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Halloween Trail winds through Fairhaven



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Welcome to our annual Halloween issue and Fairhaven's own Halloween Trail. See page 12 for directions on following 18 stops in our spooky town. ABOVE: This character, along with many of his friends (and enemies), will greet you at Manny Souza's Ole Oxford Haunt, 60 Oxford Street, Fairhaven. Visit www.communitywalk.com/Hauntedfairhaven to see Manny Souza's Halloween map. YAHAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Well, guess it's time to put the summer fans away...alas. We might even have a doozie of a storm coming up the coast, too. I hope it doesn't mess up Halloween. And that thought takes us to our annual Halloween issue, with our famous Halloween Trail. We have 18 stops on our trail this year. See page 12 for a that.

I know there are more houses out there, too, so just drive around our little burg and see what you can find.

Two of our famous "home haunters," featured in the film "The American Scream," are on the list. The other one went professional on us. They both promise to have a lot of fun stuff this year. The big spider on the cover is at Manny's. Crreeepppyy....

ALSO, the Halloween Horribles parade is this Sunday. Don't forget that. It starts at 5 and all the creepy characters stroll down Main Street to the parking lot behind St. Mary's Church where prizes are awarded and the whole crowd just has a blast. And, it's all free, courtesy of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association and the sponsors they find. It's one of my favorite town events.

BUT...Our Halloween scary festivities are not over, nuh uh. On Friday the Millicent is having a scary story night for adults only. I'm not sure I want to go to something that isn't safe for kids...just saying. See page 6 for details.

And...believe it or not, Fairhaven isn't the only place obsessed with Halloween. Dartmouth has a couple of spooky walks this weekend, too. See page 7 for that.

You'll find a few letters to the editor in here, too, this week. See page 22 for that.

This time of year is full of so much fun stuff to do in these parts. The farms all have stuff going on, it's warm enough to walk the beach and be outside, but it's cool enough to ride the bike, hike hard, and do all the stuff we couldn't do when it was too hot.

The blue sky has contrasted so sharply with the colors of the leaves as they are turning this week. The great beast that is my Atlantic Ocean has been gray and blue and shiny and calm and frothy, depending on the day, sometimes the time of day. The islands look close enough to swim to on these crisp, dry days. But it's also all a reminder that the seasons are turning.

And I thank the good Lord for that...it means the election will be over soon. No more commercials filled with he-said-she-said, I-will-he-won't, he-did-that-I-did-this.

Time is linear in this dimension. And, sometimes, that's a good thing.

Until next week then.

See ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our item about the daffodil planting in last week's issue, we misidentified the committee. The beautification committee planting the daffodils is a subcommittee of the town of Fairhaven's Bicentennial Committee. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

Last farmer's market held indoors



The last farmer's market of the season in Fairhaven was held at the Nemasket Building on Sunday, 10/21. A few special farmer's markets will be held the week before Thanksgiving in November and a week in December to give people a chance to buy local food for their holiday meals. The market is sponsored by the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee. For more information, contact Ann Richard at ann.richard@gmail.com or 508-991-8315. ABOVE: Silverbrook Farm decides it's easier to set up in the parking lot than move everything off the trailer into the building. RIGHT: late season produce includes pumpkins and cranberries. *Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

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

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Oct. 27: WCW Wrestling, 7 p.m.
Nov. 2: D-Jay-N-Sound
Nov. 3: Record Hop, 50s & 60s, Blu Lobsta band, \$5
Nov. 9: Night Flight
Nov. 10: Vets party, band & dinner, \$20

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

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Community forum on 11/4. See ad on page 3 for details.

Polish Fair

There will be an Arts and Crafts Fair at the **Polish Manor Inn, 1 Main St., Fairhaven, on Sat., Oct. 27, from 10:00-4:00 pm.** For sale will be jewelry, soaps, photographs, knitted items, Polish food and specialty coffee. Featured will be a yarn spinning demonstration. For information call Shirley, 508-994-6790.

Golden Agers

The Fairhaven Golden Agers Club will hold an open house on **Wed., 10/31 in the Oxford Terrace Community Room, 275 Main St., Fairhaven,** from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Accessible. All ages, 18+ are welcome to the Open House. Do come by to see how to spend a pleasant afternoon.

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

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

Call Dot for info, 508-991-5936.

Scary Stories (for adults)

On Friday, October 26 at 7 pm, the Friends of the Millicent Library will present local storyteller David Mello performing "Tales Best Told in the Dark." A 15-minute dramatic presentation of Edgar Allan Poe's classic short story, "The Tell-tale Heart". This performance is taken directly from the text of Poe's chilling tale of murder and madness, in which a guilt-ridden, nameless killer, desperately tries to convince the listener of his sanity, despite his horrendous deed.

The evening will also feature the famous South Alabama tale. "The Hole That Will Not Stay Filled," a true ghost story set during the civil war, and the story of, "The Golden Arm," said to be Mark Twain's favorite ghost story. The evening will end with Mr. Mello sharing some tips for conjuring, and warding off ghosts, taken from

popular folklore.

The program will be presented upstairs in the Lewin Room. Wheelchair accessible from the Walnut Street entrance. Call 508-992-5342 for more information.

This program is intended for adults and young adults and is not suitable for young children.

Horribles Parade

Sunday, October 28, at 5:00 p.m. Parade on Main Street, Fairhaven, from Benoit Square north to St. Mary's Church. Sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. Since the year 1950, the North Fairhaven Improvement Association has hosted an annual Halloween Horribles Parade. People of all ages may dress in costume and march in the parade.

Costumes are judged at different age levels from toddler to adult in the following categories: Scariest, Cutest/Prettiest, Most Original. Prizes donated by community businesses are awarded to the top three winners in each category and age group.

Free bags of Halloween treats are presented to each child and hot chocolate is served.

Food Drive

Northeast Maritime Institute, 32 Washington Street, Fairhaven, is collecting canned goods and non-perishables for local food pantries. Just drop off the goods from Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. now until Nov. 20. For more information contact NMI at 508-992-4025.

Republican Comm.

Fairhaven Town Republican Committee will meet Tuesday October 30, at 630 PM at the community room at Fairhaven Police Station, 1 Bryant Lane. Accessible. (508) 654 0716. Open to the public.

Old Time DL Set

The deadline for submitting listings for the Old-Time Holiday weekend is **November 3.** Any organization holding holiday an event within Fairhaven between on December 7, 8 and 9 is encouraged to submit listing for promotion.

Listings must be submitted in writing and should include the

following: name of event; location, including street address; date(s); time(s); name of sponsoring organization; admission prices; a description of the event; how to obtain tickets, if needed; handicap accessibility information; and a telephone number that the public may call for further information.

The Office of Tourism is also accepting reservations from non-profit groups for booth space at the annual Town Hall Shops, held on Saturday, December 8. Any Fairhaven non-profit civic, school or church groups may reserve an eight foot space at no charge.

Submissions for event listings or reservations for the Holiday shops may be mailed or delivered to the Fairhaven Visitors Center, 43 Center Street, Fairhaven, or emailed to FairhavenTours@aol.com. Calendar listings are not taken over the telephone, but reservations for the Holiday Shops are. Call 508-979-4085.

American Scream

This is it! "The American Scream," the movie about home haunters in Fairhaven, runs this Sunday, October 28, at 8 pm on Chillertv.

Record Hop for Vets

Join the fun on **Sat., 11/3, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., at the VFW in Fairhaven, 109 Middle St., for a Record Hop Fund-raiser** to benefit veterans. Chinese auction, 50/50 raffle, music by Blu Lobsta and DJ Johnny Angel. Tickets \$5 per person, available at the door or call the VFW at 508-997-1707, or George at 508-996-5723.

Drug Prev. Prog

The National Family Partnership® (NFP) national contest for its 27th annual Red Ribbon Week®, Oct. 23-31, the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country.

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Bowling Classic

Junior Achievement of Southern Massachusetts (JASM) is recruiting teams for its Annual Bowling Classic on **Saturday, November 3rd!**

The Annual Bowling Classic is one of the organization's major fundraisers, with all proceeds going to support JASM programming.

Team registrations are due by Friday, October 26th. For more information or to register, please contact Amanda Potter at Amanda.potter.jasm@gmail.com or call the JA office at 508-997-6536.

Adult Ed Volunteers

If you have a minimum of a high school diploma and a maximum amount of interest in helping others learn and improve their lives, you could be a perfect candidate to become an adult literacy volunteer.

The New Bedford Public Schools Division of Adult and Continuing Education is currently seeking volunteers to help teach adult learners. Volunteers are needed to assist in Adult Basic Education as well as English for Speakers of Other Languages classes.

If you decide to sign on, you'll likely be spending one morning or evening per week helping out teachers in the classroom or tutoring students in small groups or one on one. Classroom teachers and a volunteer facilitator are there to provide tutors with whatever is needed in the way of direction, guidance, and training.

Call Dr. Michael Gauthier at 508-997-4511, ext. 2419.

Hospice Volunteers

Are you looking for a rewarding, unique volunteer experience? Perhaps you have musical, artistic or creative gifts that can be shared with individuals that would enhance their quality of life as they journey to end of life. Or perhaps you would simply like to be a quiet presence and companion to a hospice patient.

SolAmor Hospice is looking for volunteers to visit patients under hospice care in the New Bedford area. Volunteers are formally trained and are a valued part of the interdisciplinary team in serving patients at end of life.

If you are interested please call

Karen Spangler 1-508-743-0203 or Karen.Spangler@solamorhospice.com

Vendors needed

Calling all crafters and vendors! Our Lady of Purgatory Church's Lebanese Holiday Bazaar is being held on **Sat., Nov. 10th (10-6) and Sun., Nov. 11th (10-2)** at St. Mary's Church in New Bedford. If you are interested in having a table, please contact Sharon Tripp at 508-971-3804.

Paper Shred Day

The City of New Bedford, The Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District, and Downtown New Bedford, Inc., will co-sponsor a paper shredding event on **Saturday, October 27, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.** in the municipal parking lot located across from New Bedford City Hall (at the corner of William and N. Sixth Streets). Residents and New Bedford area businesses are encouraged to bring their outdated paper items including bank statements, insurance forms, medical forms, retired tax forms, personal files, receipts, etc. to be shredded on site by Doc Shredding, Corp. Doc Shredding is a bonded federal and state contractor.

A fee of \$5 per box will be charged. For more information, please contact District Recycling Coordinator, Marissa Perez-Dormitzer at (508) 979-1493 or John Lobo in the City of New Bedford Office of Community Services at (508) 979-1692.

100th Anniversary

St. Anthony of Padua parish is celebrating the centennial of the completion of its church in 1912. At 10:30 a.m. on **Sunday, October 28, the new pastor, Father Edward A. Murphy will concelebrate a high Mass with Bishop Coleman** and former pastors who served at St. Anthony church. Local dignitaries, including Mayor Mitchell have been invited and are expected to attend. The Mass music program will include a Latin Mass, and English, French and Portuguese hymns in recognition of the prominent cultural heritages representative of the present and past parishioners. Remembrance cards listing names of deceased members of the parish will be collected prior to the Mass and

presented at the altar to be included in the prayers during the celebration of the Mass.

Connect For Change

The 8th Annual Connecting for Change Conference, A Bioneers by the Bay Conference Presented by the Marion Institute, will be held **Fri., Oct. 26, -Sun., Oct. 28, in downtown New Bedford.**

For more information or to register please visit connectingforchange.org or call 508.748.0816. Connecting for Change is a SOLUTIONS BASED gathering that brings together a diverse audience to create deep and positive change in our communities.

Little Superheroes

Know a cute little superhero? The United Way of Greater New Bedford is looking for children ages 10 and under to enter a photo to be the LIVE UNITED little hero. To enter your child/children take a photo of them in a "super hero" pose and costume and send it to liveunited@unitedwayofgnb.org. The child must be wearing a plain, solid color top or LIVE UNITED tee shirt. Entries will be judged based on originality, creativity and who best shows the Live United theme.

Finalists will be posted on the United Way of Greater New Bedford website for popular vote. By submitting a photo to the contest, you are providing consent to the use of your photography by the United Way of Greater New Bedford. **Entries must be submitted before Nov. 2nd.** Prizes for the top three entries.

Visit unitedwayofgnb.org.

Author Event

Best selling author, Eric Jay Dolin gives an illustrated talk titled "When America First Met China" on **Thursday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m., Cook Memorial Theater, New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB.** This Samuel D. Rusitzky Lecture is free to public.

The author will be available to sign copies of his new book, "When America First Met China - An Exotic History of Tea, Drugs, and Money in the Age of Sail" at 6:00 p.m. in the Jacobs Family Gallery.

Visit www.whalingmuseum.org.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Spooky Walk

On **Saturday, October 27 from 5:30 to 7:30pm**, Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust invites you to join them on a creepy family adventure (suggested ages 7 & up) at **Frank Knowles/Little River Reserve** with storyteller extraordinaire Toby Dills. Walkers will be exploring the Reserve while listening to a spooky story. Bring your flashlights and lanterns and dress warm...there is sure to be a few "ghostly" surprises along the way!

Be there on time, **the walk will start precisely at 5:30** and you won't want to miss the group. Costumes are welcome, but not necessary. Please be sure there is nothing that will get caught underfoot or on branches during the walk.

Usually only the worst weather will cancel a DNRT walk. If the weather is questionable, call DNRT's cell phone at 508.525.9266 or check www.dnrt.org on the morning of the walk. The reserve is located between Potomska Road and Little River. Parking lot and trailhead are 9/10ths of a mile north of the Lloyd Center entrance or 7/10ths of a mile south of the intersection of Potomska, Rock O'Dundee and Gaffney roads

Scarecrow Contest

Join in the fun on **Saturday, October 27th at 2 p.m.** when the Friends of the Mattapoissett Library sponsor the Annual Scarecrow Contest. Children and families may enter for free and scarecrows may be assembled that day and judged by a panel of Friends. Rules are available by contacting the children's library staff at 508-758-4171.

Prizes will be awarded in several categories. There will be games and holiday snacks for all.

Psychic Fair

The Acushnet Police Association, in conjunction with Collective Souls of Acushnet, will sponsor a Psychic/Holistic Fair on Sunday, October 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Senior Center building, 59 1/2 South Main Street, Acushnet. Multiple vendors, readers, mediums and lunch will be available. Benefits the Acushnet Police Association.

For more info, call 508-998-0280.

Spooktacular

Halloween Family Spooktacular, Sun, Oct 28, from 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Stone Barn Farm, 786 Horseneck Road, Dartmouth, by Sanctuary Staff and Volunteers. Suitable for children.

Adults \$8.00m/ \$10.00nm, Children \$8.00m/ \$10.00nm

Pack up the monsters and ghouls, young and old, and join us for an evening of SPOOKTACULAR events and activities at Stone Barn! Costumes are highly encouraged and highlights of the evening include Interactive Trick-or-Treat Stations, Special Holiday Craft Activities and Refreshments in the Stone Barn, Spooky Night Hike (Kid-Friendly!)

Entrance to the Stone Barn Farm is located at 786 Horseneck Road in South Dartmouth. Proceed down the driveway and signs will direct you to parking and the Barn.

Acushnet Calendars

A Year's View of Acushnet 2013

Come with us and explore the roads of Acushnet. Meet the people and see some of the sights that make Acushnet the hidden treasure of the south coast.

The Friends of the Acushnet Public Library are sponsoring a fund-raising project. "Welcome to Acushnet 2013," a calendar which explores the treasures of this peaceful little town and introduces you to some of the individuals and families that not only help to preserve the heritage of the town but also call Acushnet home.

Calendars are now available for purchase at the Acushnet Public Library, 88 Main Street, for \$12.00 each. All proceeds benefit the Acushnet Public Library.

For more information please call the library at 508-998-0270 or John Tavares at 508-995-0236.

Free Movie

Free Screening of "The Magic of Belle Isle" (2012) rated PG. The Mattapoissett Friends of the Elderly will host a free showing of "The Magic of Belle Isle" at the **Council on Aging at noon on Tuesday, October 30. Pizza is available for \$3.00. Pizza requests must be paid by 3:00 PM on Monday, October 29.**

"The Magic of Belle Isle" follows wheelchair bound Monte Wildhorn, a famous Western novelist who has been sapped of his passion for writing. He takes a lakeside cabin for the summer in picturesque Belle Isle. He is befriended by the family next door, an attractive single mom, her three young daughters and their dog that help him find inspiration again.

RVSP the Mattapoissett Council on Aging at the Center School on Barstow Street or call 508-758-4110, even if you're not having pizza, so we know how many seats to set up.

Women's Health Day

Southcoast's annual "Day of Health for Women" will be held on Saturday, October 27, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Southcoast™ Center for Women's Health located at 300B Faunce Corner Road in Dartmouth.

Enjoy the following complimentary services: Acupuncture, Massage, Posture screening, Reflexology, Reik, Bone density screenings

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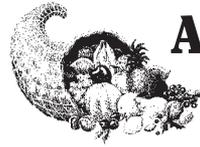
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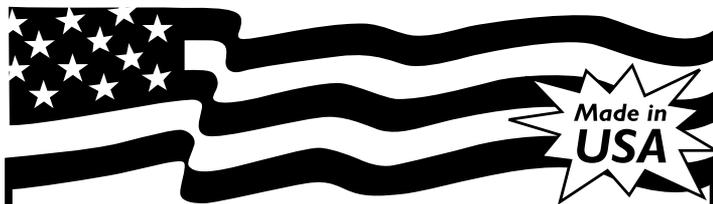
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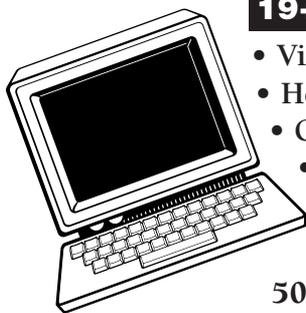
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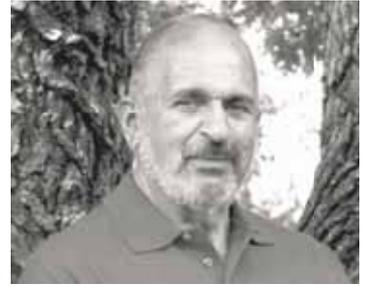
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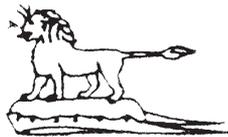
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Acushnet Town Meeting approves police station spending

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Acushnet residents attending the 10/22 Special Town Meeting voted overwhelmingly in favor of the \$5.7 million debt exclusion request to build a new police station, opening the door for a subsequent special election referendum in January to vote for an exemption of Proposition 2 ½. All other articles on the warrant also passed, including the Perry Hill Church restoration project.

Police Chief Michael Alves gave a convincing presentation to citizens and, together with others who spoke strongly in favor of the project, persuaded the majority of voters to support the article.

Accompanied by Kaestle Boos Architect David Mores, Chief Alves gave a compelling slide presentation that spelled out the shortfalls, hazards and code violations of the current police station at the Parting Ways Building. One slide of a floor plan of the existing building featured more than 100 red Xs, depicting the many code violations, to which several residents in attendance gasped in response.

A photo of an obviously inadequate detention cell elicited laughter from residents, which quickly turned to responses of disbelief and disgust when Chief Alves brought the crowd's attention to the lack of running water and drainage for the floor that has been "urinated, defecated, and vomited on" for years.

Chief Alves emphasized the unsafe conditions of the intermingling of staff, detainees, and the general public, and recalled the recent arrest of two members of the Latin Kings

gang, which resulted in the evacuation of civilians during the period when the "uncooperative" gang members were processed.

Selectboard Chairperson David Wojnar approached the microphone to endorse the "no frills" project, explaining that the \$5.7 million figure was being presented to the voters as a "worst-case scenario," stressing that taxpayer funding for the project could be reduced even further over time with additional revenue and other sources of funding such as free

taxpayers will be required to maintain the old building.

Mr. Wojnar told him that Town Hall is "bursting at the seams," and the 6,900 square feet that police currently occupy would most likely be used by Town Hall departments, with costs being absorbed as part of the utilities operating budget.

Fire Chief Michael Gallagher was asked to address the citizens, who clapped after they were reminded that Mr. Gallagher, who is in favor of the project, is not an Acushnet taxpaying resident.

"It is beyond time that that be resolved," said Mr. Gallagher about the 138-year-old building's numerous code violations. "An improvement to one is an improvement to all."

Former Police Chief Michael Poitras approached the microphone and warned residents that something "traumatic" would eventually happen as a result of the unsafe conditions at the current police station that he considers beyond repair.

"It's like taking good money and throwing it into a black hole," said Mr. Poitras. "It's just a mess. You can't ever take this building and make it into a police station of the future."

Former Selectboard member James Madruga complained that taxes have gone up "70 percent in the last ten to twelve years."

He offered an amendment to the article, calling for the special election to be called in April, rather than in January. He said he believes it could save the town up to \$7,000 and give voters more time to debate.

An argument ensued between Moderator Bob Francis and Mr. Madruga, after Mr. Francis cut off Mr.

You can't ever take this building and make it into a police station of the future [Police Chief Michael Alves]

cash, and maybe money from future solar farm projects, that could be applied to the total cost.

With the average Acushnet home currently valued at \$256,000, the project would increase property taxes about \$87 per year, or \$1.68 per week. Acushnet has one of the highest tax rates in Bristol County.

"We know this is an expensive project," said Mr. Wojnar. "I wish I was not here asking this of you...but this is an absolute necessity."

One resident asked what will happen to the Parting Ways Building once the new police station is built, and whether future costs to the

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Madruga stating, "There is nothing in this article that states the time of the election."

Mr. Madruga referred back to a slide in Chief Alves's presentation that said a special election would be called within 90 days.

Town Counsel Darren Klein clarified that Massachusetts General Law states that a special election for a debt exclusion vote must be held within 90 days of the Special Town Meeting.

The argument escalated until Mr. Francis cut Mr. Madruga off one last time, shouting, "Mr. Madruga, would you please sit down?"

Historical Commission member Joyce Reynolds commented that the conditions the Town asks their police officers to work under are appalling, and implored citizens to put themselves "on the line" the way the officers do every day, to which the crowd clapped and cheered.

Resident Cynthia Souza motioned to table the article until the spring, which was seconded only after a significant delay. Only five voted in favor.

Mr. Madruga stood up again to announce that he was in favor of the project, yet he thought voters needed more time to consider the matter. He was interrupted once again by a motion to move the question which was immediately seconded by several citizens.

Only about a dozen residents voted against the article. Many residents left the meeting after the article passed.

The Perry Hill Church restoration project passed with some opposition, beginning with Mr. Madruga asking what would happen to the \$45,000 of CPC money requested in the article if a bona fide owner of the property were to come forward and claim the

Perry Hill Church, after a 16-year search for the previous owner.

Mr. Klein stated that there is no owner on record, and Town Administrator Alan Coutinho said the church is the Town's as a result of eminent domain, which would not be reversible if an owner were to step forward.

Another resident questioned the future use of the building after the Town invests significant funding for its restoration.

Selectboard member Leslie Dakin spoke strongly in favor of the church restoration, saying the main purpose is to preserve and protect the historical building for the future. He said the money was already appropriated and in place, there would be no additional tax burden to the community. He also told residents that a local Boy Scouts troop and Tabor Academy have expressed an interest in using the building.

Ms. Reynolds said the Town needed to make the building watertight and safe for the winter by securing the roof.

"We will find a use for it," she said. "We know we will find a use for it."

The vote was very close, prompting a formal hand count. The final count was 103 in favor, 84 against.

Also passed, but with some discussion and opposition, was Article 8 requesting \$24,700 for a brand new 2013 Ford Econoline van for the animal control officer.

A resident asked why the Town could not purchase a new 2012 model, saving the Town thousands of dollars.

Mr. Coutinho responded by saying the Town would buy a 2012 model, as long as there was one available and it was a brand new vehicle. The article



James Madruga addresses Acushnet Town Meeting during discussion of the new police station. Photo by Jean Perry. See it in color at www.neighbnews.com

passed with opposition.

Article 12 passed with minimal discussion, after resident Everett Harding suggested it would be a waste of taxpayer money to spend \$10,000 to repair the apron tying the fire station to the driveway. He suggested the Town include the apron repair in with the police station project.

Mr. Wojnar said that would be assuming the referendum vote for the police station would pass, and the repairs needed to be done before the winter.

The vote was close, prompting another hand count, which seemed less of a close count after all, with 81 in favor and 34 opposed.

Article 20, requesting \$65,000 of CPC funding to install new dugouts and expand Knox Field, was passed with some opposition and some debate by one resident who questioned if expanding baseball fields was outside the scope of what the CPC funds.

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Mr. Klein assured the resident that CPC has several different categories of funding and the article fell under recreation and capital improvement.

The resident called it "ridiculous," and demanded that Fairhaven pay its fair share of the upgrades to the park, since the Acushnet and Fairhaven Little League have recently merged.

"This has been a long day," said Moderator Bob Francis as the resident's argument became repetitive.

"Thirty-two years...and I almost threw my first person out," said Mr. Francis laughing, referring to Mr. Madruga.

With town meeting ready to vote, Mr. Francis urged the resident to conclude his argument.

"I guess I'm just unaware of all this money we got. My taxes just keep going up," the resident said before taking his seat.

Also passed without discussion:

- Fund wage increases for union contracts.
- Transfer \$75,000 from the Sewer Phase II Betterment Fund to reimburse the General Fund.
- Rescind a vote from 5/19/08 Special Town Meeting for CPC money for



Acushnet Town Meeting votes overwhelmingly to support the new police station. Photo by Jean Perry. See it in color at www.neighbnews.com

- the repairs to White's Factory that were never completed.
- Rescind a vote from 9/19/05 Special Town Meeting for CPC money for recreational use at Scout's Pond that was never completed.
- Wage increase per the Collector's contract for certification as a Municipal Collector.
- \$19,500 for firefighter personal protective equipment.
- \$2,720 for 10 firefighter helmets.
- \$4,728 to replace firefighter pagers.
- \$500 to repair town historical signage.

- \$1,000 to move the Town's government communication channel equipment to the NSTAR tower on Peckham Road.
- \$6,000 for diseased tree removal.
- \$15,100 for the Golf Contingency Fund.
- Fund wage increases for DPW union employees.
- Money to purchase a dump truck body.
- \$50,000 CPC funding for micro-filming and digitizing Town records.
- \$14,000 to pay interest costs for a 2009 abatement to Verizon. •••

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YARDS: cont'd from page 13

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12: Grove St. First haunted yard on Sconticut Neck. Look who's going to greet you at the door, er... roof. Home-made props. No specific hours. *Neighb News file photo.* (#10 on map)

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13: 59 Ocean Ave. Just two blocks south and to the left you'll find a unique yard featuring doggie themed decorations (#12 on the map)

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14: 31 Capeview. NEW this year! Just a tad south on Sconticut Neck Road, making your way to West Island. Sorry we didn't get a chance to run by and take a picture, then, well, y'know.... deadlines and all. So, you'll just have to be surprised.



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15: 38 Briercliffe Road. Just a bit more moving south along the Neck and on the right you'll visit Tammy Weber and Tammy Silva (if you can recognize them).

They set up on Halloween day and break down on Halloween

night. You're invited to swing by during the day to watch them set up shop. It's a neighborhood event and lots of fun (#13 on map). *Submitted photo.*

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16: 770 Sconticut Neck Road. Now it's time to head for West Island. But, just before you take the left on Goulart, stop by the Yard at 770 Sconticut Neck Road. Don't worry, you can't miss it, the lights and flying

things will definitely catch your attention. Should be set up this weekend (#14 on the map).

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17: 166 Dogwood St. After you visit Victor, take that left onto Goulart and head for my place on West Island. I should be set up for this Saturday night, 10/27, maybe



even by Friday night.

I haven't heard from the Screaming Banshees yet, but I do expect them to make an appearance, at least on Halloween night.

We can promise dead things, noises in the fog, and a cauldron full of boiling candy. You'll also have to be brave enough to scoop your candy out of the cauldron yourself, but that's on Halloween night only. Yahahahahahah (#15 on the map). *Beth David photo.*

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18: 10 Bluepoint. After my place, take a left. I haven't talked to them, but last time I ambled by they looked ready for you. No specified hours. (#16 on the map). While you're at it, just cruise around West Island. I'm sure there are lots of other yards decorated around here, although the island can be spooky enough without even trying! (#16 on map)



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Well, that's it. If your yard isn't here, feel free to send us a picture and we'll include it next year. Have a spooky one! ...

Chamber of Commerce Fraud Alert

Press Release

The New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce has been notified of a freight scam that has been used to defraud local businesses. Small businesses in the Greater New Bedford area are being contacted via email by individuals placing fraudulent orders. Once the company responds, verifying that the desired products are in stock, the fraudster will then ask for a shipping quotation and explain that they will be paying via credit card.

Once the victim company sends the quotation, they reply that they

will have their U.S. agent or freight representative come to the company's location and pick up the merchandise, and the agent will ship the goods to the "customer." The fraudster then asks the company to add an additional charge onto the total cost, and pay that amount to the "agent" when they arrive to collect the goods. The scammer also offers additional compensation to the company, for the extra trouble of paying their agent. The offered reasons for this arrangement might be "the freight company only accepts cash," or "the agent is unable to

process credit cards." If the victim company responds that this is not possible, the fraudster will cut off communication.

The New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce is warning members to always be cautious when responding to these types of email requests. Email fraud and other purchase scams of this type are common. Members are reminded to always verify for legitimacy.

Please contact the Chamber at 508-999-5231 or via email at info@newbedfordchamber.com with any questions or concerns.

MSBA approves GNBVT project

MSBA Announces \$13.5 Million Grant Approval for Additions and Renovations at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School BOSTON--State Treasurer Steven Grossman, Chairman of the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), and Jack McCarthy, MSBA Executive Director, today announced that the MSBA Board of Directors voted to approve funding for additions and renovations at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. The District is authorized to receive MSBA reimbursement for 80% of eligible project expenses with a Maximum Total Facilities Grant of \$13,543,920.

"This is a great day for the Greater

New Bedford community, for students of this high school, and for the

MSBA," Treasurer Grossman said. "Our successful collaboration with the District has resulted in plans for an efficient, sustainable, and affordable school that will benefit thousands of area students for years to come."

The project would renovate the building's electrical and plumbing systems and would also address overcrowding issues. The next step is for the District and the MSBA to enter into a Project Funding Agreement ("PFA"), which will detail the project's scope and budget and set forth the terms and conditions for the MSBA grant.

"The Greater New Bedford addition

and renovation project will enhance and improve the ability of students ability to excel in the classroom while allowing more efficient use of the existing school facilities," stated Jack McCarthy, MSBA Executive Director.

The MSBA partners with Massachusetts communities to support the design and construction of educationally appropriate, flexible, sustainable, and cost-effective public school facilities. Since its inception, the Authority has made \$9 billion in reimbursements for school construction projects. These timely payments have saved

municipalities over \$2.9 billion in avoided local interest costs and have provided much needed cash flow to communities.

Film Fest to feature "Fairhaven"

Tickets are now on sale for the first Buzzards Bay Film Festival, which debuts Nov. 9-11 in Falmouth and New Bedford, Massachusetts.

The Festival is part of the Buzzards Bay Coalition's 25th Anniversary celebration and offers science fiction, documentaries, animation, and the long-awaited local premiere of the feature film Fairhaven.

The Festival begins with an evening of short films at the First Congregational Church, 68 Main Street, Falmouth, at 7:30 PM, Friday, November 9. Another program of

short films will screen at New Bedford's Gallery X, 169 William Street, New Bedford, at 8 PM, Saturday, November 10.

On Sunday, Nov. 11, the Festival will host a full day of movies at the Zeiterion Theatre, 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford. The program will begin with the science fiction feature The Green Slime at 11 AM, continue with an afternoon of shorter works, and conclude at 8 PM, with Fairhaven.

Fairhaven tells the story of three thirty-something friends who reunite

in their home town, a homecoming that forces them to reassess their friendship and themselves. A number of local residents make appearances.

Tickets for all screenings are available online at buzzardsbayfilmfestival.org. Tickets for Sunday, Nov. 11's films – including Fairhaven and The Green Slime – are also available at The Zeiterion Theatre box office, in person or by phone at (508) 994-2900.

For more information, visit the Festival Website, www.buzzardsbayfilmfestival.org



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Thursday	Friday

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Board of Appeals

Wed., 11/7 Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 10/1, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

CDBG meeting

Thurs., 11/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 10/29, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Fairhaven Housing Auth.

Mon., 11/5, Oxford Terr., 2 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 10/25, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 11/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 11/14, FHS Media Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 10/29, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

BPW

Mon., 10/29, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 11/14, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Thurs., 10/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Tues., 11/13, Ford MS, 5 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Oct. 2012	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	25	0509	1739	1148	2340
Friday	26	0603	1829	----	1225
Saturday	27	0650	1914	0004	1256
Sunday	28	0732	1954	0032	1325
Monday	29	0811	2033	0104	1357
Tuesday	30	0848	2110	0140	1432
Wednesday	31	0924	2148	0219	1509

	Nov. 2012	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	1	0959	2226	0258	1546
Friday	2	1036	2308	0337	1624
Saturday	3	1114	2352	0417	1703
Sunday	4	1057	2339	0358	1645
Monday	5	1144	----	0443	1734
Tuesday	6	0028	1235	0537	1837
Wednesday	7	0120	1330	0646	1948
Thursday	8	0214	1429	0806	2047
Friday	9	0311	1530	0914	2134

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Letters from our readers

Voc-Tech improvements help Fairhaven students, too

It was interesting to read a quote from Fairhaven School Committee member Bernard Roderick in the Advocate newspaper. He was referring to the money that would be required from the town to pay for the Vocational renovation.

It reads: "Mr. Roderick questioned why they have 'no say' in what happens at the vocational school when Fairhaven students attend it and Fairhaven residents help pay for it. He said the town's share of renovation project would come to about '\$1 million that could be going to our students.'"

I find this interesting on several counts. First of all, why does he think the Fairhaven School Committee ought to have any control of this decision? What happens at Voke has nothing to do with the Fairhaven Public School System, does it? He seems to want it both ways; he wants to have input for the reason that Fairhaven students attend Voke, but at the same time, he argues, that the \$1 million could be going to "our students," (Fairhaven students who attend Fairhaven High School.)

He needs to understand that while he has an opinion from the view of a Fairhaven resident, that's it. And as a former educator, he might want to take into consideration that the youth from our town that attend Vocational are students, just like the ones who attend Fairhaven High School. And if Fairhaven residents have supported local building improvements, we ought

to consider supporting our share for ALL Fairhaven students, regardless of where they attend school.

Michelle Furtado, Fairhaven

Reader outraged over Libya attack on US diplomats

I find it hard to express my concern and outrage strong enough over the attack and killing of our Libya diplomat and fellow workers in Benghazi Libya. I find it outrageous that the President together with secretary of state Hillary Clinton and the U.S. ambassador [Susan] Rice to the UN stated within 24 hours after the attack stated emphatically after the attack it was in response to a U2 video disrespecting Muslims and Islam.

We know beyond a doubt the administration knew within 24 hours that it was a terrorist attack. There is overwhelming evidence they knew. For one thing mortars and rocket propelled grenades were used in the attack, hardly the weapons of a spontaneous mob or a crowd. Furthermore there is overwhelming evidence provided by security forces and intelligence in the field which confirmed al-Qaeda agents in the attack. It was only about 8 days after the attack President Obama finally had to acknowledge it was a terrorist attack.

Another aspect of how incompetent or disengage the Obama Administration is the fact Benghazi was a hotbed of al-

Queda activity. The British embassy was attacked repeatedly, Britain pulled out. Our ambassador asked repeatedly for more protection what did they do they pulled the Marine guard out. He was left with virtually no protection.

Concerning Obama administration handling of this attack there can be only 2 logical conclusions.

1] The President and his Administration must be so disengaged and our intelligence so inept they don't know what is going on.

2] This doesn't fit the narrative they killed bin Laden never mind Seal Team 6, al-Qaeda has been dismantled and we don't have to worry about al-Qaeda and the rise of al-Qaeda and the rise of the Islam extremists.

I believe the price of freedom is eternal vigilance and the willingness if necessary to fight and die. My hope and prayer is that we think about this when we make our decision about who to vote for.

John Pond, Fairhaven

There is no pleasure worth forgoing just for an extra three years in the geriatric ward.

John Mortimer

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