash against the church included threats.

Msgr. O'Connor said he did not think the sign was hurtful, but "obviously it did hurt" some people, and stressed that the church did not intend to hurt anyone's feelings.

The message was in response to President Obama's support of gay marriage.

"Some churches turn a blind eye and leave out parts of the gospel," said Msgr. O'Connor. "We don't do that here. We preach the whole truth."

Parishioner Therese Bourassa agreed wholeheartedly.

"I think it's been way overblown,"



Sharon DeMedeiros held this sign across the street from St. Francis Xavier Church in Acushnet on Sunday, 5/20, to protest the church's anti-gay message from last week. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos of this and other events.

said Ms. Bourassa. "It's pathetic, the threats against him as a person and against the parish."

She said she agreed with the sign the church posted and praised Msgr. O'Connor for his courage in taking

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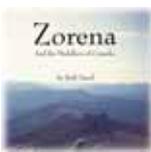


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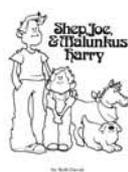
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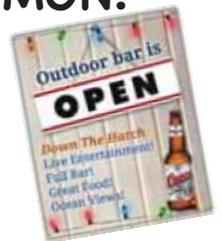
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BPW sign stating "Absolutely no dogs allowed" should be posted at the park and possibly allow the police to enforce it, perhaps with a fine.

In other matters, Mr. Haworth commented that he felt the DPW should no longer mow the grass at Hoppy's Landing, suggesting that funds the parking sticker fee should be used to either hire a contractor or reimburse the BPW. ●●●

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affected. If the wind blows from one direction for several days those homes to the sides of the turbines become "hot spots." The "hot spots" can change at random as does the wind.

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the hard stands on issues.

"He doesn't shy away from difficult topics," she said. "I think in this society anything goes. This priest has no problem preaching against sex outside of marriage," and other difficult subjects.

"You just can't call it marriage. I just don't think that's what was intended in creation," said Ms. Bourassa.

Across the street, the small band of protesters, not all of whom were gay, got more supportive honks than negative feedback. They all said they were about spreading love not hate, and agreed that the sign was hateful.

Sharon DeMedeiros was there with her daughter Katie and her partner Sam Defrias.

"People follow the letter of the law," said Sharon, "but they don't follow the heart of the law. To think a priest would cause this kind of division is beyond belief. They are here to be God's emissaries on earth and to be here for everyone, to offer comfort and love and understanding and acceptance, not to judge." ●●●

Fairhaven Meetings

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., 6/4, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

Finance Committee

Thurs., 6/14, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

School Building Committee

Thurs., 5/24, FHS Library, 5:30

School Committee

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

Selectboard

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

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Health

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

Community Preservation

Tues., 5/29, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 6/13, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Housing Authority

Wed., 5/30, 23 Main St., 10 a.m.

School Committee

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

Selectboard

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

TOWN MEETING

Mon., 6/4, Ford MS, 7 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.
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
	June 2012	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Friday	1	0532	1806	1106*	----
Saturday	2	0632	1903	0012*	----
		----	----	1159*	----
Sunday	3	0728	1956	0107*	1251*

* = Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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ConCom continues Edwards, Bella Vista, Pacheco

By Timothy Haggerty

Neighb News Correspondent

Michael Edwards of 113 Cottonwood Street returned to the Fairhaven Conservation Commission on 5/21 to continue his battle against a group of people he said were "fooling with [his] livelihood." He said that he had been renovating his property for the past year and would like to be able to plant grass and remove some "very dangerous trees."

Mr. Edwards had his Notice of Intent hearing at the last meeting to demolish the existing house and build a new one within the 100-foot buffer zone to BVW. At that meeting, abutters alleged that he was clearing vegetation without a permit and removing trees that may have been beyond his property line.

Although Mr. Edwards said he has had his property flagged three times without any indications of wetlands, Chairperson Andrew Jones argued that he had not gone before the ConCom to make that determination, even though Mr. Edwards knew that "there are wetlands in the general proximity of that lot."

After an impassioned monologue in which Mr. Edwards criticized the board for the way they "judge the people that come in front of [them]," saying that other people "are breaking the law, but nobody's going to their house,"

Mr. Jones tried to offer him a solution.

"You can take the next step and we can fix this, or you can continue down the road you're going," said Mr. Jones.

He offered Mr. Edwards the choice of having John Rockwell investigate the property for wetlands, allowing the committee to base their decision on his recommendation, or to appeal to the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection.

Negotiations seemed to be going nowhere until ConCom member Steven Pereira came to the rescue with a rephrased version of what Mr. Jones had said.

"There's a spot here that looks like it could be wetlands," said Mr. Pereira. He advised Mr. Edwards to "go for the path of least resistance," saying, "There might not be anything wrong here, and everything will keep on rolling."

"Don't shoot yourself in the foot

because you're angry or you don't like the process," said Mr. Jones. "I want to work with you, whether you want to work with us or not."

"Because of the people that are here, I think some people on this board are biased," said Mr. Edwards.

Mr. Edwards eventually agreed to continue to June 4 and schedule an on-site visit with Mr. Rockwell.

Mr. Edwards also advised the board about the neighbors who had previously offered evidence against him, saying that they were also violating regulations. Mr. Jones tried to clarify to Mr. Edwards that the commission only deals with cases that are brought to their attention and does not actively seek violators.

"I don't want to be the Fairhaven police state," said Mr. Jones.

Also up for debate were the renovations that Luis Pacheco made

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people on this board are
biased [Michael Edwards]

to his property at 307R Scoticut Neck Road, within 100 feet of a coastal bank and in a flood zone. Mr. Pacheco removed invasive vegetation, planted grass, and constructed a stone wall over 100 feet in length.

He passed around papers and laid out a broad poster board detailing the changes he made to his property. As he pointed out where the new wall was on the map, ConCom member Cora Peirce let out an audible, "Oh, wow."

"What I don't want to condone is 'go ahead and do whatever you want' then come in and get the permit," said Mr. Jones.

Mr. Pacheco tried to argue that the wall would offer protection to the wetlands, which Mr. Jones countered by saying, "the whole job done so far is encroachment on wetlands."

In regards to Mr. Pacheco's decision to erect a wall and go before the commission after the fact, Mr. Jones said, "I don't think that's okay at all."

The board voted to continue the

hearing and scheduled an on-site visit.

In a continued hearing, Victor Palermo of Scoticut Neck Road requested the removal of dead trees and brush within the 100-foot buffer zone to BVW and in a flood zone.

"Right now you can't even walk on the property, it's full of trash," said Mr. Palermo. "I want to be able to maintain this area, because right now you can't do that."

The commission voted to allow Mr. Palermo to clear the land with the condition that he remain 25 feet from wetland flags and no further than 75 feet from the roadway.

John and Gia Zolotas of 22 Point Street requested approval of the shell driveway they installed on their property within 100 feet of a coastal beach and in a flood zone.

Mr. Zolotas said that there had been no driveway previously and that his car started sinking into the mud last fall. He said they laid down shells to prevent the dirt from getting any worse. The commission voted to approve the driveway.

Mary E. Allen of 29 Shaw Cove requested an extension of her existing deck, which is within a VE flood zone and on a barrier beach. She hopes to add five feet to the seven-foot long deck and to move the stairs to the south side.

Ms. Allen was backed by letters from two neighbors who commended her family for treating the area "with respect for its natural beauty."

The commission voted to approve the extension, with some concern about concrete foundations, but no added conditions.

Michael Ristuccia of Bass Creek Road, who requested verification of the wetland line on his property and a percolation test at the previous meeting, forgot to bring the notices he needed to proceed and was rescheduled for the next meeting.

Luis M. Martins and Mary Martins of New Boston Road requested a percolation test within 100 feet of the BVW and within the Nasketucket River Bed. Commission members said they found an overturned tree with a shallow root system that was indicative of wetlands during their onsite visit. They recommended looking at the lot to determine if there were wetlands and if the ditch in front of the lot was bordered by wetlands.

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USCG Auxiliary New Bedford Flotilla 65 celebrates 70 years

Press Release

Seventy years ago on June 23, 1942, the Coast Guard Auxiliary was only three years old. The membership totaled 11,500 and these members were organized into 44 flotillas, primarily on the coasts.

Today, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has units in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa and Guam, and a total over 30,000 members. The primary mission of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is Recreational Boater Safety and each year Auxiliarists volunteer more than two million hours benefiting boaters and their families.

On May 14, 1942, the "New Bedford Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 1N-0605" was formed by a small group of local boating enthusiasts. Records from the earliest days tell us there were 17 charter members. The Flotilla was originally established in New Bedford and thus the name "New Bedford" Flotilla 1N-0605. The numbers told us that we are the 5th Flotilla in Division 6 of the 1st Coast

Guard District.

The Flotilla was made up of dedicated boaters who seized every opportunity to better themselves. Throughout the years the unit continued to function and grow providing boating education to the public, offering courtesy vessel examinations, and doing "Sunset Patrols" to assist the Coast Guard on busy weekends.

Flotilla 65 has grown from 17 members in 1942, to 446 members in 2012, and is now the largest flotilla in the country.

The Flotilla continues to dedicate itself to recreational boating safety by providing safe boating courses, vessel safety checks, commercial fishing vessel exams, safety and security patrols, pollution response patrols, marine environmental protection and assisting the U.S. Coast Guard in all missions except law enforcement.

In addition, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary operates in any mission as directed by the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard or Secretary of

Homeland Security. The overarching mission of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is to contribute to the safety and security of our citizens, ports, and waterways. We balance our missions of Recreational Boating Safety and Coast Guard Support with Maritime Homeland Security.

Throughout these years Flotilla 65 and its individual members have been recognized for many achievements in promoting Recreational Boating Safety and honored for life saving rescues. Many an auxilariast has passed through our ranks during those 70 years and it has been a privilege to serve the Ports of New Bedford/Fairhaven and its surrounding areas.

On this our 70th Anniversary year, we remember our heritage, are proud of our accomplishments, remember those members who have passed away, honor those members still with us, and look forward to another 70 years of continued growth and success.

For more information about Flotilla 65, visit <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info/> or email mb-uscgaux@comcast.net

United Way day of caring includes youth from whole area

Press Release

United Way of Greater New Bedford's 17th Annual Youth Day of Caring provided nearly 200 student volunteers from six area high schools the opportunity to volunteer at local non-profit agencies, providing the students with first-hand experience in giving back to their community.

Each year, area high school students take a day out of school to assist local agencies with a wide variety of tasks such as harvesting, landscaping, stocking food pantries or spring cleaning. The initiative allows students to gain insight into the valuable role volunteerism plays in our community and helps non-profits keep their costs low.

Twenty-five Fairhaven High School students participated in this year's Youth Day of Caring volunteering at The Family Pantry-Damien's Place in Wareham, Sharing the Harvest-Dartmouth YMCA, and Community Nurse & Hospice Care in Fairhaven.

"Community Nurse & Hospice Care has been serving our area since 1916, and as a not-for-profit organization volunteers have always been an integral part of our mission," said

Joanna Viera, Marketing & Intake Manager at CNHC. "It was a pleasure to have the Fairhaven High School students pledge their day to help us. Through their efforts these young people have touched the lives of their own neighbors who rely on the quality, comprehensive, compassionate, care that Community Nurse & Hospice Care provides."

Students at five other local high schools took part in Youth Day of Caring volunteering at 10 additional sites in Greater New Bedford. The 170 youth logged over 1,000 hours of community service. The full day of work by all students is valued at \$15,860.

The Youth Day of Caring was made possible due to the generous support of title sponsors NSTAR, as well as other event sponsors, including AT&T, Dunkin' Donuts, and FUN 107.

To learn more about the many volunteer opportunities available in the Greater New Bedford Area, visit www.unitedwayofgnb.org or call United Way at 508-994-9625. •••



Students from Fairhaven High School at the Sharing the Harvest-Dartmouth YMCA at the United Way Day of Caring on May 4. One hundred and seventy students from six area high schools participated, performing work valued at \$15,860. *Submitted photo. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

Ann Richard among those receiving unsung heroine award

From Press Release Materials

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women proudly honored its 2012 class of Unsung Heroines at a ceremony on Wednesday, May 16, in the Great Hall at the State House in Boston. These women hail from cities and towns across the Commonwealth and each were recognized for their outstanding contributions to their communities or organizations which they serve. Unsung Heroines, who were identified by the Commission working in partnership with state legislators, are extraordinary women whose work is deserving of recognition and praise.

Ann Richard of Fairhaven was among the 89 women chosen for the honor.

In the biography on Ms. Richards, the commission noted that she has been "an active participant, volunteer and indispensable role model in her community since her first involvement with local politics at the very young age of six years old, when she would accompany her parents to deliver leaflets in residents' doors of the candidate for selectman that the family was supporting."

The commission also said Ms. Richard was dedicated to the education of students in her position as the Librarian at Hastings Middle School and showed "passion and professionalism" in a variety of community projects making her an asset to the town.

"A member of town committees and a regular participant in Fairhaven monthly meetings beginning when she was a teenager, Ann has devoted countless hours and effort in recent years to the cause of sustainability," the Commission wrote.

Her work with the Sustainability Committee and especially the Farmer's Market were also highlighted by the Commission.

"Ann, together with the Student Council of the Hastings Middle School, was instrumental in organizing a fundraising event to aid the families of local fishermen that have been affected by the slowing

economy. The event was a huge success and over \$3000 was raised," wrote the Commission.

Also from SouthCoast were Marlene Pollock of New Bedford, Lara Stone of Dartmouth, and Thelma Sullivan of Westport.

The Unsung Heroines are women who don't make the news, but make the difference. They are the women who use their time, talent and enthusiasm to enrich the lives of others and make a difference in their neighborhoods, cities and towns. They are mentors, volunteers and innovators who do what needs to be done without the expectation of recognition or gratitude. These women are the glue that keeps a community together, and every



community has them.

MCSW Chair Victoria A. Budson said, "Over the last few months we have been moved and hearted by the amazing stories of remarkable women effectively creating community, shaping lives, and living their values. It is an honor and a pleasure to recognize the 2012 Unsung Heroines. We are inspired by their individual efforts and know that these women turn neighborhoods into communities and communities into a commonwealth."

The ceremony included a program emceed by NewsCenter 5's Liz Brunner acknowledging each of the 2012 Unsung Heroines and was followed by a group photograph on the Grand Staircase and a Just Desserts reception.



ABOVE: Fairhaven's Ann Richard with Rep. William Straus at the state house in Boston on May 16 when Ms. Richard was recognized as an "unsung heroine" by the Mass. Commission on the Status of Women. *Photo courtesy Mary Jane Richard.* LEFT: Ann Richard points to the heart she drew on the tip of the blade of a wind Turbine on Arsene Street. Ms. Richard is a vocal supporter of all forms of green energy. *Neighb News file photo by Beth David.*

This event was made possible through the support of the following community sponsors. Advocates: Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Tufts Health Plan, Verizon. Friends: Bagel Alley, Center Focus International Inc., Inc., MetroWest Athena Women, NSTAR, Women's Pipeline for Change, YWCA of Central Massachusetts. In-kind donors: Dancing Deer, Kerry Goodwin Photography, Jacqueline's Gourmet Cookies, Kickass Cupcakes, Polar Beverage, and Spinelli's.

The commission's annual Unsung Heroine initiative is underwritten by these private sponsors and the MCSW Trust Fund, and no tax dollars are used to fund this event.

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is an independent state agency that was legislatively created in 1998 to advance women of the Commonwealth to full equality in all areas of life and to promote their rights and opportunities. The MCSW provides a permanent, effective voice for the women of Massachusetts. For more information on the MCSW visit <http://www.mass.gov/women/> ●●●

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They continued the hearing to 6/18.

Rysard and Kasia Stasiak of 21 Gull Island Road requested approval for their alterations to wetlands and to allow for further changes.

The commission asked that Mr.

Stasiak put some type of permanent markers to indicate the wetland line and to connect the runoff from the roof, which he previously disconnected, back into the well. The plans were approved with the conditions that he provide the commission with

the complete details of his plans and display the project details on-site.

The ConCom continued the hearings for Enrico G. and Linda M. Picozza of 182 Ebony Street, John T. Koska of Clark Street, and Heiam Alsawalhi of 1 Bella Vista Island.

House on Upton Street extensive after fire

Fairhaven Fire Dept. Press Release

A fire at reported at 3 Upton Street in Fairhaven was reported at 12:29 pm by neighbors who saw heavy smoke coming from the front of the home. Two engines and an Ambulance responded to the scene.

On arrival firefighters found heavy

flames coming from the front windows of the home. It took approximately 30 minutes to contain and extinguish the fire. Fire crews remained



TOP RIGHT: flames and smoke were pouring out of this house at 3 Upton Street in Fairhaven when firefighters arrived. *Fire Department photo.* ABOVE: Officials stayed on scene for three hours sifting through debris looking for the cause of the blaze, which appeared to be electrical. *Heidi Winnett photo.* See photos in color at www.NeighbNews.com



on the scene for three hours overhauling and sifting through the debris to investigate the cause of the fire which appears to be electrical in nature.

One resident was sleeping inside the house and was able to escape when the smoke detectors sounded. The occupant, Richard Mackay Jr., age 27, was evaluated by Paramedics at the scene but did not

require transport to the hospital.

Damage to the home was extensive and the occupant will not be able to occupy the home until renovations are made, according to Wayne Oliveira, Public Information Officer for the Fairhaven Fire Department.

The State Fire Marshal's Office was called in to assist Fairhaven Fire and Police Detectives with the investigation. The home is owned by Richard & Annette Mackay. •••

State creates "Ports of Massachusetts Compact"

Press Release

Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray announced the formation of the Ports of Massachusetts Compact, an agreement designed to boost economic development and capitalize on resources in the Commonwealth's seaports.

The compact was signed by the mayors of Boston, New Bedford, Fall River, Gloucester and Salem; in addition to the Massachusetts Secretaries of Transportation, Energy and Environmental Affairs, Housing and Economic Development, Massport; and the Legislature's Joint Committee on Transportation. Lieutenant Governor Murray will serve as chair.

"With approximately 2,800 miles of coastline, there are valuable opportunities for increased transportation and economic development in the state's seaport communities," said Lt. Gov. Murray, who also chairs the Seaport Advisory Council. "The creation of the Ports of Massachusetts Compact ensures we are strategically planning development opportunities and sharing knowledge

across agencies and municipalities to help benefit the entire Commonwealth."

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Planning Division will lead research and planning efforts for the compact and will identify ways to maximize funding to improve infrastructure.

"Coordinating efforts of the fishing, energy, shipping and transportation industries that operate in our ports is healthy for business and job growth, as well as the environment," said MassDOT Secretary Richard Davey.

The Compact's initial action items will include fishing regulations, coastal shipping trends and recommending a plan for seaport coordination. Other Compact goals will include moving people and goods safely, securely and more efficiently through the five ports while providing intermodal connectivity for those doing business and visiting the Commonwealth.

"The historic seaports of Massachusetts are a vital tool for local communities to help support

economic development and create local jobs," said Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Greg Bialecki. "The 'Ports of Massachusetts' Compact will support the many vital industries that use these seaports to operate and help boost economic development in these regions."

"We look forward to working more closely with our fishing communities to better protect and manage the development of our ports," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rick Sullivan.

"As our roads and highways continue to grow more and more congested, we must look to expand our usage of our waterways for both transit and commercial purposes," said Senator Thomas M. McGee. "This compact will help us fully explore sound environmental and economic policies for our ports, waterfronts and waterways. I am looking forward to continuing our commitment to our ports and exploring ways to maximize the impact they have on the Massachusetts economy." •••

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Seagram's 7 1.75.....	\$18 ⁹⁹
Canadian Club 1.75.....	\$19 ⁹⁹
Beck's Loose Bottles.....	\$19 ⁹⁹ + dep
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Rubinoff Vodka All Flavors 1.75.....	\$10 ⁹⁹
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Every Thurs.: Trivia Buff

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