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Teddy Bears invade center on annual trek



More than 100 children and their teddy bears converged on the center of Fairhaven on Wed., 8/8, for the annual Teddy Bear parade. ABOVE: a group of teddy bear marchers approaches Our Lady's Haven from their trek starting at the Millicent Library. See page 12 for more photos. *Photo by Jim Mahaney. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Find Jim at JimMahaneyPhotography.Smugmug.com for more photos of this event and other events in and around Fairhaven.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Where to begin this week? Definitely with Bob Duarte, our own "sportsguy." He died this past Sunday after a long fight with cancer. He was only 70. Bob was very involved in Fairhaven, in the North Fairhaven that he loved, in sports, in everything. He approached me just a few months after I started the paper and started bugging me about a sports column. I told him I had no resources (read: money) to pay someone to watch games, and that I didn't have the room for it anyway (I do have to PAY to print this thing, y'know). So, he did it himself. God bless him, he barely missed a week in the past 6+ years, and I never paid him a penny. He was something else. See page three for his obituary and a little something I wrote about him.

I'll miss him, that's for sure. And I feel so lucky to have met his family and to have spent some time with them over the last couple of years. They are truly a great group of people. This job has some great perks.

I got an anonymous call from someone who lives near Pope Beach off Manhattan Avenue giving me serious what-for for mentioning their "gem" of a beach and telling everyone it was public. Funny thing is, as far as I can tell, we haven't told everyone about the public beach at the bottom of Manhattan Avenue since our special "Walk and Roll" issue in July of 2010.

After a little research online, I did find a mention of the public beach at the bottom of Manhattan Avenue in Fairhaven, but it was in the Seaside section published by the conglomerate on the other side of the river. Tsk, tsk. Editor Beth does NOT like it when people confuse her little free rag with the conglomerate or its smaller subsidiary on the wrong side of the river.

Now, ma'am, I'm sorry if your neighborhood has been inundated with out-of-towners who pee on your bushes. I'm sorry if the police are unsympathetic. And I'm sorry that you live near the public beach at the bottom of Manhattan Avenue, but I assure you, it was neither I nor mine who told the world about it this time.

However, you do know that a public beach is public, right? If you want to make it a resident beach, I suggest you go to town hall and find out the procedure for doing so.

On another note, I was so disheartened to hear about the Sikh massacre. My dear friend Pam posted this on Facebook after it happened, credited to Eric Parsons: "I was gonna post something that would tell you the difference between Hindus and Sikhs and Muslims but I realized that you don't need to know anything about somebody's religion to know that you shouldn't shoot them."

I think that just about says it all, don't you?

One last thing before I go...ready...are you ready? I started a blog...yes, an online log/journal/diary, whatever you want to call it. I've only posted one thing so far, but I plan on posting fun stuff regularly. I named it "Musings from a Small Island," and you can find it at <http://bethdavidmusings.blogspot.com/>

Read about my very first adventure on the water with my boat.

Until next week then...see ya,

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CORRECTIONS

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

OBITUARY: Bob Duarte, aka Bob Hobbs, Neighb News Sportsguy



Robert P. Duarte

March 18, 1942–August 5, 2012

Robert P. Duarte, age 70, passed away Sunday, August 5, 2012, at home surrounded by his loving family after a long illness. He was the husband of Carole (Bobola) Duarte to whom he was married for 49 years.

A lifelong Fairhaven resident, Bob was the son of the late Manuel and Deolinda (Prenda) Duarte. He was a graduate of Fairhaven High School Class of 1960. He worked as a machinist for Morse Cutting Tools for many years and then worked in the Maintenance Department at UMass Dartmouth until his retirement. He was the Secretary of Local 277 at Morse

Cutting Tools and Treasurer of Local 6350 at U Mass Dartmouth.

An active member of the community, he was a former member of the Preservation Committee, Conservation Commission, and Finance Committee, as well as a current Town Meeting member. He is a Hall of Fame member and former officer of the Livesey Club. He was founder and commissioner of the New Bedford Industrial Softball and Basketball leagues, a former little league coach, and a high school and ASA softball umpire. Mr. Duarte was an avid New York Yankees fan.

A special thank you to Dr. John Niedzwicki and Leslie Gonsalves at the Hawthorn Cancer Center.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, are his two sons, Douglas J. Duarte and his wife Stacey of Lakeville, Timothy P. Duarte and his wife Michelle of Westport; Two brothers, Joseph Duarte of Fairhaven; Donald Duarte of Dade City, FL; two sisters, Norma Santos of Fairhaven, Arlene Machado of New Bedford; and three grandchildren, Allyson, Sarah and Christopher Duarte all of Westport.

His funeral was held on Wednesday, August 8. A funeral mass was celebrated immediately after at St Mary Church,

Fairhaven. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery. Arrangements were by Rock Funeral Home, 1285 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford, MA. For tributes please visit www.ROCK-funeralhome.com.

From the Editor

A little more about Bob

Bob Duarte, aka Bob Hobbs, the Neighb News Sportsguy, lost his fight with cancer this week. A Yankees fan in Red Sox Nation, Bob loved to use his column to rub it in every chance he got. The Prose on Pros portion of his column was lots of fun to read.

Not a writer by training, Bob decided within months of this publication's debut in 2006 that we needed a sports column.

I told him flat-out I would not pay for sports coverage, I had no money to pay for sports coverage and if he thought it was so important he could do it himself. I'll be damned...he did.

Lots of people want to write for the paper, and think they can. They usually submit a few pieces and then realize how hard it is to make a deadline every week. It usually takes

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Historical Commission working out details of Tourism move

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The question still remains: where exactly will the Fairhaven Office of Tourism be located once it moves out from its current location on Center Street? This was a topic of heated discussion at the Fairhaven Historical Commission meeting on 8/1 at the Academy Building.

Although the Selectboard voted to officially move the tourism office into the Academy, despite opposition from the Historical Society, a final decision on the actual space that Mr. Richard will set up the visitor's center in is still up in the air.

The Commission (HC) is a Town of Fairhaven committee that is responsible for the Academy and other historical buildings in town; the Society (HS) is a private, non-profit organization that runs a museum out of the Academy. It pays no rent or utilities.

Mr. Richard told the commission he still needed to discuss the matter with the HS which, according to Mr. Richard, has yet to respond to his attempts to communicate.

"The Standard Times said a 'compromise' was reached...there was no compromise reached," said Mr. Richard. "There hasn't

been any communication...I emailed [HS President Barbara Acksen] and she never ever responded."

Mr. Richard said he will continue to make every attempt to reach Dr. Acksen in order to reach an agreement, and asked Historical Commission Chairperson David Despres to attend any future meeting to act as "a referee and a middle man."

"We could need mediation," suggested Mr. Richard.

"I would hesitate for the commission to get heavily involved in that," replied Mr. Despres, but he later agreed to attend any future meeting as Mr. Richard requested.

According to Mr. Richard, the tourism director's office should be established in the present office room of the Academy, which the society currently uses for storage. The visitor's center, however, could either be located in the "period room" of the first floor, which the society has

resisted, or situated out in the hallway.

"If the society isn't willing...I'll work a way to fit things in the hall," said Mr. Richard.

Mr. Richards and the commission continued to discuss other issues, such as security, utility costs pertaining to each respective budget, and other preparations for Mr. Richard's imminent move into the building.

Mr. Richard suggested the society take an inventory of all the items they have in their possession, should there be any future claims of damaged or missing objects.

"If the society wants to protect their things, then they should take an inventory...or else it's fair game," said Commission Member Wayne Oliveira.

commission will dispose of whatever items are left there.

"If I had my way, I'd ask the DPW to come in here and clean it out. We've asked nicely," said Mr. Oliveira. "As a landlord, I wouldn't take that from a tenant. I just think we're spinning our wheels here."

The wheelchair ramp that was mandated by the Selectboard, most notably by Charles Murphy, was also a hot topic of discussion.

Mr. Richard recalled a meeting with Building Commissioner Wayne Fostin to talk about options for the ramp, which led to a discussion about a portable aluminum ramp at a cost of under \$2,000.

"From [Mr. Fostin's] point of view, that would be serviceable," said Mr. Richard.

"I think the selectmen need to step up and pay for an appropriate ramp for the building," said Mr. Despres.

"I don't want to see an ugly aluminum ramp slapped onto a historical building," said Mr. Oliveira.

"I have no problem with getting a ramp," added Mr. Despres. "I just want it done properly."

The commission concluded the meeting with a unanimous vote to send a letter to the society

demanding the removal of their stored items from the office space by October 1.

Mr. Richard projects that he will slowly begin moving his office into the Academy Building in mid-October, but may start to relocate smaller objects from the Center Street office into the Academy Building after Labor Day.

"I'm not trying to take over. I'm not trying to change anything," said Mr. Richard, suggesting that perhaps the Historical Society could "blossom" by having the visitor's center at the Academy. •••

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"I want it to protect me," added Mr. Richard.

Mr. Despres suggested the commission send a second letter to the society demanding that the society clear the clutter out of the office and the bathroom in preparation for Mr. Richard's move.

Commission Member John Medeiros said things such as traffic cones, picture frames and tables, currently clutter up the space. He then described the society's response to the first letter the commission sent requesting the clearing of the space as a "partial response."

Mr. Despres described the society's response as a "token effort" to partially clear the space.

"For two years we've been asking them to clean the basement," said Mr. Medeiros. "And we all know how that got cleared out."

Mr. Oliveira said the commission should demand that the space be cleared out by October 1, or the

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

RABIES ALERT

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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), page 19, for Gary Souza's update on Mother Wleh and the children she cares for in the Liberian bush.

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 or visit the FTA website: www.fairhaventennis.org and click on "Tournaments."

Clambake

At the West Island Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd. Accessible. Sunday, 8/19. Tickets required, \$25 pp. Call Linda Meredith, 508-994-8751

Hazardous Waste Fairhaven Residents only

Proof of residency required. **Satur-**

day, August 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon or until funds are expended!

At the DPW 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.

WI Wacky Regatta

West Island Wacky Regatta on Sunday, 8/12, 11 a.m. at Causeway Road Beach. Participants will have one hour to construct their vessels with race starting at 12 noon sharp.

Email Lisa Esten for rules of construction, sailing, etc.: westislandcookbook@yahoo.com

At the Unitarian

The following events are being held at the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven. Accessible. Call 508-992-7081, or visit www.uufairhaven.org.

Special Summer Sunday Service: "Spiritual Drumming" by Ed Rooney, August 12 at 9:30. While Ed and his fellow drummers lead a regular drumming circle (second Sunday of the month at 7 pm), this Sunday morning they will be incorporating drumming as a spiritual practice. You do not have to possess a drum to attend. There will be plenty of extra drums and percussion instruments. All are welcome!

Special Summer Sunday Service: "Singing Meditation" by Kim Mitchell and others, August 19 at 9:30. Since ancient times human beings have used singing and music to create a sacred, spiritual space. This Sunday, Unitarian singers invite all who wish to join their voices together in simple harmony to come and experience the joy of being and singing together. All are welcome, including listeners!

Tree Dedication

During the past several weeks there have been 14 cherry trees planted in Fairhaven and New Bedford. These trees were donated through Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara, the 100-year old benefactor of the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House museum. One tree has been planted at each of the following locations: Fairhaven: Town Hall, Unitarian church (to be finished), Academy

building, Old Stone School, Whitfield Gravesite at Riverside cemetery. Three trees are planted in New Bedford (one in each of the major parks). The main cluster of six trees has been planted in the Cooke Memorial Park (corner of Pilgrim and Cherry streets, Fairhaven). Three additional trees are included to be planted next year at the site of the new Wood School.

On Tuesday, August 14th, Dr. Hinohara will lead a delegation 30 from Japan to dedicate the trees at noon at the Cooke Memorial Park, corner of Pilgrim and Cherry streets, Fairhaven. The public is invited to attend. Among the dignitaries expected to attend are: Selectboard Chair Brian Bowcock, Selectboard member Charles Murphy, NB Mayor Jon Mitchell, Consul General and Mrs. Hikihara, Ms. Tomoko Nakahama and her daughter, Kei Konishi.

For information on the Friendship House visit <http://manjiro1.tripod.com/>

Ft. Phoenix Clean-up

Be the Solution to Pollution is conducting a clean up at Fort Phoenix on **Sunday, August 12. We will meet in the parking lot near the cannons at 8:45 am.** The work will be to the right of the hurricane dike.

Volunteers aged 8 and older are welcome. Children must be supervised at all times, since needles have been found in this area. Please wear sunblock and closed-toe shoes. Gloves, tools and water will be provided. For more information, email freymarylou@yahoo.com or call 508-496-0708. Visit: www.bethesolutiontopollution.com or www.facebook.com/pollutionsolution

Eco Themed Bible Camp

First Congregational Church of Fairhaven invites all children, preschool age through grade 5 to: What's So Amazing About Polar Bears? Vacation Bible Camp with an Ecological Theme, 8/20-24, 9:30-noon. Please register by calling 508-993-3368 before August 15th

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

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., 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 information, please contact the City of New Bedford Parks, Recreation and Beaches at (508) 961-3015.

Author Event & Writing Contest

The Working Waterfront Festival is pleased to announce the release of *Something Fishy*, a live recording of poetry and stories from the Festival. Over the past 8 years every Festival performance has been recorded. This CD compilation represents some of the best stories and poems and features festival favorites. Please join us **Thursday, August 9th at 7:30 PM at the Seaman's Bethel to celebrate the release of this unique recording.** Jon Campbell, Charlotte Enoksen, Colin Williams, and Dawn Clifton-Tripp will read their work. Signed copies of the CD will be sold at the event with proceeds benefiting the Festival.

This year, taking a page from the Astoria Fisher Poets Gathering, **poets, prose writers, and songwriters are invited to craft an original, new piece incorporating the following phrase: "Fishing, it's in the blood."** Participants will share their piece at the Working Waterfront Festival's Fisherpoetry Finale on Sunday, September 30th at 4:00 p.m. on the Steamship Stage. The audience will choose the winner who will take home a Festival t-shirt and copy of

the *Something Fishy* CD.

Navigate to us at www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org.

Call for Artists

The New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park is launching an annual Artist in Residence (AIR) initiative that will be a catalyst for the design and construction of art installations and performances which will highlight the vibrant history of the city. The inaugural project will be a mural in the heart of the national park. The AIR partners have issued a national call for artists to apply for selection through a competitive process.

The theme of the mural will be to **honor the 54th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry**, one of the nation's first African-American Civil War military units. It will be completed in Summer 2013, in time for the 150th anniversary of the 54th's mustering and famous stand at Fort Wagner. The mural will face Custom House Square, the spot where New Bedford men originally enlisted for service.

Interested artists should submit six successful examples of completed public art, a resume, and an artist statement. Once qualifications are reviewed, up to five artists will be invited and offered a stipend to submit full project proposals for a mural design. The selected artist will be required to create a permanent mural in the designated space in downtown New Bedford.

The AIR program will provide planning assistance as needed, an artist stipend, public recognition of the artist at events and in all media materials, and housing in New Bedford for the duration of the project. **Information on how to submit an application can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/nebe/air.htm>**

Call for Plays

Culture*Park is now accepting submissions of short original plays for the **11th Annual Short Plays Marathon**, taking place this year in downtown New Bedford on Saturday, November 24. **The deadline for submissions to reach Culture*Park is Monday, October 1, 2012.**

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submissions!

Please note the following guidelines for submitting a play to the C*P Marathon 2012:

- Plays should have a 15 minute maximum running time (15 pages or fewer)
- Plays should be recent and never produced
- For complete submission guidelines email culturepark.ed@earthlink.net, or call 774-202-0588.

Visit the web site at www.culturepark.org for information about Culture*Park, and to view clips from previous Marathons. Follow the 11th Marathon on facebook!

Culture*Park Theatre is a collaborative of theatre and performing artists and entities that supports the production and development of new works in theatre and dance, especially those with regional and culturally provocative themes. Culture*Park has presented over 200 short plays over the past 10 Marathons, many of which have had further development, subsequent production, and publication. Sponsored in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council

Free Day at the Zoo

Join us as we celebrate the memory of Shulamith R. Friedland. Through a generous family gift, **Buttonwood Park Zoo will be open free to the public on Sunday, August 12 during regular operating hours.** We invite the community to enjoy the Zoo, complimentary performances of the Toe Jam Puppet Band and activities throughout the day.

DREAM Act forums

Massachusetts Immigrant Youth Organize Forums for Information on New Obama Immigration Policy to provide an opportunity for immigrant youth to "come out of the shadows" and avoid fraudsters and scammers.

New Bedford: Friday, August 10th, 6pm, CCT-:265 Rivet St, New Bedford, MA

What impact can a work permit make in an undocumented person's life? Thousands of DREAMers across the country are about to find out.

For more information on the Student Immigration Movement, visit <http://www.simforum.com>

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Farmers Market

The Acushnet Farmers Market is held each Saturday, rain or shine, from 9 am to 1 pm at Stone Bridge Farm, 186 Leonard Street, Acushnet. We have ample off street parking and several vendors each week. For more information please call Joanne Harding at 508.951.1551 or email eventsonthefarm@gmail.com

Theatre for Kids

Ocean State Theatre Company is thrilled to welcome back the Crabgrass Puppet Theatre and their presentation of the tallest of tales, **Jack and the Beanstalk on Friday, August 10, 2012**. Recommended for children 4 years and older.

This innovative and exciting production of *Jack and the Beanstalk* is a feast of visuals and sound, performed on a stunning two-level stage, with big and beautiful puppets, a rhyme-spouting giant, a marvelous growing beanstalk, and a delightful musical score. Crabgrass Puppet Theatre's hilarious retelling of the tallest of tales is full of fun and loaded with laughs, creating a giant-sized entertainment for all ages!

Crabgrass Puppet Theatre's Jack and the Beanstalk will be presented on **Friday, August 10, 2012 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. 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 and via telephone, 401-782-TKTS (8587).

Clambake

Join the Friends of Smith Neck Meeting under the tent for an old Fashioned New England **Clambake beginning with homemade chowder on Saturday August 11**. Beginning at 1:30 pm the Clambake is a tradition at Smith Neck Meeting that has continued for three decades.

Volunteers start an enormous fire of wood and rocks about 8:30 in the morning. Other members grind quahogs for the chowder, make the stuffing and place fresh fish into bags. The clams are washed tenderly and then everything is bagged together and placed in wooden crates and baked over the fire.

Come early and see the steam billowing out from underneath the wet tarps as the rockweed crackles on red hot rocks. This is not just a feast of clams with all the trimmings; it is a dining event. The chowder and brown bread are served first.

Ways and Means sponsors a bake sale and Friends will have for sale two Cats Meow collector's items illustrating Apponegansett Meeting House and Smith Neck Meeting House. Accessible. **Clambake tickets are \$44 for adults and \$22 for children under 12. For reservations call Anne Lopoulos at 508-994-5816**. Smith Neck Friends Meeting is located at 594 Smith Neck Road at the corner of Rock O Dundee Road, Dartmouth.

Silent Auction/Boats

The Westport River Watershed Alliance is delighted to have two great boats in the silent auction at the Summer Gala on August 11th, generously donated by Ben and Ursula Brown. Both boats are ideal for enjoying the Westport River.

The first is an American 14.6' sailboat with trailer and a 2hp Honda 4-stroke outboard motor – the whole package. The second is an Adirondack Guideboat Kelvar 15', a classic. The Adirondack Guide Boat company (of Charlotte, Vt.) values this boat between \$3000 and \$3500.

The boats are on view for inspection at the Watershed office at 1151 Main Road in Westport. People are welcome to come during hours (9AM to 5PM Monday – Friday) and take a look at the boats. More detailed information is available in the office and on the website: www.westportwatershed.org.

Carnival F-R

The Schwartz Center for Children is hosting its 2012 Summer Carnival on **Saturday, August 11th at Friends Academy, 1088 Tucker Road in Dartmouth** from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Open to children and adults of all ages and abilities.

The Carnival will have plenty of activities for families, including arts and crafts, bounce castles, games, and a dunk tank. Food and refreshments are also available. Proudly sponsored by the Center's Family Involvement Committee.

Admission includes all games and

activities. Adults, \$6, children under 12, \$4. To RSVP, volunteer, or for more information, please contact the Center at (508) 996-3391.

The Schwartz Center for Children is a 501c3 non-profit organization that provides diagnostic, therapeutic, educational, and social services to children and young adults with special medical and developmental needs. The Schwartz Center is located at One Posa Place, Dartmouth, MA 02747.

Auto Show Fun Day

The Annual SHARE Foundation Auto Show and Fun Day will be on **Sunday, August 12th from 9 am to 3 pm at the UMass Dartmouth Campus**. This will feature a Car show, Flea Market, Crafts, Games and Refreshments. It is a fun time for the whole family. The event is \$2 per person for admission; \$10 to enter a car and \$10 for a flea market table. Call SHARE, (508)-999-8482 for more information.

Duck Derby

Mass Audubon's ninth-annual Duck Derby at its Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary takes place August 17-18. There were more than 5500 entries last year. Grand Prize is dinner for two, air travel, and two nights' accommodation anywhere in the world!

Entry fee: \$10. That's 10 bucks to back one duck, \$40 for five, and \$100 for a baker's dozen of 13 "quackers." And participants are guaranteed a chance at 49 other great prizes.

This year, because of the tide schedules (an incoming tide is required), the race takes place **Friday evening, the 17th, at 6 pm, with a full slate of more fun activities set for Saturday the 18th**.

The "Ducky Dash 5K" takes place at 8 am, followed by the "Kids Totally Quackers" Obstacle Course at 9:15 – and those who register for both events prior to August 17th receive a duck entry along with of their 5k and/or obstacle course entry fee!

Register at www.active.com, at the Sanctuary Field Station located at 1280 Horseneck Road in Westport, or by picking up entry forms at the Bayside Restaurant or Sylvan Nursery, also located on Horseneck Road. For more information or to enter the Derby, visit www.massaudubon.org/allenspond.

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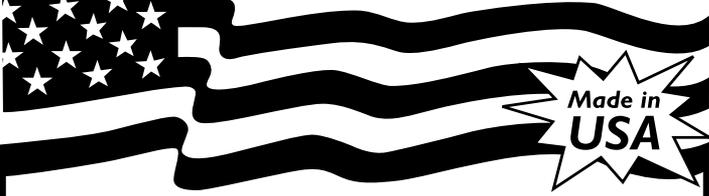
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just three or four submissions before they peter out. Not Bob. He was the most tenacious guy. Week after week he submitted his column, on time, about the same length, and covering as much as he could in sports.

I made up a little ID card for him so he could get into the games for free, but he usually paid anyway. He said he wanted to support the leagues.

I chuckled at the funeral when his son Tim said that Bob would cut his trees and shrubs without asking. Once I got on Bob's radar, he started giving me kindling wood, stuff for my wood stove to keep from leaking smoke, and anything else he thought I needed. He had a habit of pointing his finger and ordering on occasion, but that was okay, I got to give him his own medicine after he cut some branches from my tree out front. I told him I'd be cursing him for the rest of my days, because although he had properly cut back the branches, he also cut off the one I had tied a string onto to keep my gate open. Now, every winter, the string gets buried in the snow when I shut the gate at night, and so I swore about his "help" as I pawed through the snow in the morning looking for my string.

It'll be one of my fondest memories of him now. And I will think of him with a smile, not a curse, as I paw through the snow searching for that string from now on.

He was a North Fairhaven guy through and through, so I think it is so fitting his grave is near Main Street in Riverside Cemetery.* He tried to explain the North Fairhaven mind-set to me, and constantly reminded me to take pictures of all things North Fairhaven, especially in the parades, and most especially the Bicentennial. I made sure I got good pictures of the

Livesey Club and Oxford School floats, lest I feel the wrath of Bob and face that finger shaking at me.

It's because of Bob that I always try to start out in North Fairhaven when I'm taking pictures of the parades. I have many shots of him on the sidewalk. I felt terrible I wasn't able to do that for the big Bicentennial parade, but he never said a word about it. After all, I ran the Oxford School float and his precious Gil Santos.

In all those pictures of Bob on the sidewalk, he's smiling a big smile, right at the camera.

He laughed at everything, almost. Yes, he shook his finger at me a few times, but he almost always followed it up with a laugh.

There is no doubt that sports were his biggest passion. He lived for them. He asked for the score of the baseball game just hours before he died. He knew trivia that was trivial even by trivia standards. He gushed about Gil Santos (well, as far as a steady guy like Bob could "gush"), and educated me on many other Fairhaven people and milestones, always marveling at how clueless I could be.

Speaking of gushing, he was so proud of his sons and grandchildren I thought he would burst sometimes as he talked about them. He always said he was "lucky" to have such great kids, never seeming to understand his own role in creating the family he had.

As his sons, grandchildren, siblings, friends, and acquaintances all gathered for the wake and funeral, I watched the grandchildren, realizing that they lost him way too soon.

I hope they know they come from, what we call in these parts, a "good



Bob Duarte and his wife Carole joking around on a motorcycle at Carole's 70th birthday party in 2011. Photo by Beth David.

family."

It has nothing to do with how much money you have, being a good family. It has more to do with being steady, and good neighbors, good friends, and being able to rely on each other.

It means that when you face a dilemma, the smart thing to do is to think about what your grandfather would do, and knowing in your heart that if you can figure that out, it will be the right thing. And, I guarantee it will involve laughter.

Here is a poem that Bob wrote while he was sick, and that his family used on his Mass card. It didn't have a title, so I took the liberty of picking one. I hope the Duartes don't mind.

In My Twilight
By Bob Duarte

As I sit near the firelight
I realize I am in twilight
I wonder if I will sleep tonight
A candle I will light tonight
And hope it will be all right
For those who helped me
Through my flight
Thank you for your time
In my twilight.

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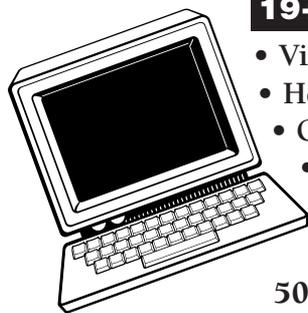
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walk around the center to visit the folks at Our Lady's Haven and back to the Millicent Library.

Jim Mahaney was on hand to capture the event in pictures for the

Neighb News.

Photos this page by Jim Mahaney. See them in color at www.Neighb News.com. Find more of Jim's photos at Jim MahaneyPhotography.Smugmug.com



Bella Vista owners don't like ConCom's consultant

Laura Fedak Pedulli

Neighb News Correspondent

It looked like it was a done deal when Fairhaven ConCom approved an Order of Conditions in June for Bella Vista Island property owner Heiam Alsawalhi, conditions detailing required wetlands replication and dune restoration plans to account for unauthorized clearing. However, while it appeared that only smooth sailing was ahead, the applicant's attorney approached the commission at its 8/6 hearing with a request that ConCom stop using its longtime wetlands consultant during final site visits.

Specifically, Attorney Shephard Johnson approached the commission with two purposes: to set up a site visit for the dune restoration project and to request that the Conservation Commission replace its consultant, Lenore White of Wetlands Strategies, for the remainder of the process. Mr. Johnson said the applicant is willing to absorb all costs associated with bringing a new wetlands consultant on board and up to speed.

"We are looking at the end of this. This is going to elongate this," responded commission member Cora-Dorothy Peirce on finding someone new. She cited Ms. White's valuable knowledge as she has been involved since the beginning.

Commissioner Steve Pereira concurred.

"I have confidence we can weed through this and get this done. Getting someone else on board will drag this out," he said.

While the commission agreed to a site visit on 8/19, Mr. Johnson continued to press his case against using Ms. White. He said the property owner "feels strongly about this" due to fundamental differences of opinion on many technical issues, including her ideas on land subject to coastal storm water flooding. He said even state wetlands specialist John Rockwell disagrees with some of Ms. White's technical views.

"We feel it is counterproductive when the consultant does not appear to be working with the client on resolving issues," explained Mr.

Johnson.

The commission seemed to grow more receptive to Mr. Johnson's concerns, but said it still plans to request Ms. White's presence at the scheduled site visit, which will firm up which vegetation to save and which vegetation to cut. The commission noted that Mr. Rockwell will be present, and stressed to Mr. Johnson that they are the final decision makers as Ms. White's role is solely to offer suggestions and recommendations.

The Department of Environmental Protection scheduled a separate site visit on 8/21, and the commission agreed to furnish the agency with all the documents related to the Order of Conditions approved in June. The

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move would help clear up confusion and ensure the DEP is reviewing the latest material that altered an Order of Conditions issued in February 2011.

Also during that conversation, Mr. Johnson reported to the commission that the wetlands replication work near the recycling center will begin soon.

"That process is moving forward, although there has been no earthwork yet," he said.

Also on the agenda that evening were four new hearings, but the commission postponed three of them until its next meeting on 8/20. Five other hearings rescheduled for that evening were postponed until 8/20 due to a lack of quorum. Chairman Andrew Jones was not present at the meeting. The marsh damage at

Shawmut Street will be discussed at the 8/20 meeting, when Ann DeNardis is expected to attend.

The only application approved was a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) filed by Linda Marchand of 16 Bayview Ave, who said she will remove two existing sheds that are "eyesores" on her property with a new 12x14-foot shed. As her property is within the AE flood zone, the project required ConCom's approval.

An RDA submitted by applicants Barbara Valliere and Mary Andrade of 17 Wampanoag Drive was continued at the request of the commission as no engineer was present to address technical questions. Also, the commission scheduled a site visit.

The applicants are seeking to reconstruct a seawall using existing stones within a VE flood zone.

Richard Gomes's after-the-fact Notice of Intent (NOI) application to install a 6-foot stockade fence and above ground swimming pool at 14 Sylvia Street was postponed by his request. His property is within the bordering vegetated wetlands buffer zone, triggering ConCom oversight.

Another after-the-fact NOI pursued by Roger and Anna Larocque of 10 Cove Street was continued to allow for a site visit. The applicants would like to move sand away

from the house and level the beach area at the property, which is situated within a coastal dune area, coastal beach and VE flood zone.

Commission member Joseph Taylor said a site visit could allow the commission to find other ways of handling the natural process of sand movement.

"We can see if there is something we can do to mitigate what's happening," he said.

Also that night, the commission approved a Certificate of Compliance for a small subdivision at Antone Drive. ●●●

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By Diane Kozak

Neighb News Correspondent

Silverbrook Farm, located at 934 Main Street in Acushnet, is a popular destination in the town's agritourism industry. This year the farm's fall tourist schedule begins the weekend of September 29th and runs through the weekend of November 3rd.

With an expected 2,000 visitors each weekend, owners Nick Ciaccia and JJ Pereira are prepared to welcome up to 12,000 people to their farm during the six-week period. Of the visitors Mr. Ciaccia estimates that 70% to 80% of them travel from out of town, many from the Boston area.

The Silverbrook Farm offers a wide range of programs to attract visitors, particularly families; hayrides, pumpkin patches, farm animals, children's activities and a 3 1/2 acre corn maze, to name a few. As part of the company's progressive business strategy, this year the farm added Emack & Bolio's ice cream to its list of offerings. The farm stand is open on weekends.

"We are constantly trying to

renovate our program while keeping to the spirit of traditional farming," Mr. Ciaccia said. "We need to be creative to bring in the new generation. The world has changed so much and farming has to change with it. Encouraging people to visit the farm is just part of this type of change."

The farm owners credit their own Internet marketing for most of their tourist trade. Mr. Pereira stated that the company website is linked to many common words that would-be visitors may type into a search engine, such as hayride and



ABOVE: The farm stand at Silverbrook Farm in Acushnet awaits the weekend when visitors from all over will converge to buy fresh produce. During the fall tour season starting on 9/29 owners estimate that 2,000 people each week will visit the farm, with 70-80% traveling from the Boston area. BELOW: This big guy lets you know you've reached the farm. Photos by Diane Kozak. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

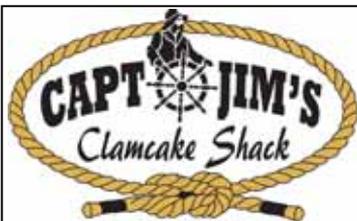


pumpkins. He explained that in today's world he believes that marketing on the Internet is critical for a successful tourist program.

Silverbrook Farm also offers a Community Supported Agricultural Program (CSA) which sells shares of the farm's harvest to members. Like the tourist part of the business, the program attracts out-of-town people to Acushnet. The owners estimate that 80% of the CSA members are not residents.

Acushnet does not have a formal plan to attract tourists, such as a tourism office, tourism committee or dedicated tourist website. According to selectboard member Les Dakin, to his knowledge no plans to form such a group has been discussed. He stated that an attempt to form an

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Finance Committee toils and frets about process

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The meeting was designed as an informal roundtable discussion on improving the budget process, yet, at times, it looked somewhat like a support group for frustrated FinCom members, defending themselves and airing their grievances about the status quo.

A sub-committee of the Fairhaven Finance Committee aimed at improving the budget process met on 8/1, when committee members spoke out about inaccurate calculations and slow budget submissions, policy, or lack thereof, on-budget prioritizing, the town audit, and the pros, but mostly cons, of the financial relief of employee lay-offs.

Adding to FinCom frustrations, the committee was allegedly kept in the dark over an unaccounted-for extra sum of \$200,000 that remained unreported to FinCom until one day before publishing the fiscal year 2013 books.

"What I had to go through to get an admission that the money existed," said FinCom Chairperson John Rodriques, who did most of the talking throughout the evening. "You saw that."

Admitting that he eventually did find out about the extra unreported money, Mr. Rodriques described Town Hall's subsequent admission of the money metaphorically as "pulling teeth."

"I forgot?" Mr. Rodriques said sarcastically about the excuse he received. "How do you forget about \$200,000?"

Before moving on, Mr. Rodriques commented that the whole \$200,000 was now "water under the bridge."

On another matter regarding final budget submissions, Mr. Rodriques contemplated sending a letter to department heads to curtail the annual "trickling in" of near-tardy budgets, sometimes with calculation errors.

"If you submit it late, you're going to be very possibly on the outside looking in," stated Mr. Rodriques.

He warned, "Be careful if you want something extra."

Committee members agreed that certain departments simply do not follow the chairperson's directions when submitting budgets, and cited an unspecified department that is

annually "tardy and wrong" with its calculations. Later, Mr. Rodriques added that the school department budget has not been submitting its budget in time for the January deadline.

"But it's not a hardship for us," said Mr. Rodriques before moving on to another topic.

Committee member Sid Martin initiated the discussion over priority policy, and began by designating the school, police, and fire departments as "more important than other departments."

"What ends up happening is...we end up deciding," stated Mr. Martin.

"And you get criticized for it," added Mr. Rodriques.

"I don't mind," said Mr. Martin. "I'll take any heat. We all have big

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shoulders."

"The Finance Committee's job is to come up with a budget...it shouldn't be determining priorities. That's what the leadership is for," said Mr. Rodriques, adding "We shouldn't be deciding what's more important...but when you don't have any direction... what's the policy?"

Committee members listened as Mr. Rodriques kept the focus on priority policy, adding that he has been "waiting and waiting" for over five years for a solution from Town Hall.

"And Mr. Osuch sits there and he sweats and sweats," said Mr. Rodriques. "Wait for the finance committee to do it and then blame them."

He insisted, "It's not gonna happen anymore."

Another pet peeve of the sub-committee was the outdated and

seemingly inefficient process of submitting finalized budgets in the form of what Mr. Rodriques called "foolish sheets" to Town Hall.

The process goes something like this: Department heads enter their data and calculations into their computer software, which then has to be submitted to Town Hall in a handwritten format, which administration then enters manually into the computer.

"Why?" Mr. Rodriques asked, calling the process "baloney."

"In the past years, I don't quite understand how things get done in this town accounting office," said Mr. Rodriques. "There's no way I'm going to give you more staff when you're running things this way."

Mr. Rodriques also announced that the annual town audit, for the first time in years, has been put out for bidding, suggesting that it is "common sense" that the Town should repeat the bidding process every five years or so to avoid complacency.

"The point is not to get a better price. You want a fresh set of eyes," Mr. Rodriques stated.

Sub-committee member Theresa Szala asked about the incentive for laying-off more employees to balance the budget, which Mr. Rodriques responded to by explaining the "three for one" theory.

Essentially, in order to save \$50,000, for example, the Town must lay off three employees to save the equivalent of one worker's salary. Because of buy-backs, insurance benefits, and unemployment, the Town does not see much financial relief from the lay-offs until many months after.

"You don't make any money until you stop paying everything [the workers] are owed," explained Mr. Rodriques.

The sub-committee meeting adjourned on a positive note, with members satisfied with the open discussions, and planned their next meeting for 8/16 at 7:00 p.m.

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Rabies alert in Fairhaven: fox that bit person is killed

By Beth David

Editor

A resident of Birchfield Street in Fairhaven reported being bitten by a fox on Tuesday, 8/7.

According to a statement from the Fairhaven Board of Health, there was no direct evidence that the animal was rabid, but the board felt it was important for residents to be aware of the situation. Health Agent Patricia Fowle hand delivered a letter to residents in the area within hours of the bite warning that if they or their pets had any contact with a wild animal they should seek medical attention.

It turned out her letter was just in the nick of time. Later on the same day another resident encountered the fox. He told town officials that the animal was acting out of character and just did not react naturally. When the fox started to approach him, he picked up the nearest thing he could find, a shovel, and killed it. He also said it was the letter that made him be especially wary of the animal.

Fairhaven's Animal Control Officer, Cat Mindlin, immediately gathered up the fox and took it to the resident who had been bitten, and she positively identified it.

The woman who was bitten told officials she was walking her dog when the fox approached. She thought it was going to attack her

dog, but instead it attacked her.

She will undergo rabies shots as a precaution, according to Ms. Fowle.

"RABIES is 100% preventable with timely medical treatment," wrote Ms. Fowle in her letter to residents. "But rabies is 100% fatal if not properly treated."

She also included a public health fact sheet on rabies with the letter. It is available on the Mass. Department of Public Health's website at www.mass.gov/dph/rabies or on the Neighb News website: www.NeighbNews.com. Call the Board of Health at 508-979-4022 for more information.

Rabies affects the brain and spinal cord of mammals and spreads from animals to humans with a bite or if their saliva gets into a scratch, the eyes, nose or mouth of a person.

Rabies in animals is fairly common, but rarely causes death in the United States. Of the 55,000 people who die every year worldwide from rabies only one or two are in the US. The last death from rabies in a Mass. resident was in 1983, associated with exposure in Nigeria, according to the fact sheet.

In Massachusetts, more than 5,000 animals have tested positive for rabies since 1992. Most were of wild animals, but every year some pets and farm animals also get rabies. Fortunately there is a vaccine to protect dogs and cats from the disease.

Most of the recent human cases of rabies in the US have been caused by bats. Their tiny teeth make it difficult for people to realize they have been bitten. Any possible contact with bats should be taken seriously and reported.

People exposed to rabies are given "immune globulin" shots near the bites. They are also given four to five vaccinations in their arms over several weeks. As long as the shots are given before the person gets sick, the shots will prevent the disease. If a person does not get the shots and gets sick with rabies, there is no effective treatment. Rabies is almost always fatal.

Anyone who is bitten or scratched by an animal should immediately wash the wound with soap and water for ten minutes. Then call your doctor or the board of health. To report the animal, call your local animal control officer (508-979-4028 in Fairhaven), police, or the board of health.

Any animal acting oddly or aggressively, should be considered possibly rabid, but not all rabid animals will exhibit signs of the disease.

For more information, contact Mass. DPH, 1-888-658-2850 or the Mass. Dept. of Agricultural Resources, Div. of Animal Health, 617-626-1786, www.mass.gov/agr

The Fairhaven ACO was not available for comment on this story. ●●●

RMV has new customer service number

Press Release

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation announced a new telephone number for Registry of Motor Vehicles business and transactions: 857-DOT-8000/857-368-8000.

The number is now live and serves the RMV's Call Center which answers, an average of 45,000 calls each month.

Over the next year, customers will become familiar with the 857-DOT area code and exchange as MassDOT offices across the Commonwealth transition to the new number. The telephone transition will result in annual phone bill and maintenance savings of approximately \$422,000.

"Transportation Reform continues with 857-DOT," said MassDOT Secretary and CEO Richard A. Davey. "We are replacing the antiquated and redundant telecom systems of the

RMV, Turnpike, MassHighway and Executive Office of Transportation to realize significant savings and improve customer service."

The RMV's new telephone number, 857-DOT-8000 is being advertised inside Registry branches, on the MBTA system and through the Highway Division's digital billboard PSA program throughout the month of August.

The RMV reminds customers that there are two dozen transactions that may be performed online at mass.gov/RMV.

For transportation news and

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OBITUARY: Marianne Blanche Honohan



Marianne Blanche Honohan

August 7, 1936–August 1, 2012

Marianne B. (Toussaint) Honohan of Fairhaven, MA and Fort Myers, FL passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at age 75 after a courageous battle with cancer, with her loving husband of 56 years, James P. Honohan, by her side.

Marianne and Jim were married on

September 1, 1956, at St. Francis Xavier Church, Acushnet, MA.

Marianne was the daughter of the late Charles and Marie Anne Toussaint. She was born and grew up in Acushnet, MA, and was a graduate of Saint Anthony's High School in New Bedford. She was an employee of Titleist from 1954 to 1962. Marianne was also employed by Sippican, working on projects for NASA prior to the moon landing. She volunteered much of her time at St. Luke's Hospital, Alden Court Nursing Home, and various church projects and events. She was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Fairhaven and Pope John the XXIII Church in Fort Myers.

Marianne and Jim enjoyed traveling together, including spending fall through late spring at their home of 18 years in Fort Myers. The couple traveled to many places in the U.S. and Europe.

Up until her final days, Marianne

had a lot of spunk. She always had the ability to make people smile and cared greatly for her loved ones.

Marianne is survived by her husband Jim, her daughter Heidi Winnett, son-in-law Scott Winnett, and grandchildren Meredith and Matthew Winnett. Other survivors include many cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Her funeral arrangements are in the care of Waring-Sullivan Home of Memorial Tribute at Fairlawn, 180 Washington Street, Fairhaven, MA. A memorial mass will be celebrated at 10AM on Saturday, August 11, 2012 at St Joseph Church, Spring Street, Fairhaven, MA. Visiting Hours will be held on Friday, August 10, 2012 from 5-8pm. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Community Nurse and Hospice Care, PO Box 751, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

For guest book visit <http://www.fairlawnmortuary.com/>

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Agricultural Commission in the town was made a few years ago, however due to a lack of interest from the farmers no group was formed.

Although the town's master plan states that open space areas, such as farms and orchards, are to be protected, no town official would say that agritourism was included in the plan.

Despite the lack of a formal agritourism plan, Acushnet has become well known for its family friendly farmlands and orchards. The Apple Peach Festival, which is the unofficial kick-off of the tourist season, attracts thousands of visitors each September. The town's quaint atmosphere, historic sites and inviting farm stands make Acushnet the destination of choice for many visitors every year.

When asked about the use of Agritourism to promote farm land preservation within the town, the Silverbrook Farm owners said neither of them had ever been approached by a town official to discuss the subject. Mr. Ciaccia did say, however, that they actively do suggestive selling to their customers to encourage them to go to other area businesses. He stated that he believes promoting all the town has to offer is good for ever-

one's business.

"We tell our customers about the apple orchards and the restaurants in the town. We also tell them to visit the other farms because we don't all offer the same things," said Mr. Ciaccia. "There isn't any way of knowing for sure how many of these folks take our advice, but I imagine a lot of them do."

As for the town formalizing its tourism efforts Mr. Ciaccia said, "It would be great! A tourism focused group would help get more people into the area. I would really love for something like this to be put together and I would be very interested in being part of it."

Acushnet is also home to several apple orchards, such as the family-owned Peters Orchard on Main Street that offers tractor rides and pick-your-own days.

Also in the fall, Stone Bridge Farm sells cranberries grown from their own property and invites people to the harvest.

And Ashley's Peaches, at 1461 Main Street in Acushnet is the place to go for local peaches. They are already in the midst of their busy season. They sell peaches on a first-come, first-serve basis from late July through September starting at 12

noon on the days they pick the fruit. Customers must call ahead for availability. To ensure they get their peaches, customers are known to come to the farm as early as 9:30 in the morning to take a number and get in line to be served. Of the 30 or so customers at the stand on August 6th the vast majority of them had traveled in from out of town.

Many of the farms and orchards also sell "value added" products such as pies and jams made from their own produce.

During blueberry season, several places sell from farm stands and allow visitors to pick their own.

Visit the Acushnet Farmers Market on Saturdays, from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. at 186 Leonard Street to find more local farms.

To find more farms throughout the area and what they offer visit Southeastern Mass. Agricultural Partnership at <http://semaponline.org/>, www.farmfresh.org, <http://acushnetfarmersmarket.com/> ●●●

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Bertolt Brecht

Fairhaven Meetings

Conservation Commission

Mon., 8/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 8/13, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Mon., 8/13, Sr. Ctr., 8:30 a.m.

Cultural Council

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

Community Input Meeting

Finance Comm/Sub-Comm

Tues., 8/16, 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., 8/13, Commty Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 8/13, BPW Bldg., 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Tues., 8/21, Ford Middle Sch., 5 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 8/13, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Register to Vote

The deadline to register to vote in the state primary is Friday, August 17. The state primary will be held on Thursday, Sept. 6.

Voters should contact their town or clerk's office for details: in Acushnet, 508-998-0215; in Fairhaven, 508-979-4025; in New Bedford, contact Board of Elections, 508-979-1420.

The September election is a Primary election and voters may only receive a ballot in the party in which they are enrolled. Only Unenrolled (Independent) (Undeclared) voters have the option to select the party ballot.

Legal Notices/ Public Hearings

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on August 20, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. In the Fairhaven Town Hall, Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

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- Reorganization of Commission
- Letters on Shawmut Street Saltmarsh
Respectfully Submitted
Andrew Jones Chairman
Fairhaven Conservation Commission

WWIA breakfast buffet A Summer Tradition



Only one more chance to enjoy the West Island Improvement Association's breakfast buffet. The monthly breakfasts run from June through September. The next, and last, is scheduled for Sunday, 9/2. ABOVE: Hattie Bither, 99, makes a rare appearance with her son at the WIIA breakfast on Sunday, 8/5. LEFT: Jackie Hobson and Terry Meredith yuk it up for the Neighb News. *Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

Volunteers clean WI mailboxes



On Sunday, 8/5, a group of volunteers organized by the West Island Improvement Association cleaned graffiti and dirt off mailboxes on West Island after Bobby Kowalski got permission from Postmaster Peter Angelone. TOP, L-R: Shea Booth and Danny Reynolds clean the mailbox across from the WIIA community center. ABOVE, L-R: Kelly Barnes, Ashley Bennett and Mia Bennett clean the mailbox between Cottonwood and Dogwood, south side. *Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit us at www.facebook.com/neighbnews for more photos of this and other events.*

Concerts wind up tonight



The Concerts in the Center, a weekly summer series held in front of town hall, winds up with its last concert tonight, 8/9. If you missed it, you'll have to wait until next year. "It's outside. It's what our town is all about," said Meg Bradshaw. "It's what I like about Fairhaven. You feel like you're part of a town." The popular series draws a couple of hundred people who take their own chairs and blankets with them and set up on the lawn of the Millicent Library. Children chalk up the street and dancing is definitely encouraged. TOP: Zachary Ferreira enjoys a snack as his adults look on. LEFT: Carly Bradshaw is just a blur as she dances to the tunes of "Captain Malibu." *Photos by Beth David.*

Seal on Beach is probably okay



Beachgoers speculated that this seal was sick as it lounged on the town beach at West Island over the weekend. According to Fairhaven Harbormaster David Darmofal, experts determined that it was okay. "It doesn't need to be fed, shaded or covered with water. It looks like a healthy, robust female," he said, and reminded everyone that it is illegal to go within 150 feet of a seal. *Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

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