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## Cooling off...Fairhaven style



Children run through the fire hose spray on the lawn of the Unitarian Church after the Fairhaven Fire Department's safety demonstration on July 25. The annual demonstration is sponsored by the Millicent Library in conjunction with their summer reading program. See page 12 for more photos. *Photo by Beth David. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com). Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) for more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

I can't even believe we have a paper this week...I've been playing hookey, watching the Olympics instead of doing my job. Thank heavens I have a boss who just looks the other way.

Beach volleyball should stay on the beach. Period. I don't care how popular it is. At least get rid of the bikinis. What an insult to women. Don't give me that baloney about sand getting inside other kinds of uniforms. If that really is the problem. Put the damned sport back on the beach where it belongs.

The Shepherd's Pantry is low on money and food this summer. Gerry Payette sent a special letter asking for donations. He's right: no one in this country should go hungry. That's a priority that should never get compromised. See page 22 for this letter.

Our cover story is a fun one, to be sure. Of course, I got it mixed up with the Teddy Bear Parade (which is next week) or I would've worn my bathing suit and I would've run through that hose myself. What fun those kids had!

At what point do we learn to be afraid to show the kind of unbridled joy on the faces of the kids on page 12? Probably around the same time we stopped spitting out our food when it was too hot, swallowing it instead and burning our throats or leaving it in our mouths to burn our tongues because somehow we learned it was uncouth to spit it out. So, what's couth, anyway?

Back to the Olympics.

Did you watch the Fab Five? Those girls are great. What redemption for Jordyn Wieber. I loved watching them. They're so young and so easily fly through the air. And of course, watching Aly Raisman's parents squirm through every move was just beyond funny. And they are from Massachusetts, just an hour up the road, so, how much fun does that add to it?

Congratulations to them all. I look forward to watching as much of the rest of it as I can.

But, geesh...I have to keep stopping to get some work done. That's the only good thing about beach volleyball: I can get my work done while I'm not watching it.

We do have some good stuff in here for you this week. On page 4 you'll find Selectboard (poor Bob Espindola just can't seem to get away from trying to help out his supporters in one thing or another); on page 22 you'll find letters to the editor and a story about a whole other tick-borne disease that I'd never heard of.

And on page 19 you'll find a great story by Pattie Pacella about her daughter's first birthday. Grace fought the odds to make it this far and the journey has been painful for Pattie and her husband. Maybe you recognize her name because Pattie used to write for the Neighb News. Check out her journey of the last year.

Until next week then...

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## CORRECTIONS

Phew! Sneaked by last week with no boo-boos?

# Katie Brienzo honored posthumously

Katie Brienzo posthumously received an award for her personal achievements at the APSE National Conference in Arlington Virginia on June 28th, 2012. Katie accomplished many goals in her life and put her words into action as an advocate for

people with disabilities and a true role model for people with and without disabilities. It is bittersweet because we wish Katie was here to receive the many awards she has received since her tragic death, however we know that Katie is

watching and smiling down upon us.

In attendance were Karen Fostin, Katie's Mother, Lexi Fitzgerald, Katie's niece, Joanne and Brian Rego and Charlie and CJ Murphy.

*Submitted by Charlie Murphy*



Katie Brienzo, who was killed in a hit-and-run car accident last November, posthumously received a personal achievement award at the APSE annual conference in Arlington, VA, on June 28th. LEFT, L-R: Joanne & Brian Rego, Katie's mother Karen Fostin, CJ Murphy (rear), Lexi Fitzgerald, Charlie Murphy. RIGHT: a picture of Katie with her signature smile on the poster at the conference. *Photos submitted. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*

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# Selectboard approves town counsel for ConCom

By Mali Lim

## Neighb News Correspondent

Policies and protocols for town boards and commissions were the main topics of discussion on Monday night during an otherwise routine Fairhaven Selectboard meeting, 7/30.

The board voted 2-1 to approve a request from the conservation commission to use town counsel's legal services regarding an incident in which Ann DeNardis drove a vehicle into wetlands to access the water (see *Neighb News* 7/19/12 issue). The commission intends to ask town counsel for clarification on enforcing town by-laws for trespassing violations.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola voted against the motion, stating that he wanted time to investigate the circumstances around the trespassing incident.

"Without signage how will people identify areas that are off limits?" he argued. "I think money might be better spent in preventing incidents like this from happening rather than being spent on town counsel."

Fellow board members Charles K. Murphy and selectboard chair Brian Bowcock pointed out that the conservation commission had the right to use town counsel and had followed the correct procedures in submitting their request.

"I think it is incumbent on this board to support any board that requests use of town counsel in order to uphold bylaws," said Dr. Bowcock.

In another matter, a letter from the Board of Appeals asking permission to replace member Joseph Morra sparked a general discussion on how to handle inactive committee members. The appeals board has had difficulty in making a quorum several times lately, and apparently Mr. Morra has not attended a meeting since December of 2011.

The board requested that a new member who would be able to attend meetings be appointed so there could be a quorum. Mr. Espindola wanted to know if there was a policy set in place on how to deal with absentee board members, and the subsequent replacement process.

"Unlike elected boards where members could be voted out, there wasn't really a specific policy for removing inactive members who were appointed," explained Dr. Bowcock.

"For a number of years when members came up for re-appointment, the chairs would let the [Selectboard] know who had a record of missing meetings and they just would not get reappointed."

The board accepted Mr. Osuch's suggestion to send a letter to Mr. Morra asking if he would step down voluntarily, before proceeding with any actions. The selectboard also decided to examine all other appointed boards and committees to see if there are other members with consistent absences to ensure that residents are properly served by town committees.

The board is also mulling over a query from the Housing Authority about remote participation — that is, allowing committee members to participate by speaker phone or conference calls. The Housing Authority is considering it, but wanted to

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know if the selectboard would approve it.

Mr. Osuch admitted that remote participation is permitted by law, but cautioned that he felt it set a bad precedent.

"If people want to serve on a committee, they should take the time and make the effort to be there," he said.

Mr. Espindola said he would see the usefulness for an active member of a board who might be out of town for one meeting and who wished to participate, but he felt that remote participation should be the exception rather than the rule and that prior approval should be granted for a member to participate remotely.

Mr. Murphy agreed that the law was set up for meetings for when someone is away, and also weighed in on the potential for abuse.

"I've sat on many boards that use Skype and I see the potential for people taking advantage of it," he said. The selectboard decided to

investigate the matter further before setting a particular policy.

Finally, the selectboard discussed a request from Board of Public Works chair, Steven Riley, for a joint effort to appoint members to the bike path committee.

"I told Mr. Riley that if they wanted to add people to the committee they certainly could, and this board is willing to appoint more members if the committee wants it," said Dr. Bowcock.

"A Friends of the Bike Path committee is looking to get formed and looking to establish a special gift account," Dr. Bowcock continued. "The [selectboard] would be the group that signs off on that account, but I will talk to Mr. Riley to see if his board wants to be able to sign off on that account as well. I did make it clear that in no way does the bike path committee that we appoint have any control of funding or what comes under the jurisdiction of the board of public works."

The board received correspondence from Ashlee Kirkwood announcing she was withdrawing her name from the Loo/Kirkwood Aquaculture license. The contract will be modified to reflect the change.

The board also discussed a complaint from town resident Jeff Vanskyhawk regarding the building commissioner's issuance of building permits. According to commissioner Wayne Fostin, however, the matter stems from an issue between Mr. Vanskyhawk and his neighbor and is not a matter that should involve the town. The board voted to notify Mr. Vanskyhawk that although he is unhappy about the project, according to Mr. Fostin the building permits were issued properly and the work being done is within regulations and the parameter of the law.

A resident's request for a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Pleasant and Farmfield streets was denied as the board pointed out that the intersection in question had been a four-way stop years ago but Fairhaven had to remove the stop signs per orders from the state. There were several improperly installed 4-way stops in the town, Dr. Bowcock explained, and the town was forced to remove them. Reinstalling a four-way

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Family Movie Night

### FREE Bicentennial Event

Join the town of Fairhaven celebrating its 200th birthday with a FREE outdoor movie night on **August 11 at Livesey Park, Fairhaven**. The committee will present "The Lorax" with **pre-show entertainment by FUN 107 at 6:30, showtime at 8 p.m. FREE popcorn**. Refreshments for sale by Dorothy Cox and Emma Jean's. Families are encouraged to pack their own snacks and drinks (no alcohol allowed in the park) and bring lawn chairs and blankets. Thirty-foot screen. **Rain date, 8/12**. Supported with a United Way mini grant.

## Flipflops Wanted

Mother Wleh's orphans in Liberia need shoes, especially flip-flops. Take them to the Fairhaven police department. See last week's issue (available on [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)), page 19, for Gary Souza's update on Mother Wleh and the children she cares for in the Liberian bush.

## At the Millicent

The following events will be held at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, in the Library Auditorium, Walnut Street entrance. Accessible. To register, call the library at 508-992-5342, or email Jane Murphy ([jmurphy@sailsinc.org](mailto:jmurphy@sailsinc.org)). Visit <http://www.millicentlibrary.org/>

### Teddy Bear Parade!

**Wednesday, August 8th, 10 a.m.-noon**. Bring your teddy bear for the 28th Annual Teddy Bear Parade! All ages. Rain makes it a Teddy Bear Picnic inside. Meet on the Unitarian Church lawn at the corner of Center and Walnut Streets. Turn in your reading log on or before this date. Drinks and snacks provided. No registration.

## Concerts in Center LAST CHANCE

The Fairhaven Improvement Association's FREE Summer Concert series continues. Only two left!

- **On August 2, "Captain Malibu,"** who played their debut with the series, will play a mix of rock,

reggae, funk, and alternative music. • The series will close with Fairhaven's Native Son, **Jim Gagne, and "Shipyard Wreck" on August 9.**

Concerts are front of the Town Hall on Center Street, for young and old alike. Bring your chairs or blankets and be prepared to spend a pleasant evening enjoying the music and relaxing in a beautiful historic setting. Rain or shine. In the case of rain, the performance is moved into the Town Hall auditorium.

### Dogwatch Artisan Market

Runs from 4-8 PM on Thursdays on the same dates as the concert series across the street from the Town Hall lawn in Fairhaven. Come a little early to the music series and shop for a little handmade goodness! On the lawn of the Unitarian church

## Jr. Tennis Tourney

The 3rd Annual Al Dellecese Junior Tennis Tournament will be held **August 10-11**. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Tennis Association, the event will be held at Hastings Middle School and Cushman Park. Two Divisions: 18 and Under and 14 and Under. Within each division there will be Girls Intermediate and Girls Advanced as well as Boys Intermediate and Boys Advanced.

Entry fee is \$15. For information contact Stasia Powers: [stasia\\_p@yahoo.com](mailto:stasia_p@yahoo.com) or visit the FTA website: [www.fairhaventennis.org](http://www.fairhaventennis.org) and click on "Tournaments."

## On West Island

The following events are being held on West Island at the Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd. Accessible.

### Breakfast Buffet

**Sun., 8/5, from 8-11 a.m.** By the West Island Improvement Association. \$6 adults, \$3 children under 12. Tickets are available at the door.

### Clambake

Sunday, 8/19. Tickets required, \$42 pp. Call Linda Meredith, 508-994-8751

## Vets Benefits online

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ments, go online and register for a Premium eBenefits Account at [www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov). Call your local veterans office for details or help registering. In Fairhaven: 508-979-4024

## Yard Sale Items

The Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Main St., No. Fairhaven, is now accepting donations for its Annual Yard Sale which will be held on Saturday, August 18 from 9-3. Donations will be accepted on Saturday mornings from 9-1.

## Farmers Market

The Fairhaven Farmers Market is held on the **lawn of Fairhaven High School from 1-4pm Every Sunday.**

Sponsored by The Fairhaven Sustainability Committee. For more information: [ann.richard@gmail.com](mailto:ann.richard@gmail.com) or 508-991-8315.

## Hazardous Waste

### Fairhaven Residents only

Proof of residency required. Saturday, August 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon or until funds are expended!

At the PW Building, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven.

Call the Board of Health at 508-979-4022 for a list of what is accepted and what is not.

## Volunteers Needed

### Turkey Trot

The third annual Fairhaven Turkey Trot for Health and Hunger has begun looking for volunteers. The race is November 22 (Thanksgiving Day) at 8 a.m. at Cushman Park in Fairhaven.

Last year the Tror raised over \$5000 for local food pantries.

Anyone interested in volunteering can visit our facebook page at "Fhvn T. Trot" or the website <http://www.fairhaventurkeytrot.com/>.

## SC Hospitals

### Farmers Market

Southcoast Health System is offering public farmers' markets this summer at each of the three Southcoast Hospitals sites. In Fairhaven: **Thursday, August 9, from 2 to 6 p.m. , South Coast Business Center, 200 Mill Road, Fairhaven**

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Portuguese Feast

Feast of the Blessed Sacrament  
**Opening day: August 2, at 6pm through Sunday, 8/5.** with special events throughout the weekend, entertainment, Portuguese food.

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**Parade on Sun., 8/5 at 2 p.m.,** from Brooklawn Park to Feast grounds.

## At the Whale Park

Summertime is the best time to enjoy free entertainment in your local national park! Jeff Warner will be performing maritime music and telling stories of the sea in the garden area of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park in downtown New Bedford on **Thurs. evening, Aug. 2 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM** as part of its Thursday evening summer concert series. Then, on **Saturday, August 4 from 12 noon- 2 PM**, Dean Rantz will be demonstrating the art of blacksmithing in the garden, while Ruth and Abby, the 1850s ladies, offer hands-on crafts for children. The Saturday afternoon activities are part of the park's Maritime Heritage series. The concerts and maritime crafts are offered free each week at the park during July and August.

The National Park visitor center is located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. It is open seven days a week, from 9 AM-5 PM, and offers information, exhibits, and a free orientation movie every hour on the hour from 10 AM-4 PM. The visitor center is wheelchair-accessible, and is free of charge. For more information call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, go to [www.nps.gov/nebe](http://www.nps.gov/nebe), or visit the park's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>

## No Place for Hate

The Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford and the City of New Bedford's No Place for Hate Committee extend an invitation to the general public to attend a free performance of The Tzofim (Israeli

Scouts) Friendship Caravan, a multicultural celebration which is part of New Bedford's No Place for Hate community programming. The performance will take place on **Tues., August 7, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Greater New Bedford Vocational-Technical High School Auditorium.**

As a No Place for Hate® Community, New Bedford conducts several initiatives annually to combat prejudice, support interfaith peace initiatives, and actively promotes diversity and tolerance.

The Friendship Caravan consists of teenaged Israeli Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts who visit schools, churches, summer camps, and community centers across America each summer, sharing their lives through song, dance and story as part of a cultural exchange program with the United States. Mixing traditional Israeli musical styles with catchy contemporary pop, their shows are uplifting, inspirational, and fun for all ages.

This special event was made possible thanks to support from the New Bedford Cultural Council, The Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford, and the New Bedford Department of Community Services. Please join the City of New Bedford's No Place for Hate Committee for an exciting evening of music, dance and international friendship!

## Concerts in Park

Mayor Jon Mitchell has announced the 2012 summer concert series for seniors, sponsored by the Mayor's Office. This lively free concert series will feature musical performances on Wednesday evenings this summer at New Bedford's Buttonwood Park.

The 2012 Summer Concert Series is a great opportunity for seniors to enjoy a free evening of musical entertainment sponsored by the City of New Bedford. Artists will play jazz, swing and classical tunes. Upcoming concerts at Buttonwood Park include:

- **Wed., Aug. 8, 2012- "Ed Salk"**
- **Wed., August 29, 2012- "Meadow Larks Combo"**

Concert attendees are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs or blankets. Should inclement weather occur on the evening of any of the scheduled concerts, the program will be relocated to the Buttonwood Park Senior Center. For additional

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Harbor Fun hosted by the NB Harbor Development Commission: • NB Sea Chantey Chorus perform by the Ernestina Dock • NB Fisheries Exhibit @ the Waterfront Visitors Center • Tour the harbor on the NB Fire Department's fire boat • Department of Conservation Resources hosts hands-on activities & deck tours of the Schooner Ernestina • Learn about rowing & sailing programs in NB

Plus! • Your Theatre presents Shakespeare Soliquies @ the Celtic Coffee House • Anime Chalk Walk @ the NB Free Public Library • Double Vision Mime Troupe @ Custom House Square • Carnival to First-Class Health hosted by the Greater NB Community Health Center • Celebrate the 54th Regiment with the NB Whaling National Historical Park & the NB Whaling Museum • New art & exhibits at Crowell's Fine Art, Gallery X, Judith Klein Art Gallery, Pour Farm Tavern, TL6 & UGLYgallery

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Nat'l Night Out

The Acushnet Police Association, in conjunction with the Council on Aging, is proud to present **National Night Out, a free intergenerational event, open to all on Tues., Aug. 7, from 5-7 p.m. at the Acushnet Senior Center building, 59½ South Main Street.**

A **blood drive**, sponsored by the American Red Cross, will also be held during this event. **Live musical entertainment** for children, courtesy of SoloSound Entertainment, will be offered (5:30-6:30) along with temporary tattoos, pizza, coloring stations, balloons, ID kits and much more. Children (and those young at heart) will have the opportunity to sit in police cruisers, a fire truck and other vehicles provided by Acushnet's DPW Department so be sure to bring your cameras! This is a rain or shine event.

National Night Out is an opportunity for communities nationwide to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. While the one night is certainly not an answer to crime, drugs and violence, National Night Out does represent the kind of spirit, energy and determination that is helping to make many neighborhoods safer places throughout the year.

## Theatre for Kids

Theatre By The Sea, is thrilled to present the 2000 Olivier Award-winner for Best New Musical, *Honk! Jr.* Performed by Camp OSTC participants, *Honk! Jr.* will be presented as part of Theatre By The Sea's 2012 Children's Festival on **Friday, August 3, 2012.**

This contemporary musical **retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's *The Ugly Duckling***, tells the story of Ugly, the odd, gawky looking duckling, who is ridiculed for his looks, when he is separated from his loving mother by a sly tomcat.

While his mother searches for him, Ugly embarks on a journey to find his way back through the countryside, and not only discovers his true beauty, but also love and acceptance.

Between the performances, families can enjoy refreshments which will be available for purchase

at the gazebo.

*Honk! Jr.* will be presented on **Friday, August 3, at 10:00 am and 12:00 noon.** The theatre is located at 364 Cards Pond Road, Matunuck, RI. Single tickets are \$10.00 each with packages of three shows or more for \$8.00 per ticket. Tickets are on sale at the box office Mon-Sat from 10:00 am-4:00 pm, online 24-hours-a-day at [www.theatrebythesea.com](http://www.theatrebythesea.com) and via telephone: (401) 782-TKTS (8587).

Tickets for future Children's Festival performances including Crabgrass Puppet Theatre's **Jack and the Beanstalk on Friday, August 10** and Keith Michael Johnson's **Bubbleology on Friday, August 24** are also available through the box office.

Introduce your child to the magic of live theatre this summer at Theatre By The Sea!

## Eagle in Newport

The Coast Guard Cutter Eagle, a three-masted sailing barque with 21,350 square feet of sail and the only square-rigged sailing ship in United States government service, arrives in Newport on **Friday August 3, 2012.**

The public is welcome to greet the tall-ship as it enters Newport Harbor to tie up at Newport State Pier at approximately 10:00 a.m. Friday morning, August 3. The Eagle will be open for **free public tours Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** The Eagle will depart Newport Monday morning for its homeport of New London, Connecticut.

## At the Sanctuaries

Explore Great Neck Wildlife Sanctuary in Wareham and Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary at 1280 Horseneck Road, Westport, MA; 508-636-2437; [www.massaudubon.org](http://www.massaudubon.org)

### FREE Friday walk series!

**At Great Neck in Wareham, 10-Noon**, for families. Walks will be led on the trails by Mass Audubon and Wareham Land Trust Staff and Volunteers and each session will focus on a specific topic.

**August 10th:** Capturing Wildlife With Your Camera

**August 24th:** Eastern Box Turtles

Be sure to dress for the outdoors and to bring along a water bottle.

Walks will last approximately 1-1/2 -2 hours. Insect repellent is suggested as well as sturdy walking shoes.

## Eco Explorers

For Children, from 8:30 AM - noon. **At Allens Pond, Stone Barn Farm, 786 Horseneck Road, Dartmouth.** For children ages 6-10, encourages and activates a child's sense of curiosity and love of nature! Each day starts with a different theme discussion, followed by a morning hike and take-home craft.

This program is **FREE** for Dartmouth residents and Mass Audubon members and is **\$10/day per child for all others.** Participants must wear and bring suitable clothing and footwear for outdoor activity as well as a snack, sunscreen and insect repellent. **Space is limited. Registration is required.** Register online or call 508-636-2437.

Dress for an outdoor hike and please bring water, sunscreen and bug spray. Binoculars, scopes and cameras encouraged.

**Aug. 9:** Trees, Plants and Flowers

**Aug. 16:** Trail Day

### Other events

**Aug. 4:** Beach Ramble 10 a.m.-noon **Family Allens Pond**

**Aug. 15:** Wednesdays are For Wildlife (and Work!) 10 AM-2 PM Adult

**Aug. 16:** **Eco Explorers:** 8:30 AM-12:00 PM Children

**Aug. 17-18:** **Duck Derby RACE** 6:00 PM 8:00 PM Family. 9th Annual Duck Derby at Allens Pond

## Onset Blues Fest

**On Saturday, August 4, the 20th Anniversary Onset Blues Festival.** Onset Blues Festival celebrating its 20th anniversary brings the best in blues to Onset MA in a beautiful seaside setting overlooking Onset Bay. **Gates open at 11am. Concert noon- 7pm.** Ticket price is \$20, available in advance, at the doord and online through Paypal at: [www.onsetbluesfestival.com](http://www.onsetbluesfestival.com).

**LOCATION:** Onset Blues Festival at Gregerman Band Shell, **Onset Village, Wareham MA, in Onset Village.**

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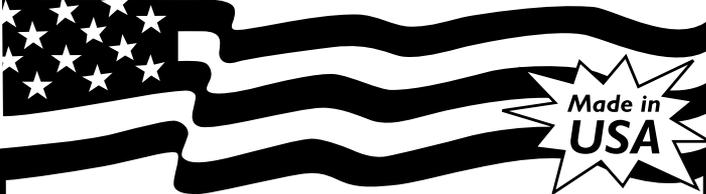
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# Recipes of the Week

## Seafood Nachos

- 30 baked tortilla chips
- 8 ounces crabmeat chopped
- 1/4 cup reduced-fat sour cream
- 1/4 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- 1/4 teaspoon dill weed
- 1 cup shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup sliced ripe olives
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika

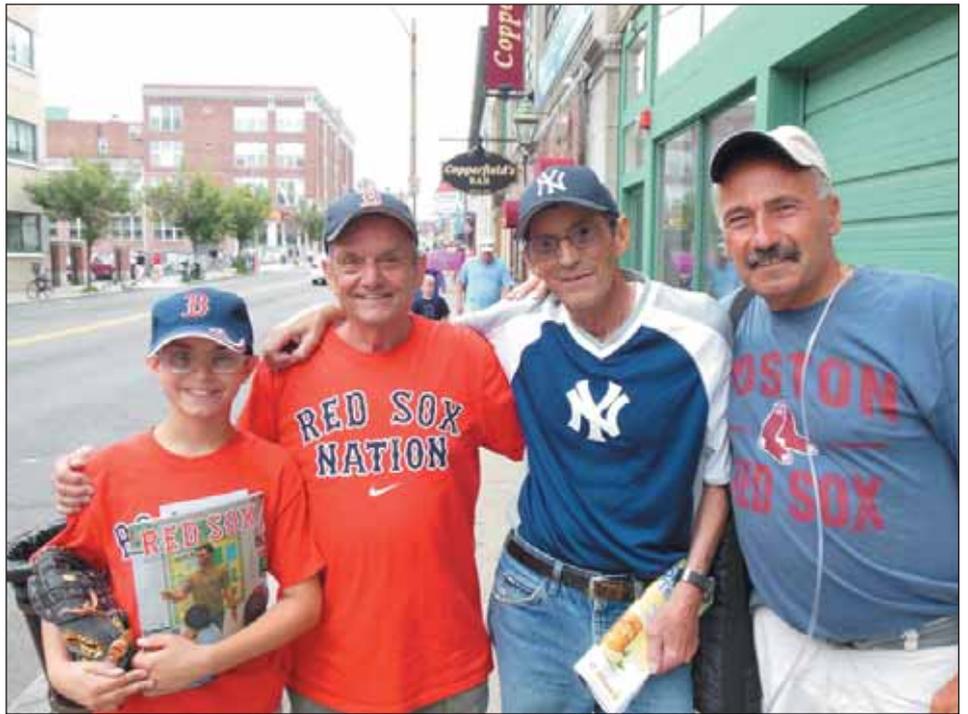
Arrange tortilla chips in a single layer on an ungreased baking sheet.

In a bowl, combine the crab, sour cream, mayonnaise, onion and dill; spoon about 1 tablespoon onto each chip. Sprinkle with cheese, olives and paprika.

Bake at 350°F for 6-8 minutes or until cheese is melted.

From [www.allrecipes.com](http://www.allrecipes.com)

# Red Sox-Yankees fans play nice in Boston



This mixed group of fans managed to get along just fine at a Red Sox vs. Yankees game at Fenway Park in Boston on July 7. L-R: Red Sox fans Devin Lebeau and George Lebeau, Yankees fan Bob Duarte a.k.a. "Bob Hobbs," and Red Sox fan Glenn Joe Costa. Photograph taken by a friendly Boston police officer. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

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# Cooling off Fairhaven style

By Beth David  
Editor

Children had a chance to cool off in a unique and fun way on Wednesday, 7/25 when the Fairhaven Fire Department held a safety demonstration and let people run through the fire hose on the lawn of the Unitarian church.

In conjunction with the Millicent Library's summer reading program the annual event combines information on fire safety with a demonstration of the operation of the fire hose, and a chance for kids to operate the hose.

FFD public information officer Wayne Oliveira taught children to immediately leave the building if

there is a fire. Firefighter/paramedic Nick Oliveira and firefighter David Wilson dressed up in their full firefighting gear and then crawled around towards children so the would know what they might see in a fire.

"This equipment is what allows us to to into a house and put out a fire," said Wayne Oliveira, adding that the whole outfit weighs about 40 pounds and completely covers the firefighter's skin.

Firefighters also demonstrated the alarm that lets fellow firefighters know if someone is in trouble.

Mr. Oliveira told children to stay close to the floor, where the air is

better, and to make their way to the nearest exit.

He explained how firefighters live together, eat meals together, and are ready to fight fires 24 hours a day.

A pumper truck with 750 gallons of water brought Sparky the Fire Dog to the scene and provided water for a cool-down with the fire hose on the lawn.

Children ran through, most of them screaming with delight, as the cool water hit them, until all the water was gone.

Children also received free fire hats, coloring books and lollipops.



LEFT & MIDDLE: these two little guys have different reactions to the water. RIGHT: a young boy tries to imitate the older kids who were letting the water catch their helmets to see them go flying away from the spray, but he can't quite reach it. MIDDLE ROW: Pure joy at the helm, with firefighter/paramedic Nick Oliveira helping just a little. BOTTOM LEFT: The children help carry the hose from the truck to the lawn. BOTTOM MIDDLE: Who needs games when you have a puddle of water and a stick? BOTTOM RIGHT: Who needs a stick? Photos by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com). Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) for more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.



# Errands & More celebrating 10 years

*Press Release*

On August 20, 2002, Maureen Bussey was unemployed, a single mother raising two daughters and taking care of her mother.

Her next door neighbor and very dear friend was diagnosed with cancer and was constantly asking her husband to do her errands. Having his own business to run, though, made it difficult for him to continue. He suggested that his wife ask Maureen.

The next day Maureen went next

door and announced that she had started her own business "Errands and More."

She went to city hall, got her small business license and the rest of the paperwork she needed to get started.

Maureen thought it would be a good business because it would help everyone: working people, the elderly and the home bound. At the time, there was no local company doing that type of work.

Some similar services are funded by the state and federal government,

but she was the only private business.

Besides doing errands, Maureen also assists with companionship.

Since Maureen has started her business, it has become almost a full-time, 40-hour-a-week business between errands and companionship, operating Monday through Friday.

In July 2009, Maureen got married and continues to work out of her home in New Bedford. To contact Errands and More, call Maureen Burke at 508-994-3141.

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## "Internet Cafes" fined for violating state gambling laws

*Press Release*

After allegedly facilitating illegal gambling at locations throughout Massachusetts, two so-called Internet cafés have agreed to pay a total of \$750,000 to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Attorney General Martha Coakley announced on 7/25.

Additionally, Teradyne Systems Massachusetts, LLC, acknowledges that the two cafés used the sweepstakes software in a manner that violated Mass. consumer protection laws. New England Internet Café, LLC (d/b/a "NEIC") of Fall River and Internet Marketing Group, LLC (d/b/a "The Ship") of Lynnfield licensed and used sweepstakes software distributed by Teradyne.

"Through today's action, these cafés will return their illegal profits back to the Commonwealth and cease operating in the state," AG Coakley

said. "These so-called Internet cafés are illegal gambling operations with no protections for consumers, including no posted odds, minimum odds, or guarantee of payouts for patrons."

Under the terms of the agreement, filed in Suffolk Superior Court on Tuesday, NEIC, which operated a site in Fairhaven, and The Ship will pay \$750,000 to the Commonwealth. That sum includes the return of profits made by cafés and Teradyne in connection with the cafés' unlawful operation and use of sweepstakes software.

Under the terms of the agreement, Teradyne will refrain from entering into new or renewed licensing agreements for sweepstakes software in Massachusetts and will terminate any existing agreements. NEIC and The Ship acknowledge that their use of the sweepstakes software violated

Chapter 93A, and will refrain from operating any so-called Internet cafés or similar establishments in the Commonwealth, whether independently or using the software distributed by Teradyne or any other licensor. NEIC and The Ship have already ceased doing business in Massachusetts.

The Attorney General's investigation into various so-called Internet cafés throughout the Commonwealth remains active and ongoing.

Last year AG Coakley issued an emergency regulation that expressly provided that taking money for sweepstakes or games of chance violated Chapter 93A. The regulation clarifies the already existing laws around illegal gambling and aims to end the practice of de facto gambling operations posing as sellers of goods or services. ●●●

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stop at the intersection would be unlikely, but the board agreed to monitor the situation and to apprise residents of any developments.

Mr. Osuch reported that the new Wood School construction began with plans to pour concrete foundations scheduled for next week. Asbestos removal at the old school was nearly complete, and demolition work was anticipated for the middle of next week. The board voted to pay the first payment of \$407,550 dollars to the general contractors, CTA.

The board also approved the use of the town hall auditorium for rehearsals and performances of "The Wedding Singer" by the Sweet Apple Theater company from August 20-26. The fee waiver request was approved contin-

gent on the organization submitting proof of non-profit status.

Mr. Espindola asked for clarification on the policy of waiving town hall rental fees and Dr. Bowcock explained that the board often waives the hall rental fees for non-profit organizations wishing to use the auditorium for rehearsals and charges only for performance days. All organizations, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, however, are required to pay janitorial fees for each day the building is used.

Mr. Espindola also asked about policies for releasing minutes from executive sessions, and Dr. Bowcock explained that executive sessions that involve litigation or contract negotiations are released to the public once those matters have been

resolved.

The board also voted to:

- Appoint Ivey Winkler to the Dog Park Committee;
- Approve a three-day all-alcohol license for the Our Lady of Angels Feast from Sept. 1-3;
- Allow the Buzzards Bay Coalition to set up signs along the Watershed Ride bike route with the stipulation the signs be removed afterwards;
- Approve the Community Connections fundraiser walk-a-thon on September 15;
- Reconvene in executive session to discuss a neighborhood issue with Attorney Kenneth Littman and to discuss the digester project.

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## NFL Punt, Pass & Kick

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Kool Kids is for children entering 1st grade to age 12. Children will have fun each day by participating in a variety of sports, games and art activities. Each session will also include special themed events. Children are grouped by the grade they will enter in the Fall. Don't miss out on this great summer program. Last year's program was full every week. Sign up early so we can take more participants than in years past. Hours: Monday thru Friday 8AM—3PM, Drop off 7:45AM—Pick up 3PM \*extended day will be available; AM only (7AM) - \$25, PM only(4PM) - \$25, Both \$40

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- 8/15 Warwick Mall
- 8/22 Plymouth Shopping
- 8/29 So. Shore Plaza

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### Dental Screening

Fourth Thursday every month, 8/23, 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Carly White, dental hygienist. Screening, cleaning and fluoride treatments will be available and covered by Mass-Health. All others \$75.00 Must fill out a form and sign up for appt. at the Sr.

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### Senior Singles Supper Club

First and third Tues. of the month from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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# Acushnet Selectboard accepts LaPalme property; OKs Bay Sox

By Diane Kozak

## Neighb News Correspondent

The selectboard approved the paperwork for the town's acquisition of the conservation rights on the 46.6 acre lot adjacent to the Acushnet Saw Mill property commonly referred to as the LaPalme Property. The acquisition of the CR and related costs total \$135,000. The rights will restrict the use of the property to open space with recreational opportunities.

Allen Decker, Land Protection Director of the Coalition for Buzzards Bay, reported that all the documents needed from the state had been obtained for the July 31st closing.

The town's residents committed to protecting the LaPalme property at the June 4th town meeting when it voted to acquire the conservation rights with Community Preservation Funds.

"It links in with an overall plan that the Coalition has really kicked off with the taking and refurbishing of the old Acushnet Saw Mill property," said selectboard chairperson David Wojnar.

In another matter, board members reacted favorably to a request by Pat O'Connor, President of the New Bedford Bay Sox, regarding the possibility of having the team play an August game at Champions Field in Pope Park. He explained that the Bay Sox is one of ten teams of the New England Collegiate Baseball League and that the league recruits players attending U.S. colleges. Most of the players have professional aspirations.

Mr. O'Connor told the board that the team is doing extremely well this season and will make the playoffs. The team's home field is the Paul

Walsh Field on Hathaway Boulevard in New Bedford, however, Mr. O'Connor hopes to play a play-off game in Acushnet.

"When I had the pleasure of actually looking at the field and checking it out, because it has to meet certain specifications, not only does it meet those specs but it looks like a very attractive venue to bring the Bay Sox into," Mr. O'Connor said about Champion Field.

"I think it's a remarkable opportunity for the people in the town of Acushnet," said Selectboard member Leslie Dakin. "I congratulate the team on such a successful season and they

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certainly have my support."

Dan Menard, Highway Department Superintendent, presented the board with the road work recommendations for the Chapter 90 funds. He reported that the town has \$668,610 available for road work at the present time. He described the recommended road work which includes two sections of Middle Road and Barksdale Lane. He stated that the cost of the projects would be \$448,185. Mr. Menard said that the remaining funds may be used for one more road work project,

possibly on Holly Ave., North West or Nestles Lane. Other funded projects include line painting and crack sealing.

Town Administrator Alan Coutinho explained that P.J. Keating will be doing all the road work as the company won the annual contract. He stated that the company with the most favorable per square yard cost is engaged for one year whereby all work is performed during the year at the awarded bid price.

Mr. Coutinho also reported that the preliminary financial reports for the golf course are in and they show a profit of approximately \$121,000. He noted that as recently as the June town meeting the course was expected only to break even this year making the profit unexpected.

He credits the financial success on the favorable weather during the year as well as the selectboard's directives in regard to cutting costs at the facility while encouraging people to play the course. The profits earned will be put into the Contingency Fund.

Mr. Coutinho publicly thanked Senator Mark Montigny and Representative Robert Koczera for their work on the proposed state energy bill. At the town's request the politicians worked to insert a clause that would restrict the town's ability to tax solar farms removed from the legislation. Mr. Coutinho explained that such a restriction would remove the incentive to encourage solar energy farming within a town.

- In other matters the board:
- Granted permission for the Apple Peach parade on Sept. 9th
  - Renewed COA Director Heather Sylvia's, contract

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# Acushnet receives new COA van



State Representative Robert Koczera cuts the ribbon on a new van for the Acushnet Council on Aging on Friday, 7/27, and is joined by (L-R) Acushnet Town Administrator Alan Coutinho, CEO of Coastline Elderly Services Paula Shiner, Acushnet Police Officer Louann Jenkinson and Council on Aging Director Heather Sylvia. The van was purchased through a Mass. Dept. of Transportation grant and received in March. To meet the grant requirements the COA raised 20% of the van's purchase price, over \$11,000, through various fundraisers conducted over a nine-month period. Ms. Sylvia proudly stated that no funds were requested from the town budget for the purchase of the van. She thanked everyone who supported the COA with this special project by giving their time, funds, goods and purchase power to the various fundraisers. *Photo by Diane Kozak. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*

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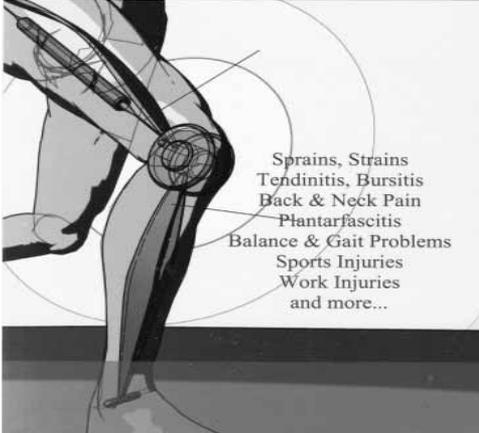
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# The science of sound

By Tim Haggerty

## Neighb News Correspondent

With the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection about to conduct a study on the sound generated by the wind turbines on Arsene in Fairhaven due to the number of complaints received by the Board of Health, it seemed like a good time to write about the science of sound. What is clear, is that there is still a lot about sound that we do not know.

What we do know is that it is derived from vibrating matter that creates waves in the air molecules around it. The pockets of air become compressed between the peaks and troughs of invisible sound waves. The tighter the compression, the higher the pitch of the sound.

With wind turbines, sound comes from three different interactions. The first is the high frequency sound that comes from the sudden change in velocity when wind reaches the turbine. This creates turbulence in the air around the blades and makes the familiar “swishing” sound as the turbulent air passes the edges of the turbine blades. This sound is known as trailing edge sound.

Wind turbines also make low frequency noises that come from changes in speed and direction of the wind itself. These noises are known as “in-flow turbulent sound.”

The last turbine sound, known as thickness sound, results from the wind being slowed by the tower just before it reaches the blade when the blade is at the 6 o'clock position, aligned with the tower on the lower swing. This sound is “tonal” and is below 30 Hz, which makes it harder to hear or register with most sound detection methods.

There is a multitude of other factors that influence the sound production of wind turbines. These include temperature, direction of winds, surrounding terrain, weather, height of the turbines, and angle of the wind turbine blades. Because of these effects, predicting exactly what the turbines will sound like in different areas is nearly impossible, even with computer modeling.

One phenomenon that has been observed by sound experts and also those living near the turbines is the tendency for the sounds to become louder or more focused at night.

Tony Ellis, a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Massachusetts Amherst Wind Energy Center, said that it has to do with atmospheric stability. He said that at night, when the temperature drops, “air tends to get more stable, and that has the effect of directing the sound more towards the ground.”

This is what causes the

sounds of the turbine to carry better at night than during the day — a time when the warmer air allows the sound to radiate out in all directions.

Once the air becomes stable, it then moves horizontally rather than up or down, carrying the sound with it.

“When you get that kind of stratification, you can think of it as like a lens or a prism, it tends to focus [the sound],” said Mr. Ellis.

This may explain why people in the vicinity of the wind turbines may lose sleep, even if the turbines seem quiet during the day.

Acoustician Robert Rand, a member of the Institute of Noise Control Engineering from Maine who has appeared in front of many committees on behalf of Windwise, the anti-wind group, said the noises turbines make at night can sometimes be compared to an oar scraping the water.

He said that at night, “the blades can go from fast moving, relatively smoother air, down to very turbulent air that’s moving much slower, and it’s like dropping an oar in the water, it makes a slap almost.”

*If a tree falls in the woods, does it make a sound?* This popular riddle points out that sound is perception. We could not hear sound without the intricate receptors of the ear and the accompanying sensory centers of the brain.

As waves of air molecules buffet the eardrum, those specific wave patterns vibrate the hammer, anvil,



These two industrial wind turbines behind the wastewater treatment plant on Arsene Street in Fairhaven have generated both electricity and noise complaints. The Mass. Department of Environmental Protection is conducting a sound study to determine if the WTs are in compliance with state noise regulations. Photo by Beth David.

and stapes of the middle ear, which send pulsations to the cochlea. The cochlea is a tightly wound, spiral structure that resembles a snail shell. The 3.5-centimeter length of the cochlea contains myriad pressure sensors that are responsive to a nearly limitless range of unique sounds. Higher-pitch sounds are the result of higher frequency waves, which cause the stapes to vibrate the oval window of the cochlea faster, and register closer to the beginning of the cochlea.

Lower-pitch sounds will register towards the end of the cochlea. These waves are much lower frequency. The frequencies too low for us to hear are below 20 Hz and have been ominously labeled ‘infrasound.’

The two qualities of sound most relevant to wind turbine noise are frequency and sound pressure.

Frequency is the pitch of a sound, measured in the number of vibrations per second or Hertz (Hz). Pressure is the loudness of a sound measured in decibels.

Humans can perceive sounds between 20 and 20,000 Hz in frequency and are most sensitive to those sounds between 400 and 4,000 Hz. Because of decreased sensitivity, sounds outside of this threshold require much higher pressure to be heard. This is how dog whistles work. You may blow just as hard into a dog whistle as you would into a regular whistle, but you will not be able to hear the dog whistle because it

**NOISE: cont'd on page 20**

# A little miracle turns one

By Pattie Pacella

## Special to the Neighb News

On Friday, August 3rd, our babies will be ONE year old. The details of our story are unique to us, but the circumstances that got us here are not uncommon, unfortunately.

We found out we were pregnant with twins in February 2011. It was something that both my husband and I had hoped for for three 1years.

The fact that we were blessed with twins was double the blessing and excitement as we began to plan their nursery, their names, and guess their sexes. It was a happy time for us.

The pregnancy was going really well. I was seeing my obstetrician every two weeks with regular ultrasounds. The babies were growing and were just perfect. A planned vacation in July 2011 to go camping in NH, was OK'd by my doctors.

"Go, relax. Have fun," he said.

And that I did. I read two books in five days. I had the occasional s'more by the camp fire. It was very relaxing.

On July 21, 2011, at 25 weeks, my water broke. There was nothing that I did that caused it to break; I was more relaxed than any other time.

It was a scary day for both my husband and me; but it was going to get scarier.

First, the doctors in New Hampshire didn't want to risk me or the babies by sending us on a two-and-a-half-hour ambulance drive to Boston, so they decided to transfer me to Maine Medical Center in Portland.

And that's where my home was for



the next four months.

I remained on bed rest at MMC for fourteen days. My husband traveled back and forth from Maine to our home here in Fairhaven weekly. I was determined to stay on bed rest as long as both my babies were safe and growing daily.

They had other plans.

On, August 3, 2011, they made their appearance. Grace Lucia was born at 7:14 a.m. at 1 lb. 12.5 oz; and Maxwell Hathaway was born at 7:23 at 1 lb. 12 oz. The babies were born at 27w3days.

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I experienced a major high from the birth of my twins, to an extreme low after four days when our son, Maxwell, passed. It was devastating.

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Other than being small, they were actually very long, so don't imagine one pound fitting in the palm of your hand...they could actually fit in your arm from elbow to wrist!

There would be so many more vocabulary words in my speech from this day forward. There would be many prayers, too. My babies were considered "micro-preemies."

Other than having a low birth weight, they had ten fingers and ten toes. They were the dream that we were seeking. I was finally a Mom.

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the birth of my twins, to an extreme low after four days when our son, Maxwell, passed. It was devastating.

There is never a good time for a mom

and dad to have to bury their child. Along our journey, we met many who lost a twin at birth. Fortunately for us, we got to hold Maxwell for four days.

Grace remained in the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) until December 5th; that's 125 days. She had chronic lung disease as a result of her prematurity, and came home on oxygen. She had a hiatal hernia in her belly, and had to have surgery in November 2011. She drank from a bottle, but not enough to support her growth development, so they placed a g-tube in her belly so she could eat via the tube.

Today, she is off oxygen completely. She drinks from a bottle when she wants to; and just started working on drinking via a small cup. She also eats via her g-tube, and it has helped her to grow tremendously. Her current weight to date is 14 lbs. 7 oz., so when you tell me she's a "peanut" for a year-old baby, we say, "We think she's a far cry from her birth weight of one pound. Thank you."

She's still long, going to be tall like her daddy, she's nearly 27½ inches. Grace has been through more in her little one year of life than many of us go through in a lifetime. She's our little fighter. She is a strong, little girl; and we are glad she is in our lives.

According to the March of Dimes, the rate of premature birth has increased to 36% since the 1980's, with 6% being born under 28 weeks.

There are many "preemie moms" I've met along the way this past year; they have been a Godsend, and I thank them.

I tell this story on Grace's first birthday, to wish a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY to both my babies: Grace & Maxwell. Also, to bring premature births to the forefront. You may know someone that has had a premature baby, or is going through that now.

As women, we blame ourselves for everything... it is not your fault. I look at it as if Grace just wanted to meet Mom & Dad sooner than later; and we are very grateful that she is here with us.

You can follow Grace's story on my blog: [www.babyblueberriespacella.blogspot.com](http://www.babyblueberriespacella.blogspot.com).

Happy First Birthday Grace!! And Happy Birthday to our heavenly angel, Maxwell!!! ●●●

Pattie Pacella has documented the birth and life of her "micro-preemies," twins Grace and Maxwell, on a blog. Max died four days after he was born. Grace is a thriving one-year-old. LEFT TOP, L-R: Maxwell and Grace at birth LEFT BELOW: Grace in a very big onesie at two weeks old. RIGHT: Grace today, at one year old. Photos submitted by Pattie Pacella.

# Legal Notices/ Public Hearings

## FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on August 14, 2012**, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following application. The applicant, **Windward Power Systems**, is requesting Special Permit approval, for a change of use of the former Delta Electric building, construction of a new 3,600 s.f. building with a 20' x 40' attached canopy and reconfiguring of the parking lot. In addition, the applicant is requesting a parking determination per Zoning Bylaw Section 198.27.B.4, to allow 12 spaces for the proposed new use. The location of the property is 379 Alden Road, Map 37, Lot 1A.

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

*Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the  
Planning Board*

**NOISE: cont'd from page 18** generates a higher frequency sound than the regular whistle, even though they are played at the same decibel level. Dogs can hear the sound because their ears have a higher frequency threshold.

"Some people might be more sensitive," said Mr. Ellis. "Just like some people might walk in a room and not smell anything while other people might gag."

Position relative to the turbines has a great effect on the quality of the sound.

"You'll tend to get a different sound pattern depending on whether you're upwind from, downwind from, or perpendicular to the machine," he added.

Karen Isherwood of Fairhaven has said that the turbines are loudest when the wind is blowing from the WTs toward her house and the WTs are facing away from her.

There are options to control for noise, according to Mr. Ellis. He said it was possible to erect a wall to absorb the sound in the affected area, similar to the big wooden fences seen on interstate highways, which are built for the same purpose of noise reduction.

However, others are not convinced that noise control options will work.

"The only reliable noise control method is distance," said Mr. Rand.

## Matt Brodeur wins Mason award

*From press release materials*

Matthew Brodeur of Fairhaven, a member of George H. Taber Masonic Lodge, received a well-deserved surprise when he attend a meeting on June 11th. He was presented the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award for his service and dedication to both the Scouting Movement and Masonic Fraternity.

"I had no idea what was happening, I was sitting outside the lodge room waiting to go in and my dad came into the room and get me and said, that I was being requested to go into the lodge," said Matthew. "I am still deeply surprised, humbled, and honored about receiving this award. I do the things not for any accolades, but because I feel that it's the right thing to do, and I enjoy helping other people which is why I got involved in both organizations."

Matt began his Scouting career in 1996 in Troop 8 in Middleboro, Mass, where he held numerous leadership positions within the troop, and fondly remembers the friendships and fun outings that he enjoyed during his time with troop 8 including a whitewater rafting trip in central Mass. In December of 2000, Matt received the prestigious rank of Eagle

Scout which is the highest honor bestowed on youth members of Scouting and is only achieved by approximately 1% of youth that join Scouting.

Matt's Masonic career began in 2003 when he Joined George H. Taber Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M. which is part of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Massachusetts. He also joined the Aleppo Shriners in 2006, and enjoys being a Shrine Clown as A member of the International Shrine Clown Association to entertain patients at the Shrine Hospitals and raising awareness and funds for the Shriners Hospitals.

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award was created as a national Masonic Scouter award and is administered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as a service to all other regular Grand Lodges. The Award is an honor due to members who act as role models and provide dedicated service to the young men in the BSA. The Award not only supports the Masonic relationship through the man who brought Scouting to America, but proclaims the integrity of the recipient who is honored by receiving the award.



L-R: Worshipful Master (WM) James Cochran, Master of George H. Taber Lodge, Fairhaven; Brother Matthew Brodeur; Right Worshipful (RW) Edward Gordon, District Deputy of the 19th Masonic District; after presenting Mr. Brodeur with the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouting Award for his service and dedication to both the Scouting Movement and Masonic Fraternity. *Photo submitted.*

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*By Timothy Haggerty*

### Neighbnews Correspondent

Three cases of the serious, tick-  
borne illness Ehrlichiosis (Human  
Granulocytic Anaplasmosis) have  
been reported recently in Fairhaven.

Local health agent Pat Fowle said  
that there have been, "quite a few  
cases in the area."

Lisa Russel, a public health nurse  
for Acushnet and Fairhaven who  
works at the Community Nurse and  
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said that she has seen four cases of  
this disease since January of this  
year.

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"Most people will get bit in the  
summer and then be tested in the  
fall," said Ms. Russel, "which is why  
we see the greatest number of cases  
from August through December."

She said that she worked on five  
cases in the month of December alone  
last year. She agreed that the disease  
is "pretty common" in our area.

Ehrlichiosis is a disease that first  
became recognized in the 1980's and  
was not reportable until 1999, accord-  
ing to the Center for Disease Control.  
The symptoms of Ehrlichiosis are  
similar to those of Lyme disease and

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## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 8/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 8/6, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Fairhaven Cultural Council

Mon., 8/13, Nemasket Bldg., 6:30 p.

### Finance Committee

Tues., 8/2, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 8/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 8/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Mon., 8/6, Commtty Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

### Board of Health

Tues., 8/7, Parting Ways Sch., 6:30 p.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 7/30, BPW Bldg., 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Tues., 8/7, Ford Middle Sch., 5 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 8/3, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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

	August 2012	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	2	0839	2105	0220*	1414*
Friday	3	0927	2151	0258*	1503*
Saturday	4	1014	2237	0332*	1547
Sunday	5	1100	2323	0406*	1629
Monday	6	1146	----	0440	1710
Tuesday	7	0008	1231	0516	1753
Wednesday	8	0052	1316	0556	1843
Thursday	9	0137	1402	0641	1948
Friday	10	0225	1451	0734	2119
Saturday	11	0317	1547	0838	2230
Sunday	12	0416	1647	0944	2320
Monday	13	0516	1743	1042	----

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

The cure for anything is  
salt water: sweat, tears  
or the sea.

*Isak Dinesen*

All the rivers run into the  
sea; yet the sea is not full.

*King Solomon*

# Letters from our readers

## Pantry shelves and coffers looking bare

It has recently come to my attention that the Shepherd's Pantry, located at the Long Plain United Methodist Church in Acushnet, has been struggling financially in keeping up with the demands of helping out the needy who frequent the pantry.

Blanche Pepin, the pantry's administrator, had mentioned to me that both the increase cost of food and the diminishing funds in their account have prompted her to ask me to write a letter so the general public can know of their situation.

Generally, I write a letter "To The Editor" in November, letting people know of their annual Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday fundraiser. But the dire need for donations at this time and the desire of the many volunteers who staff the pantry on a weekly basis never to turn away a needy individual prompted its administrator to request this special plea.

There are many people struggling financially on a daily basis that can use some help. And, the pantry's volunteers want to continue to help those less fortunate. You can help by sending your tax-deductible contributions to the Shepherd's Pantry, P.O. Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Any and all donations will help.

There should never be a reason why people go hungry in this country. Together, we can make a difference. God Bless.

*Gerry Payette, Fairhaven*

## "Tick Fever" is Here – and it Can Kill You!

A few weeks ago I sat down for dinner, a bit hot and tired from a day of work on our West Island yard and garden. Four hours later I was in an ambulance, en route to St. Luke's hospital with a raging fever.

The diagnosis was Ehrlichiosis. I, like most people, had never heard of it. The Government's Center for Disease Control describes it as a serious tick-borne illness that can be fatal if not promptly and properly treated.

Symptoms may include fever, chills, pain, nausea and vomiting, and mental confusion. They develop within one to two weeks of a frequently painless and unnoticed tick bite.

Treatment is with Doxycycline, an old tetracycline, but still the best remedy for cases like this. Immediate hospital treatment brought my fever down in two days, and I was released for continuing home care.

Home care includes continuing Doxycycline for a full twelve days, then undergoing further blood testing to verify success. An odd quirk is that I must avoid strong sunlight for that period or risk a brown rash from solar interaction with the drug.

The Fairhaven Board of Health\* is tracking reports. I'm aware of three cases on West Island. I've heard nothing of this potentially-fatal threat in the media.

*George Riley, Fairhaven*

*\*EDITOR'S NOTE: See story page 21.*

## A special "thank-you" to those who helped

*To my friends and neighbors at Presidential Terrace senior and disabled housing.*

During my eight years in our Presidential Terrace community I have never been prouder of my friends and neighbors than when my recent illness allowed me to understand how you rallied to help me with your gifts of concern and understanding.

Each of you in his or her unique way showered me with your many kindnesses. Two of you combined prayers of faith with oatmeal-raisin cookies. Two of your get-well cards were covering home-made tapioca pudding (I'm still eating it!!).

One of you spent endless hours in Hallmark card shops going over hundreds of cards and selecting the "perfect few" that said it all. I don't know how many you have, but I've gotten three already with your very personal uplifting messages. You are a very special person in my life. Thank God YOU are YOU!!

One of you, a 90+-year-old walker of our loop, said she missed seeing

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include fever, headache, fatigue, and muscle aches. Symptoms are known to appear one to two weeks after the initial bite.

The disease is rarely deadly and can be overcome within three weeks with proper treatment. The standard treatment for this disease is doxycycline. In some cases, a rash will appear similar to that seen in Lyme

me and Harley so she selected again the perfect card that said it all. It showed a SHORT, FAT runner puffing away. To be sure I would understand, she gave me a very subtle hint: she inked an arrow pointing at the SHORT, FAT runner. At the other end of the arrow, she inked in "BOB"! Could anyone make a card more personal than that? I loved it.

I am sure by now you can understand how much I appreciate my unique, imaginative, conniving friends!!!

Seriously, now it is my responsibility to find an appropriate way to thank you all. For that I have chosen the Boy Scout handshake. It is unique in that it is done with the LEFT hand and you respond with your left hand. Since the left hand is closest to the heart, it is the ONLY way to give HEARTFELT THANKS!!! This will be my personal goal until I have shaken all of your hands. "On my Scout's Honor"!!!

A very special heartfelt THANK YOU to ELAINE, my happy, smiling, out-going companion before, during and after my hospitalization at ST. LUKE'S for two weeks and during the subsequent recover period. She and others advised me to get hospital help, but I stubbornly felt I could take care of myself. Suddenly, she did a 180-degree turnabout in attitude to a very ANGRY person who told me I was a stubborn, stupid male chauvinist and to get off my ass and get hospital help NOW!!!

I knew she was right and I was at Tobey Hospital ER and admitted the night of July 7. She was with me every day of my two weeks in St. Luke's and every day of my home recovery. I KNOW SHE SAVED MY LIFE!!! She is a very special person who knows that real satisfaction comes from within her own heart.

THANK YOU for being YOU!!!

*Robert "Bob" Varley, Acushnet*

disease, although it only occurs in 30 percent of adult cases.

Ehrlichiosis is caused by several types of bacteria from the family Rickettsiae, which can be carried by the American dog tick, Deer tick or Blacklegged tick, and Lone Star tick. It is also known as Human monocytic ehrlichiosis (HME), Human granulocytic ehrlichiosis (HGE), and Human granulocytic anaplasmosis (HGA).•••

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