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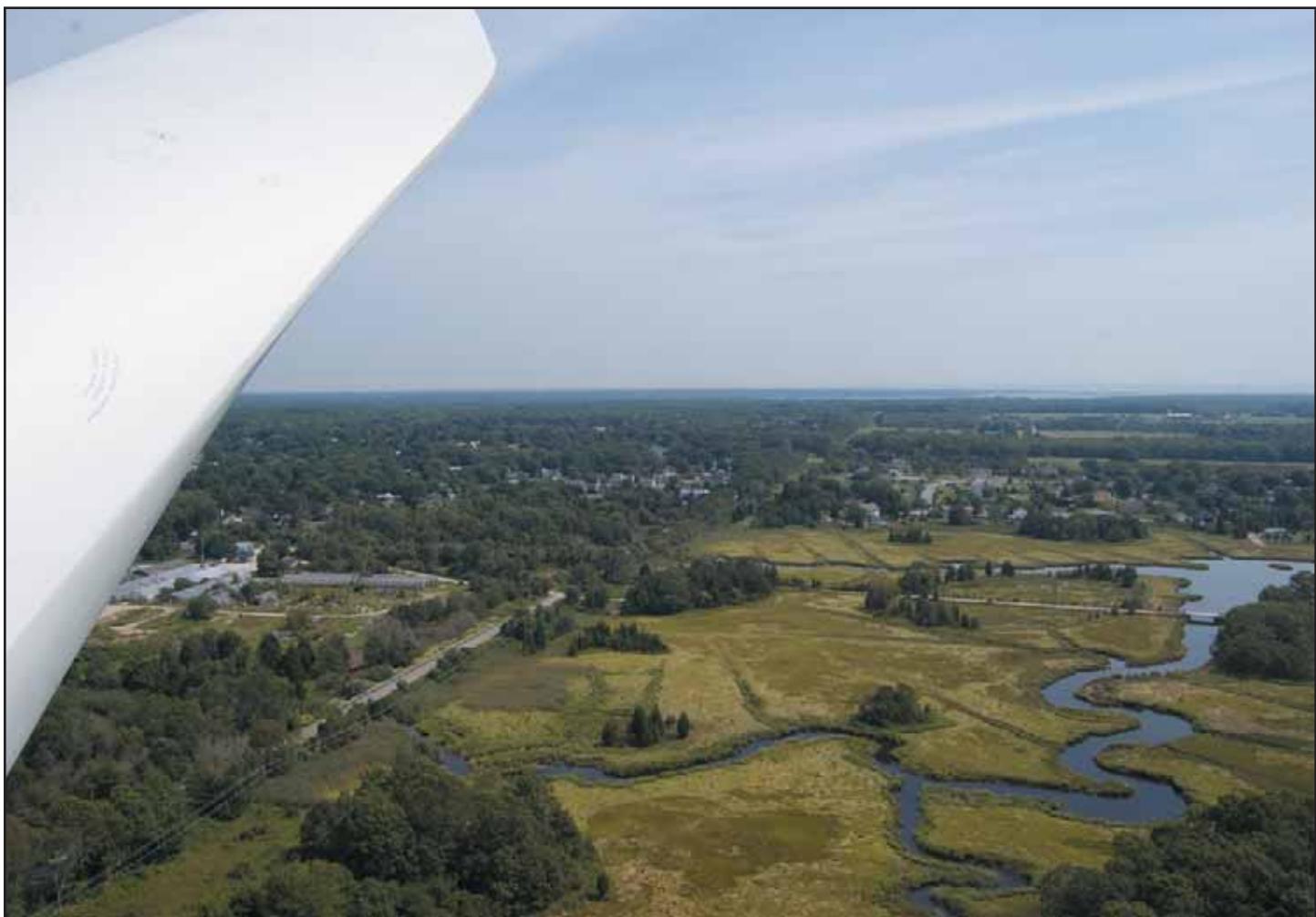


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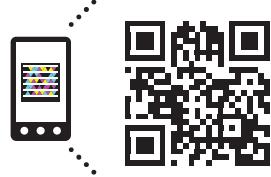
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## From the top of the town



This east facing view from the top of the north wind turbine behind the wastewater treatment plant on Arsene Street in Fairhaven shows the Nasketucket River winding its way into Little Bay. The bike path is to the left heading towards Mattapoisett. See page 16 for story and 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.

Okay, let's see how fast I can go here...

Oxford School building tested positive for mold spores. Big disaster averted when subsequent tests showed no mold. See page 17 for story.

Fairhaven is STILL THE MOST HALLOWEEN OBSESSED town on

the East Coast, and now we have a movie to prove it. See page 20 for information on "The American Scream" which will premiere at a film festival in September. Our own Manny Souza will be there to see it and report back to us. Manny is also one of our local stars of the movie, along with Victor Bariteau and the father-son duo Richard and Matthew Brodeur.

And....our cover story....[drum roll, please]....I got to CLIMB the wind turbine. How cool is that? Is this job cool or what? I also got to include a couple of photographers, so we have some unbelievable pictures from the top of the town. (See pages 12 & 13.) We could only print a few here, of course, and they aren't in color, so, be sure to visit us on our website and on Facebook for many more photos of the day.

Oh, my aching bones...it was HARD climbing that ladder, really. But it was worth it. Kind of like climbing a mountain, one step at a time. Whenever I go hiking, I always wonder why I thought this old overweight body could do it, but then I push it to the top and see why it's worth it.

But all of that pales in comparison to this weekend being the ONLY weekend of the year when you can get THE BEST MALASSADAS ON PLANET EARTH. Yes, you read correctly: on planet earth (see page 3 for details).

It will be a tough one for many, though. This will be the first feast without Katie Brienzo. She was there the whole time, usually, either helping in the kitchen or just walking around talking to people (okay, hugging people). She will be in the thoughts of many of us as we stroll around the grounds.

Be sure to read the Selectboard story on page 4. I'm afraid Mr. Espindola is not too happy with some of my questions. In his emails he sounded rather put-upon, but, hey, I was just trying to clarify. It surely sounded like he was advocating that the selectboard enter into a long term agreement (on energy, no less) without going to town meeting. He insists I got it wrong, that was not what he meant, etc. Well, read the story. Watch the meeting and decide for yourself. Hopefully, very soon, these meetings will be digitized and we will all be able to see them online at our leisure and for free. For now, though, you'd better catch it on channel 18 while it's running in the next week or so, otherwise you've got to pay \$40 for the DVD. No kidding, \$40. Anyone care to get that changed sooner rather than later?

There's also BPW on page 22, and information about the state primary on page 10. We have a couple of letters to the editor on page 20, and our Happenings pages on 6, 7 & 8. Be sure to check out the Happenings, we have a couple of great save-the-date events for you, most notably the Lebanese Feast, aka the Mahrajan. It will be held in Fairhaven, on West Island this year, so...let's show all my relatives what fun we have in this little corner of the world.

But that's not until NEXT weekend. THIS weekend is the big little Portuguese feast.

Yummy....on both accounts.

Until next week then...

See ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS

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

## The “Big Little Feast” is this weekend

This is the weekend of the Our Lady of Angels Portuguese Feast in Fairhaven. The “big little feast will be held at the OLOA Feast Grounds, 7 Jesse St., Fairhaven, on Saturday, September 1 to Monday September 3. Hours are: Sat. 5 p.m.–Mid., Sun. Noon–Midnight, Mon. Noon–10:00 p.m. Procession on Main Street will be

on Monday at 1:00 p.m.

A traditional Portuguese “festa” with live music, game booths, Portuguese & American foods, auctions, kids’ activities.

Park at St. Mary’s Church.

Sponsored by Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association. On Monday, there is a traditional religious

procession on Main Street from St. Mary’s Church to Benoit Square and back. Features local marching bands, clergy, statues, including the life-sized statue of Our Lady of Angels carried on the shoulders of the men of the association.

For more information: 508-990-0502.

## Fairhaven Office of Tourism starts Halloween web page

If you don’t know it by now, pay attention: Fairhaven is Halloween Central on the east coast (see page 20 for proof).

To highlight our little berg’s obsession with the scary holiday, the Fairhaven Office of Tourism has started a web page to post all things Halloween.

“Haunted Fairhaven” at <http://hauntedfairhaven.blogspot.com> already has two events listed: the annual Halloween Horribles Parade that has been held since 1950, and a scarecrow contest, which is a new event this year.

The Scarecrow contest set-up day will be Oct. 13 at the Academy Building and will stay on display

through 11/2. The Horribles Parade will be on its traditional last Sunday in October, the 28th.

Links to the trailers for “The American Scream” featuring three of Fairhaven’s home hauntings (see page 20) are also on the page.

For more information on upcoming events, or to have your own haunted happening listed

on the website, call 508-979-4085 or email [FairhavenTours@aol.com](mailto:FairhavenTours@aol.com)

### Support the Food Pantry

This bin is in the Walnut Street lobby of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven. Another bin is at Stop & Shop. All food goes to the Shepherd’s Pantry, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet (508-763-9289). The pantry has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food due to the worsening economy.

The Pantry spends more than \$6,000 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 100 families each week.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to Shepherd’s Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit [www.shepherdspantry.org](http://www.shepherdspantry.org)

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# Selectboard appoints DeSousa to ZBA; Sgt. Foster retiring

By Beth David  
Editor

At its meeting on Monday, 8/27, the Fairhaven Selectboard appointed Jaime DeSousa to a vacancy on the Board of Appeals and granted permission to the police chief to fill a sergeant's position and a full-time civilian dispatcher position.

The ZBA has an associate position available due to the resignation of Joseph Morra last week. Both Mr. DeSousa and Phil Washko spoke to the board on Monday requesting appointment to the board.

Selectboard Chair Brian Bowcock motioned for Mr. Washko to get the position, Selectboard member Charles Murphy motioned for Mr. DeSousa. Selectboard member Bob Espindola cast the deciding vote in favor of Mr. DeSousa.

Both Mr. DeSousa and Mr. Washko ran for selectboard in the last election, with Mr. DeSousa giving up his seat on the Planning board to do so.

Dr. Bowcock said he had hoped to appoint Mr. DeSousa back to Planning board and appoint Mr. Washko to Appeals. He said he wanted to get away from the practice of having the same people sit on both Planning and Appeals because the people who are turned down by Planning then go to Appeals.

"My feeling is it's a little unfair," said Dr. Bowcock.

Unfortunately, Mr. Morra had not officially resigned from Planning by Monday night, so the board only had the one opening to fill.

Police chief Michael Myers notified the board that Sgt. Stephen Foster is retiring at the end of September. The chief asked for permission to start the process of hiring his replacement by getting the eligibility list from the Mass. Department of Civil Service.

The Selectboard will then interview interested candidates.

The board also voted to auction off the tax title property at 6 Arsene Way over the objections of Mr. Espindola who wanted the Emergency Management Agency to occupy the space. The EMA told the board that the space was not adequate. The Harbormaster and Shellfish Warden also did not want to move into the space.

The town's finance director/treasurer, John Nunes, told the board

that the previous owner of the property, Augusto Pinto, wanted to buy it back from the town. The town recently took possession of the property for back taxes.

"I was not aware they were still in business," said Dr. Bowcock, adding that he believed the town would get a higher return by selling the property at auction.

"This individual was allowed to stay there?" asked Mr. Murphy. "I don't get it."

Mr. Nunes told the board that the previous owner was still operating out of the building and that the town had been paying the condo fees at \$80 per month.

Dr. Bowcock explained that the town had decided to hold off on immediately auctioning off several properties recently taken for back taxes to decide if the town could find

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## The idea that [the Historical Society] have ever agreed to anything is a little bit misleading [Chris Richard]

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a use for them. He said the Arsene Way condominium was not adequate for any of the offices they had in mind.

Mr. Espindola said the building on Sconticut Neck Road that the EMA is currently using is in need of repair and that they needed to "weigh that out."

He said on Arsene Way, the EMA would have access to the BPW across the street.

The board asked Mr. Nunes how long it would take to get the property auctioned off. He said he was not sure if he had sent a 30-day eviction letter to Mr. Pinto.

"I think that is very important thing," said Mr. Murphy that needs to be done "immediately."

The measure passed, with Mr. Espindola voting against.

The board also heard from Erin Sweet of Cadmus Group, a consulting firm that did a study on the possibility of adding solar panels to the new Wood School and at the Staffon Greenhouse property, a

recently acquired tax title property.\*

Mr. Espindola has been advocating that solar panels be added to the new Wood School, which is slated to be built in time for the next school year.

Cadmus Group (CG) recommended combining the two projects instead of just the Wood School because only the gym of the new building can hold the panels.

CG created a large RFP that would have to be re-worked at a cost of \$3,000–\$6,000. Town counsel Thomas Crotty identified many areas in the contract that would need to be reworked.

Ms. Sweet told the board that if they used MGL 25A for funding, they would not have to go to Town Meeting for approval, but could enter into the 25-year contract on a simple vote of the board.

Mr. Espindola seemed to be advocating that route at the meeting, but in a follow-up interview and subsequent email he insisted that he was not.

"I'm not suggesting bypassing town meeting," said Mr. Espindola. "Absolutely not."

He added that the point was to have everything reviewed first and then "it could be town meeting, or not."

He said there would be a series of public hearings, but they would not substitute for town meeting.

If the town uses 25A for the funding, the Town Meeting vote would not be necessary.

The board decided to have Mr. Crotty meet with CG and the state's representative to discuss using another road to funding, such as 30B, before taking any action.

The board also discussed the Office of Tourism's move to the Academy, scheduled to start in October. Tourism Director Christopher Richard copied the board on a letter he sent to the Fairhaven Historical Society explaining his plans for the office and visitor's center.

Mr. Richard said the Society was only willing to move one piece of furniture in the period room, so he would be occupying the hallway instead. His space will be reduced by 2/3. He said he had not heard back from the society.

Dr. Bowcock said he felt the

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## OLOA Feast

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## Breakfast Buffet

At the West Island Improvement Association Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd. Accessible Sun., 9/2, from 8-11 a.m. By the West Island Improvement Association. \$6 adults, \$3 children under 12. Tickets are available at the door.

## Texas Hold'em

The Fairhaven Gridiron Club is holding a Texas Hold'em Tournament to help support Fairhaven Blue Devils football on **September 8th at the Seaport Inn**. Check in 12:30. Game starts at 2pm. **Tickets are \$50, includes a buffet at the break.** Tickets available at Fairhaven Recreation, or any of the Gridiron members. For information please call Rachel Martin 508-287-1563.

## Save the date

### Lebanese Feast

The fifth annual Our Lady of Purgatory Church *Lebanese Festival: A Mahrajan* takes place on Saturday, September 8, from noon to 6:00 pm at the West Island Improvement Association Community Center, 41 Causeway Road, Fairhaven. Be prepared to dance and enjoy Lebanese delicacies.

Tickets are \$5 for adults; children 12 and under are free. Admission includes entertainment by George Maalouf. Food and alcohol can be purchased at reasonable prices. For tickets and more information please e-mail sa.thomas@ me.com or call OLOP at 508-996-8934. There will be limited tickets at the door. All proceeds to benefit Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church.

## F.A.M.E. Meeting Looking for Members

The Fairhaven Association for Music Education (F.A.M.E.) will be holding their first meeting of the school year on **Thursday, September 6th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Hastings Middle School cafeteria. A non-profit organization made up of past and present music parents, educators and community members, this volunteer group works closely with the town of Fairhaven music depart-

ment by funding needs and activities that go beyond the school system budget. F.A.M.E. is always looking for new ideas, members, sponsors, and specifically for volunteers to help at the concession stand for the Fairhaven High School home football games this fall. Please visit f-a-m-e.home.comcast.net/ for more information or to contact F.A.M.E.

## SC Tennis Turney

The Fairhaven Tennis Association is sponsoring this singles and doubles tennis tournament. Sept. 21-23 at Hastings Middle School and Cushman Park in Fairhaven, MA. Men's and Women's Singles (3.5 and higher and 3.0 and lower), as well as Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles. **Registration deadline is Sept. 18,** and entry fees are: Singles \$25, Doubles \$15 (\$35 if entered in both events), Students 21 and under \$10 per event. To download a registration form visit [www.fairhaventennis.org](http://www.fairhaventennis.org) and click on "Tournaments." For info contact Tournament Director Chris Andersen at 508-207-5833.

## Volunteers needed

**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 trot raised over \$5000 for local food pantries. Anyone interested in volunteering can visit the Facebook page: "Fhvn T. Trot" or visit our new website [www.fairhaventurkeytrot.com/](http://www.fairhaventurkeytrot.com/).

## Walking Tours

The following FREE tours are sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. Call 508-979-4085 for info.

### Henry Huttleston Rogers

**Tuesday, September 4, at 10:00 a.m. Starts at Visitors Center, 43 Center St., Fairhaven.** This tour outlines the life of Fairhaven's benefactor, Standard Oil Company millionaire Henry Huttleston Rogers (1840-1909) and his generosity to his home town. The tour includes visits inside two of the Rogers buildings — the Town Hall and the Millicent Library — as well as exterior viewing of Rogers' boyhood home, the Unitarian Memorial Church, Our

Lady's Haven, Rogers School and the Masonic Building.

## Ft. Phoenix Minuteman Tour

**Thursday, September 6, 2012, 2:00 p.m. Starts at Fort Phoenix flagpole, Fort St., Fairhaven**

Listen to an authentically dressed colonial militiaman tell stories of the history of Fort Phoenix from the Revolutionary War through the Civil War. Then watch him unpack his haversack and blanket roll to explain the equipment and supplies that a militia volunteer had to carry with him when on alert and learn about 18th-Century dental and medical practices. This tour is interesting to children as well as adults. Tour includes flintlock musket firing demonstration. About 75 minutes.

## 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 info: ann.richard@gmail.com or 508-991-8315.

## Free trees

Everyone from Mass. who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in September will receive 10 free trees as part of the Foundation's Trees for America program. New members will receive an eastern redbud, white pine, sugar maple, white flowering dogwood, pin oak, red maple, river birch, silver maple, northern red oak and Colorado blue spruce.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10. The 6-to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Easy-to-follow planting instructions are included.

Send \$10 to Ten Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by **Sept. 29**, or visit [arborday.org/september](http://arborday.org/september).

## Foxwoods Trip

Cecelias Travelers. Tues., Sept. 11. Leaves from Fairhaven Senior Center parking lot at 8 a.m. Returns, 5:30 p.m. \$20 includes Buffet coupon or \$10 food, \$15 Keno coupon. Motorcoach transportation by Conway Tours. Call Cecelia Arruda, 508-999-4755. Please do not call the Fairhaven COA.

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## At Whaling Park

The following events are being held at the New Bedford Whaling National Park, 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. For more information, call 508- 996-4095, or visit [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov), or <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>.

## Quaker Heritage Day

Quakers. For some, this religious group is associated with the past. And while it's true that Quakers were instrumental in the founding of "Old Dartmouth" (the greater New Bedford area), Quakers are still very much alive, present, and steeped in strong religious conviction on the South Coast. Explore the Quaker way with Quaker Heritage Day on **Sunday, September 2, from 10:00 am- 4:00 pm with New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park** in collaboration with the Seamen's Bethel and the New Bedford Friends Meeting House. The day will be filled with activities for children and adults, including crafts, games, lectures, a picnic lunch, dress-up activities, and dance. The event is free and will take place at several locations in downtown New Bedford, including the park visitor center, the Seamen's Bethel at 15 Johnny Cake Hill, and the Friends Meeting House at 83 Spring Street.

## Last Summer Concert

Joao Cerilo will be playing Cape Verdean music in the garden area of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park in downtown New Bedford on **Thurs. evening, Aug. 30 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM** as part of its Thursday evening summer concert series. In addition, Pilon Batuku will be performing traditional Cape Verdean dance. Free and open to the public.

## 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.**

For submission guidelines email [culturepark.ed@earthlink.net](mailto:culturepark.ed@earthlink.net), or call 774-202-0588. Visit the web site at [www.culturepark.org](http://www.culturepark.org) for information about Culture\*Park, and to view clips

from previous Marathons. Follow the 11th Marathon on Facebook!

## Singers Invited

The Greater New Bedford Choral Society invites singers to join. Requirements: blend with your section, pay nominal dues for music, etc. No private audition. Rehearsals Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, New Bedford, corner of County and Union Streets.

**Starting date, Sept. 4. Contact 508-644-2419.**

## Save the Date

### Working Waterfront Fest

Welcome aboard as New Bedford, America's largest commercial fishing port, hosts the 9th Working Waterfront Festival. **The FREE event takes place September 29th and 30th on the working piers and waterfront parks of the historic Port of New Bedford.** Free parking is available at the Elm Street Garage with a free shuttle to the Festival.

More than simply a celebration, the Working Waterfront Festival is a unique opportunity for the public to get a firsthand look at the culture of fishing and for the commercial fishing community to tell its own story. The event presents all that goes into bringing seafood from the ocean to the table in a way that is hands-on, educational and fun. We encourage you to listen and watch, but also to taste, touch and converse.

The 2012 Festival theme, *Fishtales: Fact, Fiction and Narrative Tradition in Commercial Fishing Culture*, will explore enduring myths, local legends, and fact and fiction in contemporary fisheries issues.

Lots of new stuff this year. For more information, call 508-993-8894, or navigate to [www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org](http://www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org);

## Learn to Row

Want to learn to row? New Bedford Community Rowing is now taking registration for its September Learn-To-Row Day and "Intro to Rowing" class. **September 8 is Learn-To-Row Day.** In two-hour blocks (8-10 a.m. or 10 a.m. to noon), participants gather at NBCR's Pope's Island Marina launch site to learn a little bit about rowing and get a hands-on opportu-

nity to row on a rowing machine and in a boat with experienced rowers. Participation in the two-hour program costs \$25 per adult and is free for kids 18 and younger.

NBCR's three-week, two-evenings-a-week **Intro to Rowing Class** begins Monday, Sept. 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. and continues every Monday and Wednesday evening through Sept. 26.

Open to participants of all ages, the class provides each student with the basics of rowing and enough on-the-water experience to allow most participants to "graduate" to one of NBCR's regular rowing programs.

**The cost of the Learn-To-Row class is \$75 for the session.**

Sign up for either the class or the day by going to [www.NewBedfordCommunityRowing.org](http://www.NewBedfordCommunityRowing.org) and clicking on the "sign up" link at the top of the page. For more information, visit the website or call NBCR Head Coach Cheyenne Bayse at 508-717-4013.

While new rowers of all ages are welcome in both programs, youth rowers may alternatively opt to begin rowing directly with the youth team. For more information, contact Coach Bayse at [chey@newbedfordcommunityrowing.com](mailto:chey@newbedfordcommunityrowing.com) or 508-717-4013.

New Bedford Community Rowing is a two-year-old non-profit organization, founded as a collaboration between the City of New Bedford and Community Rowing Inc. of Boston to bring "Olympic-style," sliding-seat rowing to the Harbor.

## Health Van

Southcoast™ Visiting Nurse Association, will hold free health assessments, screenings and wellness education for seniors. Community clinics include health screenings for blood pressure, pulse rate, oxygen levels and blood sugar.

- **Tuesday, Sept. 4,** Buttonwood Senior Center, 64 Oneida Street, New Bedford, From 9 to 11 a.m.
- **Wed., Sept. 5,** Brooklawn Senior Center, 1979 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, From 10 a.m. to noon (This screening will include a free medication review with a pharmacist. Interested participants are invited to bring their medications and supplements.)

For more information call 800-698-6877 or visit [www.southcoastvna.org](http://www.southcoastvna.org).

## HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

### Save the Date

#### Apple-Peach Festival

Acushnet's 33rd Apple-Peach Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 9/8 & 9/9, at the Long Plain Museum. Parade is on Sunday, at 10 a.m. from Pope's Park. Visit [www.AcushnetApplePeachFestival.com](http://www.AcushnetApplePeachFestival.com)

### Golf Scramble Livesey Club

The Thomas Livesey Memorial Club will hold its 15th Annual Golf Scramble at the Back Nine Golf Club, 17 Heritage Hill Dr., Lakeville, MA on Sunday Sept. 9th at 8:00 AM.

Four person teams, \$95.00 per player. Price includes Steak Dinner at Back Nine. **DEADLINE: Sept. 1st.**

For information contact: Ken St. Pierre, 508-991-0266; Nick Curcio, 508-243-9380; Livesey Club, 774-202-6690

### Jimmy Fund Campout

Grab your tent or pack up your RV and gather your family and friends for the inaugural Jimmy Fund Campout at Sandy Pond Campground from Sept. 14 through Sept. 16, featuring a geocaching GPS scavenger hunt challenge by Geoteaming™. The Jimmy Fund Campout gives participants the opportunity to enjoy camping and other outdoor activities they love, while supporting the lifesaving mission of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund.

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### Scouts Meeting

You won't be sorry! Do you remember what fun you had in Boy Scouts? Or in Girl Scouts? Why not help out today's Scouts by volunteering as an adult leader for Scout Troop 333 and Venture Crew 333 at Cathedral Camp in East Freetown. These youth groups meet Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

followed at 10:30 a.m. by another activity they sponsor — their Robotics Team.

The Scout Troop is almost brand new and has a wonderful year behind them. The High-Adventure Venture Crew is just kicking off and will specialize in White-Water Rafting and Hiking. Both are in need of volunteers to share their expertise, skills, leadership and experience with fund raising, planning, logistics and instruction. You can become a committee member, Merit Badge Counselor, driver or teacher. And this offer is open to both female and male volunteers.

The first meeting and information session is at **8:30 a.m., Sat., Sept. 15, at Neumann Hall**, St. John Neumann Church, 157 Middleboro Road, E. Freetown. For information contact Mike McCormack at 508-998-1218 or go to [www.CCTroop333.com](http://www.CCTroop333.com) or [www.CCCrew333.com](http://www.CCCrew333.com).

### Branco Softball F-R

Join us for our Branco Soft Ball Home Run at Home Port, 24 Cove Road in Dartmouth on **Saturday, September 1 from 6:00 to midnight**. You will be treated to a delicious buffet, Home Port style, along with a variety of local entertainment, including the Portuguese Fireman, the Show Stoppers Musical Entertainment Group, DJ Roger Chartier, singer Candida Rose, former Chicago Bear Bobby Watkins, and other local sports figures.

Tickets are \$30. To place your order, please email [branco182@verizon.net](mailto:branco182@verizon.net), or call 508-994-4972.

Proceeds for this event will benefit the Branco Softball League.

### Vets Golf Classic

The SE Mass. Veterans Housing Program, Inc., the Veterans Transition House (VTH), is holding the 3rd Annual Veterans Golf Classic. All proceeds go directly toward the VTH.

The Golf Classic is taking place at the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course 685 Main St., Acushnet. **Sun., Sept. 23, with a 1pm shotgun start.** Tickets are \$100. To purchase tickets or if you would like to sponsor a hole, please contact Sarah Dosenberg, executive assistant at the VTH, at 508-992-5313 ext. 25 or [Sarah@VetsHouse.org](mailto:Sarah@VetsHouse.org).

### 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 [eventsontthefarm@gmail.com](mailto:eventsontthefarm@gmail.com)

### Singers Wanted

The Sippican Choral Society welcomes singers for its 2012 holiday concert, *The Many Moods of Christmas*. Rehearsals begin Monday September 10, and are held every Monday, 7:30–9:30 PM at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church's Reynaud Hall, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett. New members may **join until Sept. 24th**. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to register. Semester dues are \$35. Concert dates: Friday Nov. 30th and Sunday December 2nd. For more information: [osuch1@aol.com](mailto:osuch1@aol.com). Visit [www.sippicanchoral.org](http://www.sippicanchoral.org).

### VT Blues Fest

The not so "Silent Cal" State Historic Site will groove out Labor Day Weekend for the eighth annual Plymouth Folk & Blues Festival, September 1-2. This lively event brings in nationally known artists to perform in the country setting of Plymouth Notch, Vermont. The line-up of this Vermont Chamber "Top 10 Fall Event" includes: Jesse Terry, Mare Wakefield, Jason Spooner Band, Alastair Moock, Jam Sessions, Bread & Bones, Lowell Thompson.

Amidst dancing, there's also wagon rides, face painting and a barbecue. This **free festival** is organized by Jay Ottaway and the VT Division for Historic Preservation, and is generously supported by Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation, Clear Lake Furniture, Echo Lake Inn, Good Commons, Mountain Times, Plymouth Artisan Cheese, Ramunto's, Sonicbids, Vermont Standard, and Wilder House Restaurant. Donations are accepted and the festival also serves as a food drive for the Vermont Food Bank. In the case of inclement weather, performances will be indoors. For more information, call 802.672.3773 or visit [www.plymouthfolk.com](http://www.plymouthfolk.com).



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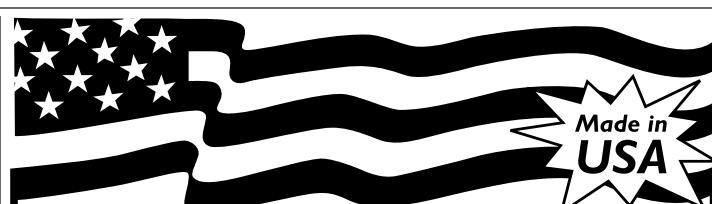
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# Recipes of the Week

## Layered Caesar, Shrimp & Pasta Salad

1/4 cup KRAFT Lite Creamy Caesar Dressing  
1/4 cup KRAFT Mayo with Olive Oil Reduced Fat Mayonnaise  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1 pkg. (6 oz.) torn mixed salad greens, divided  
2 cups medium pasta shells, cooked, cooled  
1 large tomato, coarsely chopped  
3/4 cup seasoned croutons  
2 hard-cooked eggs, sliced  
1/2 lb. frozen cooked cleaned medium shrimp, thawed  
1/4 cup KRAFT Shredded Parmesan Cheese  
MIX dressing, mayo and garlic.  
LAYER half the salad greens, pasta and tomatoes in 3-qt. bowl. Cover with layers of remaining greens, croutons, eggs, shrimp and cheese. Refrigerate dressing mixture and salad 1 hour.

ADD dressing mixture to salad just before serving; mix lightly.

### MAKE YOUR OWN CROUTONS

Heat 1 Tbsp. olive oil and 1 tsp. minced garlic in medium skillet on medium heat. Stir in 1 cup French bread cubes; cook 3-4 min. or until crisp and golden brown, stirring frequently. Cool completely.

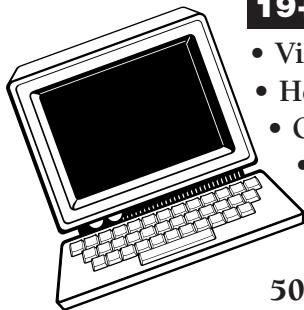
**MAKE AHEAD:** Salad and dressing mixture can be refrigerated up to 4 hours before tossing salad with mixture just before serving.

**SPECIAL EXTRA:** Season salad with cracked black pepper.

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## Vote on Thursday, 9/6

Thursday, Sept. 6, is primary day in Massachusetts. The purpose of the primary is for each party to nominate a candidate for running in the general election, which will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

For the primary on 9/6, voters must choose a ballot for one of the three parties, Democrat, Republican, Green. The winners of the primary on 9/6 will then face off with their counterparts of the other party on a single ballot on 11/6.

If you are registered in a party, you will only be allowed to take a ballot from that party. If you are unenrolled (independent), you will be able to choose a ballot from one of the three parties. Your status will automatically revert back to unenrolled after the election.

For the primary on 9/6, voters will face the following choices. The Green Party has no names printed on the ballot for any races.

**Democrat:** Senator in Congress, Elizabeth Warren; Representative in Congress for the newly configured

9th District, William R. Keating and C. Samuel Sutter; Councillor, first district, Nicholas Bernier, Oliver Cipollini, Jr., and Walter Moniz; Senator in General Court for 2nd Bristol & Plymouth District (state), Mark C. Montigny; Representative in General Court for the Tenth Bristol District (state), William Straus and Abilio Bill Soares; Clerk of the Courts, Bristol County, Marc Santos; Register of Deeds, Bristol Southern District, J. Mark Treadup; County Comissioner, Bristol County, Paul B. Kitchen and John R. Mitchell; County Treasurer, Bristol County, Christopher Saunders, to fill a vacancy.

**Republican:** Senator in Congress, Scott Brown; Representative in Congress for the newly configured 9th District, Adam Chaprales and Christopher Sheldon; Councillor first district, Charles Cipollini; Senator in General Court (state), no candidate; Representative in General Court (state), no candidate.

Voter registration deadline for the November election is Wed., Oct. 17.

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BBAHFH is looking for various types of properties, from a parcel of land that is suitable to build on, to property with a home that needs to be demolished or renovated. We are hoping to partner with private donors, local foundations, town agencies, etc., and banks looking to meet their CRA requirements.

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# From the top of the town

By Beth David  
Editor

On Friday, 8/24, media representatives, Fairhaven town officials, and others associated with Fairhaven Wind, LLC, climbed the north wind turbine behind the wastewater treatment plant on Arsene Street.

The 80-meter tower (approximately 262.4 feet\*) is in four sections. A metal ladder attached about 2.5 feet away from the wall of the circular sections allows access to the top. Where each section connects, a platform allows climbers to stop and take a rest.

At the top, the climbers had a tight squeeze to scoot around the generator inside the nacelle and then climb a little more to get through the hatch to the top.

The bottom section is 12.47 meters (40.9+ feet) and weighs 102,000 pounds; the second section is 16.785 meters (55+ feet) and weighs 100,000

pounds; the third section is 24.01 meters (78.7+ feet) and weighs 95,000 pounds; the top section is 24.135 meters (79+ feet) and weighs 60,000 pounds. The nacelle, at 135.00 pounds, houses the generator and is another 12 feet or so high, and that is where climbers were able to take pictures and see for miles.

The morning haze obscured some of the farthest points, but the perspective from the highest point in Fairhaven allowed for spectacular views of West Island to the south, East Fairhaven, North Fairhaven, and New Bedford Harbor to the west.

Each climber wore a harness with a clip that attached to a vertical rod in the middle of the ladder.\*\* The harness had two large "claws" on the side for attaching to various hooks when the middle clip was not hooked onto the ladder.

On top of the nacelle, a no-skid surface made it a little less intimi-

dating to stand up and take in the views.

The climb up was certainly not for wimps. Although, one could lean against the wall of the tower for a little relief, there was no getting around the haul up the ladder...one rung at a time.

The view from the top made it all worthwhile, though.

The Unitarian Memorial Church on Green Street is the highest building in Fairhaven at about 185 feet high. The radio tower in the pictures on the next page is 557 feet high.

See pictures below and next page. Also, visit us at [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) for more photos of the climb and the views from the top by several different photographers.

\*One meter equals 3.28084 feet.

\*\*Read Beth David's blog at <http://bethdavidmusings.blogspot.com/> for more on her climb to the top of Fairhaven.

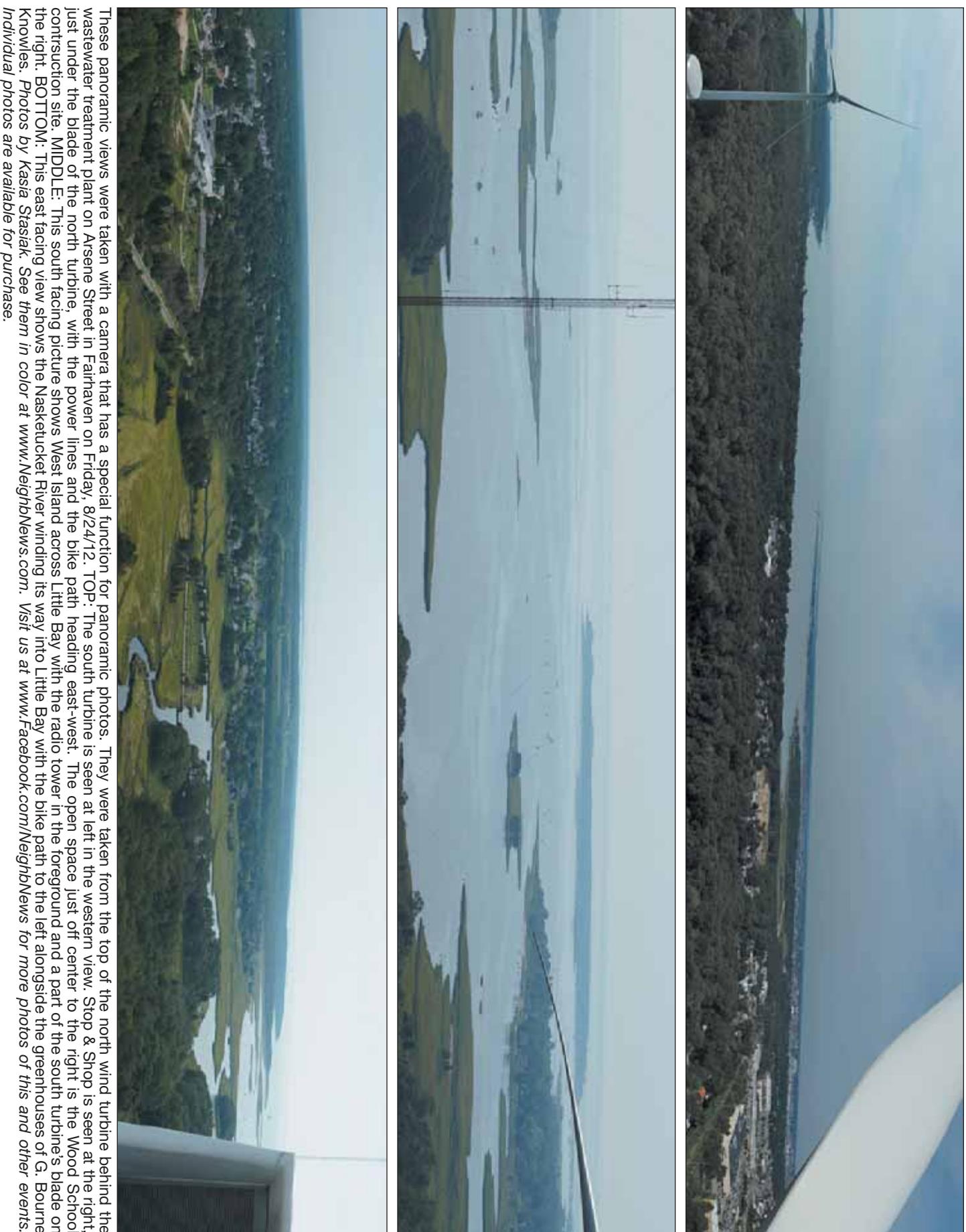


LEFT: the Wood School construction from the top of the north wind turbine behind the wastewater treatment plant on Arsene Street in Fairhaven on Friday, 8/24. RIGHT: the steeples of the Fairhaven town hall, Unitarian Memorial Church and the First Congregational Church with New Bedford Harbor behind them. Photos by Heidi Winnett.



LEFT: Heidi Winnett climbs down the ladder after her trek to the top of the north wind turbine behind the wastewater treatment plant on Arsene Street in Fairhaven on Fri., 8/24. RIGHT: The Boston Hill Road water tower can be seen in this photo facing north from the top of the wind turbine. Photos by Beth David.





These panoramic views were taken with a camera that has a special function for panoramic photos. They were taken from the top of the north wind turbine behind the wastewater treatment plant on Arsené Street in Fairhaven on Friday, 8/24/12. TOP: The south turbine is seen at left in the western view. Stop & Shop is seen at the right, just under the blade of the north turbine, with the power lines and the bike path heading east-west. The open space just off center to the right is the Wood School construction site. MIDDLE: This south facing picture shows West Island across Little Bay with the radio tower in the foreground and a part of the south turbine's blade on the right. BOTTOM: This east facing view shows the Nasketucket River winding its way into Little Bay with the bike path to the left alongside the greenhouses of G. Bourne Knowles. Photos by Kasia Stasik. See them in color at [www.NeighNews.com](http://www.NeighNews.com). Visit us at [www.facebook.com/NeighNews](https://www.facebook.com/NeighNews) for more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.

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- 9/19: Emerald Square
- 9/26: Plymouth

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The O.T.s every Thursday at the Senior Center with Chuck Brillon, Ron LaBreque, Jerry Theodore & Paul Belliveau.

## Special Activities

### Meeting date changed

The Sept 10 Council on Aging Board Meeting **changed to Mon. Sept. 17 at 9:30**

### Back to School for Seniors

**Thurs. 9/6 10:30 a.m.** How's your memory? How's your sense of humor? How's your relationship with God? If they are OK then you'll enjoy this session. If they are not OK then you need to be here! Back to school for seniors. Remembering the Ten Commandments and more. Presented by Retired Special Ed. Teacher, Funny Guy and Lay Minister Steve Bouley

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**Sun. 9/9 2-4 p.m.** *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Tea Party* in partnership with Hospice of Mass. & Fairhaven Senior Center. Information about both groups will be provided. Call the Sr. Center 508-979-4029 to sign up for this wonderful event.

### Butterfly Release

Butterfly Release sponsored by the Southcoast Visiting Nurse Association "Hope Takes Flight: A Butterfly Release" Takes place **Sat. Sept. 15 at the Fairhaven Senior Center 1-4 p.m.** with the butterfly release at 1:30 p.m. Benefits the

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# Rent control legislation filed for Acushnet mobile home parks

By Diane Kozak

## Neighb News Correspondent

The actions of residents of the Brookside Mobile Home Park, located at 1094 Main Street in Acushnet, has prompted state representative, Robert Koczera, to file legislation to establish a rent control board in the town.

The bill petition reads: An act providing for the establishment and administration of rent regulations and the control of evictions in manufactured housing communities in the town of Acushnet.

If passed the bill will allow the selectboard to establish a rent control board for the purpose of regulating rents for the use or occupancy of mobile home parks in the town. The board will also regulate such issues as evictions and resident hardships. The rent control board is to have three members who can be the selectboard members themselves or their appointees. Violations of any regulation adopted by the rent board shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.

The bill was filed on June 27th after town meeting voted to establish a rent control board. The bill will apply to all the mobile parks in town, including Brookside Mobile Home Park, Acushnet Mobile Homes on Middle Road, Bay State Mobile Home Park on South Main Street and the Acushnet Mobile Home Community on Lake Street. The bill is likely to be considered during the fall legislative session.

The process of creating a rent control board in Acushnet began last January when the selectboard received a letter from Brookside resident Charlie Gelinas, which requested that town officials take

action to protect the residents of the park against what they believed to be unfair rent increases.

The letter stated that in the past three years the monthly rent increased from \$185 to \$334 per month for units occupied by two people with additional fee increases for each additional occupant. Attached to the letter was a petition signed by all but two of the residents of the 43-unit mobile home park.

"We have tried to speak with the land owner regarding these fees and his response is that the increases are due to taxes and the cost of doing business (such as) trash pick-up and snow removal," Mr. Gelinas wrote, referring to the park owner/manager Maurice St. Armand. "With the way the economy has been going these past few years we have seen people go without paying household bills to going without heat waiting for the first of the month to get their check to be able to purchase fuel."

Mr. Gelinas also wrote that most of the park residents are elderly and/or disabled.

"We are trying to stop the park owner from driving us out into the streets by raising our rents beyond our income levels," he said.

In a recent interview Mr. Gelinas stated he very much appreciated Rep. Koczera's swift action in filing the bill. He said the legislation is badly needed as, he believes, the residents in Brookside Mobile Home Park are paying too much money for what they have. He said that the street in the park is full of pot holes and that the park does not have a meeting house.

"There are at least six homes for sale in the park right now and nobody is coming by to look at them," said Mr. Gelinas. "This is because of the high

rental fees. There are empty units in here as well. I put a lot of money into my property but with the high rents and all these vacant places I don't know what it's worth."

Mr. Gelinas's letter to the selectboard requested that Acushnet implement a rent control board as the Town of Middleboro has. Middleboro established a rent board in 1986 which is made up of the five members of the Board of Selectboard.

According to the most recent rules and regulations for their town's mobile home parks, which were adopted in October of 2009, a maximum rent for mobile home park accommodations is set and periodically adjusted based on a yearly consumer price index factor. Any increase in rents must be approved by the board.

Acushnet Selectboard Chairperson David Wojnar stated that he has not yet thought about who will be considered for the town's rent control board and that the selectboard has not yet formally discussed the matter.

"When we have the approval from the state to move forward on the rent control board we will begin to research and debate the matter thoroughly," he said. "I don't expect anything to happen with the legislation until later in the year."

Mr. St. Armand would not comment for this article.

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# Air quality test delays start for Wood Students at Oxford Bldg.

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven School district officials were blindsided by a routine air quality test at the old Oxford School building that came back positive for two kinds of mold, including the infamous "black mold." School officials received the phone call on Thursday evening, 8/23, that mold had been found, throwing the long-laid plans for the displaced Wood School students into disarray.

Officials immediately postponed the start of school for those students to Tuesday, 9/4, instead of Tuesday, 8/28.

The School Committee held an emergency meeting on Saturday, 8/25, and notified parents with an auto-call system/reverse 911. The Performing Arts Center at the high school was nearly full with parents who heard from experts and district administrators about the results of the tests and the plans for the students.

Kevin Miller, President of Fuss & O'Neill EnviroScience, the environmental consulting firm that conducted the tests, said he was

certain that the mold found in the building was "historic," meaning it was old, and had been stirred up by the cleaning activity in the building to get it ready for the school year. The building has been empty for five years, since the Oxford School was closed and students began attending the new East Fairhaven School.

Dr. Miller told parents that mold is "everywhere," so the tests actually compare the inside readings to the outside readings. He said there is no standard number to use and he would not quote a number from the tests.

"It's really comparing it to the ambient air outside," said Dr. Miller. He said it was common to find these results in a building that had been sitting idle for so long. "For five years there has been no adequate air exchange."

Parents expressed concern that their children would get sick from the mold and that the

so-called "historic" nature of the mold might not be accurate, especially in the learning center and the gym. They also said that even if the next tests came back as negative, that there was no guarantee the mold would not return.

Some parents pointed out that not all the mold was old, as football equipment stored in the building had to be professionally cleaned because it got moldy.

School officials said dehumidifiers would run in the learning center and any other problem areas, and they would take whatever remedial action the "experts" told them to take in any other rooms.

According to Superintendent of

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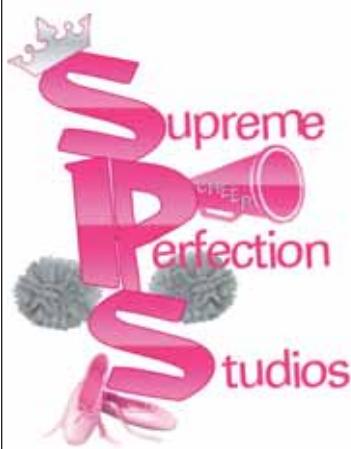


Jon Hand, an environmental technician from Fuss & O'Neill EnviroScience, tests takes an air sample from the nurses room at the Oxford School in Fairhaven on Mon., 8/27. After a high mold count, the building was aired out and 13 locations in the building were re-tested. All tests came back with no evidence of mold. The start of school was delayed until Tuesday for the Wood School students slated to use the building this year while the new Wood School is built on Sconticut Neck Road. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

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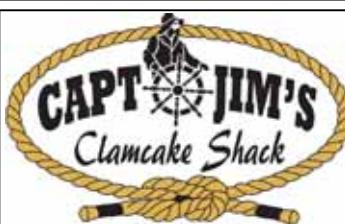
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Schools Robert Baldwin, the test was simply a formality, so the results were a shock. Officials scrambled to come up with an alternative site for the students, but had their hearts set on the Oxford because of the work and "love and care" volunteers put into it, according to School Committee chair person Pam Kuechler.

Dr. Baldwin repeatedly told parents that students would only be let into the building if it was deemed completely safe.

"The threshold for use of the Oxford School will be extremely safe or not at all," said Dr. Baldwin more than once. "We will make this decision based on safety over inconvenience."

All officials continually acknowledged the hardship a change of start date caused for families, and agonized over the possibility of splitting up the "Wood School family."

In the end, though, it would not be necessary.

A subsequent test taken on Monday, 8/27, came back as having no mold spores at all.

Although Dr. Miller had been reluctant to give any hard numbers, Dr. Baldwin was willing to say "You can't argue with zero," after the 8/27 tests came back.

At a press conference on Wednesday, Dr. Baldwin, Ms.



Kuechler, and Wood School principal Amy Hartley-Matteson said they were happy and relieved to be able to put students at the Oxford as planned.

On Wednesday, the three also met with the Fairhaven Board of Health and Dr. Michael Feeney, Director of the Indoor Air Quality Program of the Department of Public Health Bureau of Environmental Health.

Dr. Feeney confirmed that the remediation efforts had resulted in the new results which showed no evidence "whatsoever" of black mold in the building, according to Dr. Baldwin.

Dr. Miller confirmed there was no living mold in the building.

"With the town Health Agent, the Health Board Members, the town building inspector, Dr. Kevin Miller and Dr. Michael Feeney present, it was agreed that there is no reason to re-locate the Wood School Family to the Hastings Middle School," said Dr. Baldwin. "I am very confident in stating that the location of the Wood School Family will be the Oxford School."

The next step is to make sure no new mold begins to grow.

Dr. Feeney did identify one area of the building that was prone to growing mold and recommended it be sealed off. One wall of the gym that is part of the addition, has a dirt wall behind it.

Officials said the access doors will be sealed with plastic sheeting to keep any air from entering the building from that room.

Officials said they will do what the experts tell them to do throughout the school year to keep the mold from growing.

Principal Hartley-Matteson, who had expressed her skepticism at the possibility of the building being okayed for occupancy, said she was



ABOVE: a huge fan sits idle in the hallway of the Oxford School on Monday, 8/27, while air is tested for mold. BELOW LEFT: the pump on the floor draws air in by the hose and anything in the air adheres to the slide at the end of the hose (CLOSEUP). Photos by Beth David.

thinking about "every individual" who would use the building, including those with mold allergies and asthma.

She said if any issues came up, "we're going to deal with every individual health issue individually."

Dr. Baldwin also gave a word of praise to other town officials who helped the district through the crisis.

"The support is amazing in this town," said Dr. Baldwin, and praised the fire department for the use of their fans, the Board of Health, and the Public Works Department for offering help with moving furniture, or whatever the district needed.

Officials have not yet decided how students will make up the 3 lost days.

*Editor's note: Visit our website at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com) for copies of the two statements by Dr. Baldwin*



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Jay Simmons, Chairman, Community Preservation Committee

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### HMS reading list has more than one bad book

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As with most families, summer is a busy time for us. As the summer winds down, we get back to focusing on school. What a rude awakening we had last week when my 13-year-old chose his book off the reading list.

By page ten there were several swears and he flagged it as inappropriate. I then spent the day reading this swear speckled, soft porn injected, anti family values piece of sick propaganda. From the main character playing sex games in her bedroom with her parents in the house, to kids repeatedly cursing F-bombs at their mothers, I am totally disgusted with the school administration + teachers for putting the book on the list.

I won't mention the title, as I'm sure that from my description, all involved will know the book I'm referencing if they bothered to read all of the books on the list.

Jacqué Foster

### Great-grandmother says Rep. Akin "plain evil"

I always enjoy your editorials. Thank you for your wonderful letter [about] "Todd Akin."

I am a 70-year-old woman with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. I have been around a long time and I pray I live long enough to see women be respected as they should be.

I could not believe what Rep. Todd Akin said about women. I don't think he is stupid. I think he is disrespectful of women and just plain evil. I wonder what he would say if his daughter got raped and got pregnant. Would he think she enjoyed it and could have prevented it?

I was raped by a family member, and then sexually molested for years when I was a young girl. No one every knew because I was afraid to speak of it. His actions changed my life forever. I thank God every day I never got pregnant. If I had, I would not have had an abortion, I would have committed suicide! A child would never have come into this world with him as a father.

Will it take another hundred years before girls and women are given respect? It has taken too long. I hope I see it in my lifetime.

*A sister in pain*  
*[Name withheld]*

may be one. Your co-worker may be one. There could even be one in your family. Sometimes they operate alone and sometimes they involve their loved ones. The moment they wait for is over in what seems like the blink of an eye but there can be months of planning, designing and building leading up to a night of terror.

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"synergy" of the three organizations would be good referring to the Office of Tourism; the Society, which is a private non-profit that runs a museum in the building; and the Fairhaven Historical Commission, which is the town entity responsible for the building. The Society does not pay rent for the building.

Mr. Espindola tried to clarify what he thought the Society had agreed to.

"For the record, no agreement was ever made with the Historical Society. Up until the vote was taken they were against the Office of Tourism moving there," said Mr. Richard. "The idea that they have ever agreed to anything is a little bit misleading."

In other business, the board:

- Authorized the chief of police to fill a Civilian Dispatcher vacancy by drawing on the list of part-time dispatchers
- Signed the contract with Loo Aquaculture, with corrections to the coordinates.

The Board reconvened in executive session to discuss approval of executive session minutes from April and the digester project/WES Construction.

\*See the memo from Cadmus on our website: [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

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your desire for success  
should be greater than  
your fear of failure.

Bill Cosby

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 9/4, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 9/10, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

### Community Preservation

Wed., 9/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 9/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Historical Commission

Wed., 9/5, Academy, 7 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 9/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 9/12, FHS Media Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Tues., 9/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Mon., 9/10, Community Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 9/10, BPW Bldg., 6:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Wed., 9/12, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### School Committee

Tues., 9/18, Ford Middle Sch., 5 p.m.

### Selectboard

Wed., 9/10, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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Canal/Wing's Neck

	August 2012	HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.	
Friday	31	0819	2043	0147* 1401
Sept 2012		HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.	
Saturday	1	0903	2126	0219* 1442
Sunday	2	0945	2208	0252* 1521
Monday	3	1027	2249	0326 1559
Tuesday	4	1108	2331	0401 1637
Wednesday	5	1149	----	0438 1717
Thursday	6	0013	1231	0517 1801
Friday	7	0057	1315	0600 1854
Saturday	8	0144	1402	0651 2015
Sunday	9	0236	1455	0755 2151
Monday	10	0334	1555	0909 2247

\* = Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft

\*\*Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

Success is not final,  
failure is not fatal: it is  
the courage to continue  
that counts.

Winston Churchill

# BPW allows 4" grease trap; Freitas cries foul on Internet access

By Meredith Winnett

## Neighb News Correspondent

Charlie Sermaidas of 44 Howland Road was on the agenda for the third time at the Board of Public Works meeting on August 27. Mr. Sermaidas appeared before the board twice before with much dialogue with the board members about a waiver for a four-inch grease trap line for Lil Anthony's Pizza. The town requires a six-inch line.

Board member Geoffrey Haworth, who had to excuse himself from past meetings due to his past with Mr. Sermaidas, talked to the board of ethics and was allowed to vote on the issue.

Mr. Haworth said "I have no financial benefit," and he filed all the proper disclosure with the town clerk.

Mr. Sermaidas's lawyer, Attorney Chip Mulford, explained to Mr. Haworth that "The only thing going through the grease trap will be water from the sink," because Vinny Perez, the business owner, would only be using paper plates and plastic ware.

Mr. Haworth's main concern was "There are places in town where we have grease build up and it becomes a burden on the town."

He told Mr. Mulford that the property owner would be responsible to clean any clogs and if the town had to clean it, the owner would repay them with a multiplier.

"This is hands off on us and hopefully it doesn't come back to smack us in the face," said board member Daniel Freitas to Mr. Mulford.

"Do you really think the select-board will allow us the money to hire an attorney if a new owner didn't put in a six-inch line?" asked BPW Chairperson Steven Riley.

Mr. Mulford told the board that he personally would pay for any attorney fees that scenario would incur. Board members dismissed that possibility with a laugh.

The waiver was approved with Mr. Riley and Kathleen Stuttevant opposed, and included the following stipulations: the BPW, Sewer Superintendent Linda Schick, BPW Superintendent Vincent Furtado, and BPW administrative assistant Kathy Tripp must all receive copies of invoices of quarterly cleanings of the trap; where possible, the lines must be adjusted to six inches; any maintenance will be the responsibility of the business; by

2017 the line must be six inches; there must be a rider on the deed so if there is a new owner the line must be converted; and the board must see the final draft of the deed.

In another matter, Mr. Freitas told the board that the West Island Treatment Plan needs Internet access, an issue he brought up at the last meeting. He said he was upset that it had taken two weeks to get a quote and he felt it was a personal attack.

"I guess we can just have everyone do what they want when they want. I believe it took this long because I made the motion," said Mr. Freitas.

"The issue is not the Internet going to West Island, the issue is the money," said Mr. Furtado.

Ms. Schick added that the Internet that was previously at West Island

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was only "used for 30 minutes a month to file a report."

The board discussed how there was no money in the budget to pay for internet and Mr. Haworth suggested requesting \$500 to get it reinstalled for FY13 and that Mr. Freitas and Mr. Furtado go to the Finance Committee to get the money. The board approved Mr. Haworth's suggestion.

Jon Gregory of Tate and Howard answered questions for the board about the Boston Hill water tank engineering service agreement. At the August 13 meeting, the board had concerns whether they had paid the company a few years ago.

Mr. Gregory explained that Tate and Howard did the Scanticut Neck Road water tank three and a half years ago and planned on doing the Boston Hill Road tank, but the funds were not available. The new contract will cost an extra \$16,500 and will

include improved equipment to the tank, site cleanup and maintenance, new paint specifications, and updated dates and standards.

"I don't want you guys coming back here and asking for more money," said Mr. Freitas

Water superintendent Edward Fortin said he would be applying for Clean Water State Revolving Fund money. There will be testing with the tank offline for different scenarios including a work day and a weekend day. The company will help with public notification.

The project is expected to start next spring since the easiest time to take the water tank offline is in the wet season, though it is the worst time to paint. The project should take three months.

John Keegan of SITEC asked the board for a driveway waiver for Windward Power Systems of Wareham, which is looking to use 379 Alden Road for large boat storage.

The driveway will be extended to 58 feet and additional parking spots will be put in place. When Delta Electric owned the property, they knocked over neighbors' mailboxes, so widening the driveway would prevent further damage.

"I see giving this waiver as a good thing," said Mr. Haworth, even though the opening is almost double the standard, because it would be easier for the trucks to enter and exit,

The board approved a 58-foot driveway.

In other business:

- Richard Desroisers of 92 Long Road agreed to modify his plans so that the flower bed at the end of his driveway would be at least eight feet onto his property.
- Mr. Haworth asked if the beach has been closed already. Two of the lifeguards have gone back to college and the other two are teachers and have gone back to school. The board will ask the teachers to work the beach this weekend, which is Labor Day. The BPW expects the beach to be crowded.

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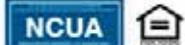
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