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

Land Trust wants public to join cause, use lands



The Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust held its first guided hike on Saturday, 11/17, to show people the beautiful and rustic lands open to the public and preserved for open space and recreation. The membership organization owns or holds conservation restrictions on more than 1,000 acres, protecting it all from development. ABOVE: Hikers carefully walk along a wooden bridge built by the FALPT over the swampy areas of the Helen Silva property on the west side of Sciticut Neck Road. See page 12 for more. *Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos for this and other events.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

It's happening... the weather's getting colder, the nights are getting longer, and Christmas is on the way, Christmas and all the other holidays of the season.

Are you ready? Did you do all your shopping on Black Friday? Did you finish it up on Cyber Monday? Are you still looking for a way to give? How about Giving Tuesday? The nonprofit answer to the spending frenzy. The point is to give to your favorite charities. Sounds good to me. Don't forget the food pantries. No one should go hungry in the richest country in the world...yes, that's us, still.

The West Island Ghost Gourder got nabbed by our young detectives. We have decided to protect his identity. Now, for those of you with your skivvies in a bunch, saying we are protecting the perpetrator...you do know it's all in good fun, right? No mug shots for the Ghost Gourder. Unless he keeps gourdng, then we'll get him.

We have other stuff for you this week, of course. Meeting coverage: Conservation Commission on page 17 and Selectboard on page 4.

We've also got information on the town's Old Time Holiday celebration coming up soon...save the date, it's next weekend (Dec. 6-8). Lots of good stuff. We'll have more on that next week.

The Wood School is in the news this week. What fun they had in that old building on Main Street! The dads of the Wood School family agreed to a pie eating contest if the students collected enough cans and boxes of food for the food pantry. Even Dr. Baldwin played, because, like I said, no one should go hungry in the richest country in the world. See page 3 for that.

The Wood School's new building also got a cool addition last week: the steel beams signed by the students were installed in the library. We got some video, too, and I'm going to try to figure out how to get that uploaded to Facebook. I know, we did it once before, but I had help for that. I'm flying solo on this one, so keep checking our Facebook page.

Our cover story was something we did a couple of weeks go. I do love a good hike. The Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust owns a lot of property in these parts and it's all left to be in mostly a natural state. Except for a few bridges here and there to keep your feet dry, the properties are just sprawling woods, with paths and hand-cut trails, or wide open spaces. Some are beach front (yes, real beach access), some are in the most unlikely places. They are not posted to keep you out, but, it would help if you are a member. See page 12 for details.

Well, time to move along. Oh, one more thing. Planning Board member Rene Fleurent insists he did not use a swear word at the last meeting and he was misquoted by this paper. Our reporter insists that she heard what she heard. See page 22 for a letter from Rene. We stand by our reporter and will not retract the statement. We'll let our readers decide. Until next week then,



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

See page 22 for a letter from Planning Board member Rene Fleurent, who says he was misquoted in this paper last week.

Feed the hungry, fatten the dads



Students of the Wood School collected a phenomenal 1155 cans & boxes of food for the Shepherd's Pantry. As an incentive to collect more food, certain celebrity dads in the Wood School Family agreed to participate in a pie-eating contest. At 500 cans, a dad chosen from each class would compete; at 550 cans, P/E teacher Mr. Munce would compete (that's "Pie Eating" teacher, not Phys Ed); at 575 Mr. Cunha the Custodian would compete; and at 1,000 cans, the ultimate dad, Dr. Robert Baldwin, Superintendent of Schools (pictured above left), would compete. "These dads are setting an example that you can take a rest, have fun, and you can help others," said Wood School principal Amy Hartley-Matteson. "We had a lot of fun, we helped our community, and we had a good day today." RIGHT: the winner, Mr. Leblanc, representing room 2L. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

Wood School beams installed



Students of the Wood School signed two steel beams that will be visible in the library of the new building being constructed on Sconticut Neck Road in Fairhaven. The beams were put into place on November 19. TOP & LEFT: Ronnie Thivierge secures the beams signed by Wood School students. The names will be visible in the library after the building is completed. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit us on Facebook for more photos and a video.

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DOR says to eliminate BPW, create town administrator

By Mali Lim

Neighb News Correspondent

Changes in how Fairhaven does business may be on the horizon as early as the next annual town meeting, as town officials decide how to respond to findings of a recent Department of Revenue report. The DOR's Fiscal Management Review, a result of several weeks of observations and interviews with town employees, makes 34 recommendations for improvement, including potentially controversial suggestions, such as restructuring the finance committee, considering a town administrator in lieu of an executive secretary, and eliminating the Board of Public Works and the Personnel Committee.

Overall, the review was favorable, said Selectboard Chair Brian Bowcock, with Fairhaven receiving high marks for being conservative in past management practices and maintaining a high bond rating. Fellow selectboard member Bob Espindola, however, argued that officials needed to heed areas where the DOR was critical.

"Let's not sugarcoat the findings," he said. "The ad hoc process of current years is not sustainable. The budget process needs to look at a long term picture, not one year at a time. We need to run the town a little more like a business."

The extensive report arrived shortly before the Thanksgiving holiday, so most department heads did not have a chance to review it before Monday night's selectboard meeting, 11/26. The board agreed to meet with officials who would be affected drastically by the DOR's recommendations first before the report is posted on the town website for public viewing.

The town will then need to schedule a series of public hearings over the next three months to discuss the recommendations, said Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch.

"Some of the changes recommended will require special legislation; thers will require money," he siad. "The DOR is willing to come back and meet with the selectboard and other officials after the town has had a chance to discuss the report internally."

"It's really clear for the future that there has to be some changes in the way we do things, especially with changes in personnel over the next few years," said board member Charles K. Murphy. "Some boards will not be happy with the recommendations, but change is important for the future of our town."

A meeting with Attorney Benjamin Dowling regarding the Cushman Park easement was moved from executive session into open session by mutual consent of the board and Mr. Dowling.

Mr. Dowling spoke for resident Brad Souza, whose request for an easement was approved at the last town meeting. Mr. Souza apparently received a letter from the selectboard stating that the board would not proceed to finalize the easement until

It's really clear for the future that there has to be some changes in the way we do things...Some boards will not be happy with the recommendations, but change is important for the future of our town [Charles Murphy]

he paid \$6,300 for legal fees the town apparently incurred in the process of approving the easement.

Mr. Dowling requested that the board rescind the request for \$6,300, which apparently included over \$5,000 dollars in non-itemized billing for the use of town counsel. He also objected to the fact that the bill was sprung suddenly on Mr. Souza who had been given to understand that he would be responsible for three or four hundred dollars in filing fees.

"The town voted for the [easement] article almost unanimously, and there was no mention about legal bills," he said. "The legislature took up the motion and passed special legislation to move the article along. The legislature did not mention anything about legal billing. Many months into the process we received a bill, and it was a shock. It just did

not sit right."

Registry of Deeds employee and former selectboard member Michael Silvia appeared at the meeting to support Mr. Souza's request, saying that he, too, questioned such a large, un-itemized bill.

"I was shocked to hear of this \$6,000 bill," he said. "If the town had intended to go after this money, it should have come up in town meeting. It should have been done up front."

Mr. Murphy and the rest of the board were reluctant, saying they didn't believe all town counsel fees "should be on the back of the town."

"If it had been clear it would cost the town this much, how many members who voted in favor would have voted differently?" he asked.

The board, however, acknowledged that it was never spelled out clearly that there would be town counsel fees attached, and that in fairness to Mr. Souza, it was never discussed that legal expenses would be primarily on his shoulders and that he had understood that he would be responsible for the ancillary costs to record the easement.

The board finally voted to grant the easement and to have Mr. Souza bear only the filing costs.

Another long-standing issue, this time regarding wind turbine discussions, was also briefly raised during the meeting. Mr. Espindola questioned Dr. Bowcock's refusal to give resident Karen Isherwood, a vocal opponent of the wind turbines, a chance to speak at the last selectboard meeting.

"People who have an interest in this should be allowed to come before us. It doesn't hurt to listen," he argued.

Dr. Bowcock, however, stated that in his role as chair, he did not have to recognize anyone who was not officially on the agenda, noting that members of Windwise have repeatedly attempted to essentially "crash the meeting" several times.

"I think they have had many opportunities to speak before this board, the board of health, and at the special forum that was held," he continued. "There is a scientific study being done at their request."

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

EFS Craft Fair

The East Fairhaven Elementary School PTO will hold the Second Annual Holiday Craft Fair on **Saturday, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.** at the East Fairhaven School on New Boston Road. Accessible.

Features arts & crafts, ornaments made by Kindergarten and first grade students, ornament painting, letters to Santa, face painting, cookie/cupcake decorating, unique gifts, handmade soap, lotions, knitted items, doll clothes, raffles and much more. Santa arrives at noon, donate a canned goof to get a free photo with Santa.

Gift wrapping services provided by fifth graders.

Door Contest

The Fairhaven Improvement Association is sponsoring a "Holiday Door Decorating Contest" in honor of the season. Awards of \$100, \$75, and \$50 will be given for First, Second, and Third place winners. One Honorable Mention Ribbon will also be awarded. Doors must remain decorated from December 8 to December 26 and have a holiday theme. Registration blanks can be picked up at the Selectboard Office, Millicent Library, Northeast Maritime and Pumpernickel's. Judging will be done during the week of Dec. 15, 2012.

Winners will be announced in local newspapers. Ribbons will be placed on winning displays prior to Dec. 25 and prizes will be awarded after December 26. A registration fee of \$5.00, payable to FIA, should accompany the registration. **Deadline for registration is December 7, 2012**

F.A.M.E. meeting

The Fairhaven Association for Music Education (F.A.M.E.) will be holding their monthly meeting on **Thursday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Hastings Middle School cafeteria.** F.A.M.E. would like to thank the community for supporting the concession stand at all four home football games this fall. This tremendous response will allow F.A.M.E. to continue providing music scholarships and other support for the town of Fairhaven's active music department.

Please join the Fairhaven public

schools' music department and the F.A.M.E. at the **Holiday Town Hall Shops on Sat., Dec. 8, from 10-4 p.m.** Performances by student musicians will be throughout the day. Outside F.A.M.E. will be selling popcorn, hotdogs, and drinks. Upstairs F.A.M.E. will be selling a brand new music t-shirt printed by Screen Works as well as a special music note ornament made by Salt Marsh Pottery.

This year winter holiday concerts will include programs at Rogers School, Tues. Dec. 4, Hastings Middle School Holiday Band Blast, Tuesday December 11, at 6:30 p.m. Hastings Middle School String and Choir Celebration, Tues. Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m. East Fairhaven School, Wed., Dec. 12. Wood School (at Oxford School), Tues. Dec. 18, and Fairhaven High School on Dec. 20, at 7 p.m.

For more information please visit <http://f-a-m-e.home.comcast.net/~f-a-m-e/> or find us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/famefairhaven>

Scouts Selling Trees

The annual Christmas tree and wreath fund-raiser for Pack and Troop 55 located at Mike and Wayne's on Route 6 is coming soon. **The trees are slated to arrive that day after Thanksgiving, Nov 23rd-25.**

The Scouts and parents volunteer every evening from 5:30-7:30, and all weekend long from 9 AM-6:30PM. Employees of Mike and Wayne's are gracious enough to collect money for the Scouts during the early hours on weekdays.

For the best selection of Nova Scotia Balsam Firs come early and pick your tree. We only have 200 Trees and 60 wreaths. Once we sell out we're gone till next year. Feel free to stop by and walk through our selection. The Scouts and parents are more than willing help you carry the tree and tie it to your car.

All Proceeds Benefit Boy Scout Pack & Troop 55, B.S.A of the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven

Dinner For 2 Books

Give the gift that lasts all year long, and help a not-for-profit organization at the same time. During this holiday season and throughout the month of January, the Showstoppers

community-service singing troupe will be selling the Dinner For Two® Dining Books at the regular cost of \$29.95. Ten dollars of the purchase price will go to the Showstoppers organization to help pay for the children's travel to Walt Disney World in Orlando in August 2013. The troupe of talented youth has been invited to perform in Disney for the 2nd time, after delivering a fantastic performance on a Disney soundstage in 2008.

This year's Dinner For Two® book features \$1500 in savings at establishments across SE Mass, including Cape Cod, Newport and Providence.

To purchase a book, or for more information about Showstoppers, please call 508-758-4525 or email info@showstoppers.us.

Food Drive

The Fairhaven Town Hall is partnering with the United Way and the New Bedford Firefighters' Union this year to bring Christmas presents to area children in need. A toy drive at the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, will last through mid-December.

The Town Hall is asking for new, unwrapped toys for children, from babies to tweens. Make the toy donation a part of your family's annual Old-Time Holiday Weekend, as the toy donation box will be available at the Town Hall on Sat., Dec. 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to coincide with Town-wide festivities. Rumor has it that one of Santa's elves will be at the donation box to help. Don't miss it!

If you can't make the Old-Time Holiday weekend, Town Hall is open on weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Town Hall is also a drop-off location for the ongoing the United Way food drive. Pantries are struggling this year. Please consider bringing non-perishable foods, such as canned meats, beans, peanut butter, etc. for the Town Hall collection bin.

For more information, call the Selectmen's Office and ask for Anne, 508-979-4023.

Old Time Holiday Save the Dates!

Fairhaven's Old Time Holiday weekend is coming up, Dec. 7, 8, 9. See ad on back cover for more information. More info next week.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Neighborhood Events

The following community events will take place throughout the City of New Bedford during the month of December in celebration of the holiday season:

- **Downtown Holiday Stroll: Sat., Dec. 1st and Sun., Dec. 2nd** from noon to 4 p.m. Artisans, crafters, restaurants, specialty shops and boutiques will come together to create a unique holiday shopping experience. Organized by Downtown New Bedford Inc. to encourage holiday shoppers to buy local.
- **Official Christmas Tree Lighting: Sat., Dec. 1st at 4:30 p.m.**, City Hall Plaza. The parade will step off from the bottom of William Street (at North Water Street) and will march up to City Hall Plaza for the lighting of the City's Official Christmas Tree on the steps of the Main Library. The NB High School Marching Band, the All-City Middle School Marching Band and Color Guard will participate in this festive event for the whole family to celebrate the holiday season.
- **Festival of Lights Celebration: Sun., Dec. 2nd at 4:30 p.m.** Clasky Common Park at County and Pope Streets. Join the countdown celebration to illuminate festive displays of dazzling lights throughout Clasky Common Park. The Parker Elementary School chorus will perform and Santa Claus is expected to join the celebration.
- **Far North End Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting: Sun., Dec. 2nd** at 6:30 p.m., at Fire Station # 5, 3665 Acushnet Avenue
- **South End Business Association Tree Lighting: Tues., Dec. 4th.** Reading of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" at 4 p.m. and tree lighting at 5:30 p.m., at Howland Green Library, 3 Rodney French Blvd.
- **2nd Annual Santa Sightings 5K Fun Run: Sat., Dec. 8th** at 11 a.m. Race starts at City Hall in Downtown New Bedford, 133 William Street. Last year, nearly 1,500 runners in Santa suits participated in this family oriented run through the historic city of New Bedford.
- **Goulart Square Association Tree Lighting: Sun., Dec. 9th** at 6:30 p.m., at Ashley Park on the corner of Rivet Street and Bolton Street
- **South Central/South First Associa-**

tion Tree Lighting: Tues., Dec. 11, at 4:30 p.m., at Monte Park, corner of Russell Street and Acushnet Ave.

- **Rockdale Avenue Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting: Thurs., Dec. 13th** 6:30 p.m. at Harrington Park on the Corner of Court Street and Liberty Street (across from Hathaway School)
- **Bullard Street Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting: Sat., Dec. 15th** at 6:00 p.m. at Riverside Park on the corner of Belleville Avenue and Coffin Avenue

Cards for Military

Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Historical Association, Inc., (FTFRHA) invites the public to remember our troops during this holiday season by attending a holiday card signing and creating your own holiday message for one of our military heroes. All of the cards collected during the card signings will be distributed to U.S. military troops serving overseas through the American Red Cross "Holiday mail for Heroes" program.

- Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum, 1000c South Rodney French Boulevard in New Bedford, **Sat. & Sun., Dec. 1 & 2, 1 to 4 p.m.**
- New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Visitor Center, 33 William Street in New Bedford, **Sat. & Sun., Dec. 1 & 2, noon to 4 p.m.**

For additional information please call the museum at 508-994-3938.

House Tours

To herald the holiday season, residents of New Bedford's historic neighborhoods will once again be opening their beautifully restored homes for the New Bedford Preservation Society's signature fundraising event - the 21st Annual Holiday House Tour.

This year's candlelight tour will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 8th, with the December 9th Afternoon Tour from 1 to 5 p.m. Both tours start at the Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street, tour headquarters, where an elegant pre-tour **brunch will be held on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, along with a holiday raffle and silent auction of beautiful gifts, art, antiques and handcrafted items.

Pre-tour brunch reservations (\$17)

can be made (but are not required) by calling the club at 508.997.7431. Advance, discounted tour tickets will go on sale mid-November at locations listed on our website. Visit www.nbpreservationsociety.org for a look at homes featured on previous tours or find us on Facebook.

For further information, please call the New Bedford Preservation Society office (388 County Street, New Bedford) at 508/997-6425.

Share the Warmth

Winter clothing for seniors. Through Dec. 7th BankFive will be lending all 13 branch locations as collection sites along with Hathaway Family Funeral Homes, Foley Funeral Home, Crapo-Hathaway Funeral Home, Fairhaven Funeral Home, Coastline Elderly Services and WBSM. New articles of warm clothing that are accepted include hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, sweaters, slippers, blankets and coats. Items will be donated to Bristol Elder Services and Coastline Elderly Services.

For further information, contact Maryse Hathaway, Community Outreach Director, Hathaway Family Funeral Homes at 508-673-0781.

Free Parking

In an effort to encourage everyone to do their holiday shopping in New Bedford, the City is offering a special Holiday Parking Program. Effective Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2012 through Tuesday, January 1, 2013, the City of New Bedford will offer **FREE 2-hour parking at metered spaces in both the Downtown and on Acushnet Avenue and 2-hour FREE parking at the Elm Street Garage, the Zeiterion Garage and Custom House Square!**

Anyone who receives a ticket as a result of parking in excess of the 2-hour limit, may mail or present their ticket along with a copy of a sales receipt for \$10.00 or more from a Downtown or North End Business District restaurant/merchant to the City of New Bedford Traffic Commission Office. The parking ticket will be forgiven with the presentation of the same day receipt.

The Traffic Commission Office is located at 51 Elm Street. Call (508) 961-3153 with questions.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

WT Noise Talk

"The Facts and Myths on Wind Turbine Noise," sponsored by the local chapter of The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, is intended to be an objective look at the noise produced by wind turbines by Michael Bahtiarian of Noise Control Engineering Inc.

At White's of Westport, 66 State Road, Westport, MA, on **Thurs., 12/6. Networking at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30, talk at 7:30.** IEEE member and one guest \$20.00 each; IEEE GOLD Member and one guest \$12.00 each; IEEE Student Member and one guest, \$12.00 each; students, \$12.00 each; non-members \$30.00 each. Prices for presentation only: IEEE Members, GOLD Members, Student Members and their guests, Free; Others, \$10.00 each. Contact: Sid Martin at smartin@atkore.com for reservations (or 774 473 7934). Reservations are required for dinner and talk.

Transportation mtg

The Mass. Department of Transportation is continuing its series of statewide public meetings, engaging with residents, community leaders and business owners to discuss the future of transportation in the Commonwealth.

- On **December 3, from 6-8 PM at University of Mass. Dartmouth**, Woodlawn Commons Building-Conference Room 3, 285 Old Westport Road, North Dartmouth, MA 02747
- On **Dec. 6, from 6-8 p.m. at Attleboro City Hall**, City Council Chamber, 77 Park Street, Attleboro, MA 02703

If you are unable to attend you may send comments to yourvisionourfuture@dot.state.ma.us

FR for Local Family

Kool Kone on Rt. 6 in Wareham is holding a fundraiser for the family of the young man, Jordan Lopes, son of Joslyn Redd, who was killed in an automobile accident recently. Help support this local Habitat family during their time of need!

For a \$10 donation to the family, you will receive a voucher for Chicken Finger Plate or Fish and Chip Plate including a large drink and ice cream (\$15 value). The voucher may

be used anytime...even next season!

Fundraiser will run through when the Kool Kone closes for the year...sometime in December.

Tom Strom, the owner, employed Jordan for the past few years and is doing everything he can to support the family during this difficult time.

Thank you for your support!

If you are unable to visit the Kool Kone, but would like to make a direct donation to the family, please visit our website: BuzzardsBayHabitat.org and click on the "Donate Now" button. In the memo, please note "Donation for the Redd family" and we will forward all donations directly to the family. Email BuzzardsBayAreaHabitat@yahoo.com

Stocking Stuffers

Stocking stuffers, sponsored by the Friends of the Elderly, are now at the Mattapoissett Council on Aging's Senior Center through the Holiday Season.

- Dinner for Two™ Dining Books are being sold. If you buy three books, for yourself or to give as gifts, you'll receive a fourth book FREE.
- Original Scrimshaw Prints (set of four) by the artist Kjeld Jensen are available. These are suitable to display individually or as a collage.
- Historic Note Cards of Mattapoissett scenes are available as well.

For more information on the stocking stuffers, call the Council on Aging, 508-758-4110.

The proceeds of the sales help the FoE to provide support to the Mattapoissett Council on Aging and Mattapoissett seniors.

Christmas Concert

The Many Moods of Christmas

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Children's Chorus will sing under the direction of Leslie Piper. Please visit www.sippicanchoral.org.

- **Fri., Nov. 30, 8 p.m.**, Grace Episcopal Church, County St., New Bedford
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Tickets also available at the door.

After Prom F-R

The Fairhaven High School After Prom Committee will present the comedy and entertainment of "**The Portuguese Kids**" on **Sat., Dec. 1, at the Knights of Columbus in Mattapoissett.** "The Portuguese Kids" are taking ethnic comedy to new heights with their live shows highlighting the funnier side of growing up Portuguese. The evening will include cash bar, light appetizers and raffle items. Doors open at 7 p.m., tickets are \$25. For tickets call Marianne at 508-989-5328, or visit portuguesecomedy.com

Proceeds to benefit the Fairhaven High School After Prom event.

Bird Walks

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- **Prowl Around at Allens Pond: Fri, Dec 7th, 6-8 p.m. \$4.00 members/\$6.00 non members.** Join in the fun and mystery as we prowl the Quansett Trail for owls and other nocturnal animals. You never know what we'll find! Dress warmly for an outdoor hiking adventure! Meet at the Field Station, 1280 Horseneck Road.

To register, download driving directions, or trail maps of Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary or Great Neck Wildlife Sanctuary please visit massaudubon.org, or contact the Allens Pond Field Station, 508-636-2437, or allenspond@massaudubon.org

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- 1 cup flour
- 1/2-1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1 unbeaten egg

Pour 1/2 cup vegetable oil over crumb mixture. Sprinkle 1/2 tsp cinnamon on topping.

Bake in 350° oven for 30-40 mins.
By Janice Rose

Bonfire warms the faithful, Blue Devils lose to Dartmouth



The Fairhaven High School football team wasn't able to repeat last year's Thanksgiving Day magic last week, succumbing to a superior Dartmouth team, but holding them to a 14-7 win. Billy Pires scored Fairhaven's lone touchdown. ABOVE: The annual Thanksgiving eve bonfire roars at Cushman Park in Fairhaven to send the team off to the big game that was played at Dartmouth High this year. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit us at [Facebook.com/NeighbNews](https://www.facebook.com/NeighbNews) for more photos

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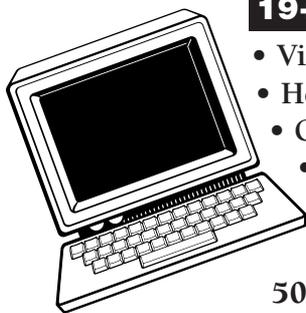
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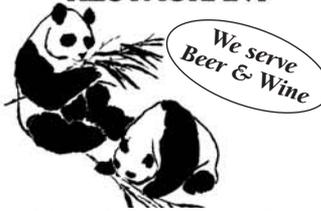
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Land Trust offers first guided hike



The Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust held its first guided hike on Saturday, 11/17. About 15 hikers began at the Shipyard Farms property on Sconticut Neck Road, and circled around to the Helen Silva property, along a large stretch of beach owned by the trust, through the Winsegansett Marsh and back to Sconticut Neck Road. The hike passed by an old quahog factory (LEFT) that is slated to be removed so the property can be restored to its natural state. RIGHT: The Arsene Street wind turbines rise above the treeline from the beach front property owned by the FALPT. INSET: Look for the green triangle with "Preserving Special Places," at FALPT trailheads. Trails are a combination of old trails and newly cut paths created by land trust volunteers. The FALPT is a membership organization actively looking for new members. It has no paid members. It owns or holds conservation restrictions on more than 1,000 acres to keep the land free of development. Hiking, bird watching, hunting and other non-motorized uses of FALPT properties is encouraged. The FALPT has a policy of keeping the lands it owns as natural as possible. Visit <http://falpt.org/> for information on the land trust, its properties, and membership. *Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos for this and other events.*

WIIA Spaghetti Supper raises funds for Summerfest 2013



The West Island Improvement Association held the first of several planned fundraisers for the first Summerfest with a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, 11/17, at the WIIA Community Center, followed by prize BINGO. The Summerfest celebration is planned for July 6, and will include vendor booths, food, clowns, a magician, face painting, bounce house, etc., for children. The event is still in the planning stages, so anything is possible. LEFT: The community center was transformed into a cozy restaurant, with tablecloths, flowers, decorative place settings, and a fire crackling on the large screen TV on 11/17 for the Spaghetti Supper fundraiser. TOP RIGHT: You can class up the joint, but that's no guarantee the guests will behave. RIGHT: Ice cream and cookies for dessert. *Photos by Beth David and Devin Dawson. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos for this and other events.*



Fairhaven Road Race distributes \$20,000 to local organizations

By Beth David

Editor

Organizers of the Fairhaven Father's Day Road Race held an appreciation and awards dinner on Sunday, 11/18, at the Fairhaven Senior Center to distribute \$20,000 in race revenues to local organizations.

Allen Days praised the many volunteers and sponsors who make the race possible. He said some volunteers have been with the race for its entire 38 years.

Mr. Days, who founded the race, said it enjoys the support of many community sponsors and the town. He said they were proud that all three selectboard members ran in the race this year, a first.

The race has grown from about 50 runners the first year to more than 2,000 this year. All proceeds from the race go to local non-profits and civic organizations.

Mr. Days said the race has become a "great community event," enlisting the help of many people, especially his family members, including his grandchildren.

"From the day they could walk, we

found them a job on the road race," said Mr. Days.

He said his wife and daughter were among only a handful of women who ran in races in the yearly years.

"My wife and daughter were really pioneers," he said, explaining that running was not popular with women 38 years ago. This year 49.35% of the 2,000 runners were women.

"Women are going to overtake men in road races," said Mr. Days.

According to Mr. Days, just five years ago, there were almost no high school runners. This year, of the 600 Fairhaven runners, 490 were high school or younger; 1340 were from Greater New Bedford; the rest came from 128 communities.

This year's funds were distributed to 43

organizations, including four \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors, \$2,000 to the fire department towards a hydraulic stretcher (total cost around \$14,000), \$1,000 to the Wounded Warrior Project, \$500 to the Shepherd's Pantry, \$500 to the Community Trail Network, \$500 to the Livesey Skate Park, 13 \$100 gifts and 14 \$200 gifts.

Visit www.NeighbNews.com for the complete list of donations.



Individuals who received donations from the Fairhaven Father's Day Road Race pose with Selectboard members at the appreciation and awards dinner on Sunday, 11/18, at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.Neighbnews.com Visit us at [Facebook.com/NeighbNews](https://www.facebook.com/NeighbNews) for more photos.

West Island Gourder nabbed, breaks down and confesses

By Beth David

Editor

The mystery of the West Island Ghost Gourder has been solved, but don't expect his name to be divulged by this reporter. Although it is not this newspaper's policy to protect perpetrators, we made an exception in this case due to the pleas of the youngsters of West Island. We only hope their faith in their fellow human

beings is warranted.

As we reported in last week's issue, the young investigators had been trying to solve the mystery of who was placing gourds on their porches, fences, and other places in their yards. They approached a number of neighbors only to have one prime suspect after another get cleared.

In the course of their investigation t h e y

discovered that not all the houses gourd had children in them.

The detectives made a map of the houses that had been gourd, and found their final clue: they noticed it matched the dog walking route of a certain retired school teacher with a little white dog.

"The next morning, we went to his property to check for evidence of a

gourd garden and we found several!" wrote the mother of one detective in an email. "You can imagine the excitement. The gourds recovered matched those used in the gourding!!!!"

When faced with the evidence on Saturday morning, 11/24, the Ghost Gourder "broke almost immediately," she continued.

He has promised to attend Gourders Anonymous meetings.

If he is found gourd again, the *Neighb News* will reveal his identity.



LEFT: The West Island Ghost Gourder poses with the children who nabbed him. The newspaper agreed to protect his identity if he promised to attend Gourders Anonymous meetings. RIGHT: Some West Island children posted last week's article on the door of the suspected Ghost Gourder. When faced with the overwhelming evidence, he confessed. Submitted photos. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

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This 3-day program is a great opportunity to make new friends while participating in fun group activities such as pillo polo, floor hockey, dodgeball, cooperative games, flag football, arts & crafts, etc. Kids will need to bring their own lunch for the first 2 days of the program. The last day is a pizza lunch combined with a New Years celebration. Come ready to party! Sneakers and active clothes must be worn each day. Kids will be grouped according to their current grade in school. Grades: K-5 Dates: 12/26-28. Drop off 8 a.m., pick up by 3 p.m.

Cost: \$75 Member \$100 Non

Craft Fair

Be part of the Fairhaven Recreation Center's 11th anniversary on December 1, from 9AM until 3PM. Rent a 10' X 15' space to sell your holiday crafts, hand made gifts or fresh baked goods. Spaces cost \$10 each and space is limited to the first 15 people to register. Crafter can begin setup at 7:30AM

11th Anniversary

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Knitting Class: NEW!

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Fall Risk

Fall Risk provided by Fall River Family Services. Thursday Dec. 6, starts at 9:30 a.m. Call Sr. Center, 508-979-4029, to sign up for a one to one session.

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Acushnet sets tax rate for solar farms

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The commercial rate for solar farm development in the Town of Acushnet will be \$12,000 per megawatt, after the Selectboard voted on 11/19 to adopt the amount based on an average rate that surrounding towns are charging.

Building Commissioner James Marot addressed the board on his findings from researching commercial rates of surrounding towns, after several board members decided to table the issue at a previous meeting in order to find out more information.

The aim was to come up with a figure that would be up-front and simple for developers looking to Acushnet to construct solar farms, while also benefiting the community.

The board had previously considered capping total megawatt output at 6mW, but decided that they would adopt the \$12,000 rate and eliminate the cap, with the option to review the decision later on if the board so chose.

"We are in the infant phase of solar panels," said Selectboard member

Kevin Gaspar, adding that he still expects some "battles with these solar panels" in the future as new issues arise.

The board voted to adopt the \$12,000 commercial rate with no cap on megawatt production, while increasing the solar panel residential rate from \$30 to \$100, with a rate of \$200 for ground-mounted panels.

In other matters, Town Administrator Alan Coutinho announced an increase in the expected savings from instituting new changes to the Town's employee health care. Mr. Coutinho had originally anticipated a savings of \$197,000 but told the board the actual savings will be \$272,000.

"You can make mistakes like these all the time," said Chairperson David Wojnar.

Also on the board's short agenda before the Thanksgiving holiday, the board voted to approve a "traffic grant" for which Police

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ConCom approves removal of sunken vessel

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The sunken vessel *Endurance* laying on its side in the waters off Middle Street will soon be removed and disposed of, now that the Fairhaven Conservation Commission granted a Negative 3 (no impact to wetlands). The Department of Conservation and Recreation Division of Waterways is overseeing the removal.

Kevin Mooney, senior waterways engineer, attended the 11/19 ConCom meeting to give the final details of the coordinated effort with Lindberg Marine, which will be removing the capsized boat from the water free of charge.

"It took all this time to line up a solution," said Mr. Mooney.

The boat removal process hit a snag when a prisoner at the Dartmouth House of Corrections claimed ownership of the boat, further holding up the process while DCR waited the mandatory two weeks awaiting further contact from the alleged owner, who never responded.

"It's a false claim and it's cost us some money," Mr. Mooney said.

ConCom approved the removal of the vessel which is being coordinated among the Department of Environmental protection, the Coast Guard, and the Harbormaster.

In another matter, Allen Decker from the Buzzards Bay Coalition paid ConCom a visit to update them on progress with funding for the Nasketucket Land Preservation project. The \$6 million project to protect 396 acres of Mattapoissett and Fairhaven land is getting partial funding from federal and state sources, and is seeking \$200,000 of Community Preservation funds from the Town of Fairhaven, and another \$200,000 in CPC funding from Mattapoissett.

Mr. Decker asked ConCom to sign a letter of support to the CPC encouraging the funding for the project. Mr. Jones is currently the ConCom representative for the CPC.

Mr. Jones said he thought it was unfair that CPC delegates more of its funding for building preservation and not enough for land preservation.

"(CPC) should get a little more serious about where that money goes," said Mr. Jones.

The BBC withdrew its application

for CPC funding for the project last year due to the competitiveness of funding and the time gap between applying for the funding and the readiness of the project to move forward.

The project is slated for closing in December 2013, and the BBC has raised about one-third of the total cost of the project.

"We're very optimistic," said Mr. Decker. "This is a very big project for us."

Richard Gomes of 14 Sylvia Street was given after-the-fact approval for a fence and above ground swimming pool, after some back and forth arguing between Mr. Gomes and former ConCom Chairperson Andrew Jones.

ConCom gave approval for the unpermitted work, despite an issue of

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unpermitted activities in the wetlands behind the fence to Mr. Gomes's property, such as the dumping of grass clippings.

Mr. Gomes argued that he had been cooperative with ConCom and all he wanted was approval for the fence and pool and promised not to take any further action in the wetlands behind his fence.

"This has been going on for six months," said Mr. Gomes. "I've been more than cooperative. I don't know what you guys want me to do back there."

"We don't want you to touch anything back there," replied Mr. Jones.

The commission discussed an existing drainage ditch with Mr. Gomes and told him that he could not maintain the drainage ditch without a permit, even though Mr. Gomes said the ditch prevents the wetlands from

flooding his property.

ConCom was unwilling to issue the permit for the fence and pool if Mr. Gomes was going to continue any further unpermitted work.

"You can't have it both ways," Mr. Jones told Mr. Gomes. "If you want to maintain the drainage ditch then you have to..."

Mr. Gomes interrupted Mr. Jones saying, "You guys are pretty much tying my hands."

"Do you want the fence and the pool, or do you want to mess around with the wetlands?" said Mr. Jones.

"I'm not here to split hairs with you," said Mr. Gomes after an discussion about a drain pipe, scattered with interruptions. "It's just a headache for me...You think I like coming here?"

Also at the meeting, ConCom discussed a resource improvement project for David Hebert of Cottonwood Street and decided to close the public hearing with the intent to issue approval with an Order of Conditions at the next ConCom meeting on 12/3.

Michael Belohlavek of 51 Mangham Way was given permission to install a new septic system within 100-foot the buffer zone, but issued the condition that the wetland line is valid only for that project.

Four items on the agenda were rescheduled until 12/3 because they were not advertised as required. The commission appeared confused as to why the announcements were never advertised, and realized they had not been billed for the advertisement so more than likely the ads were never sent to the newspaper for publishing.

Among those rescheduled, Planning Board member Francis Budryk of 1 Main Street filed for his after-the-fact Request for Determination for clearing brush within the buffer zone of a coastal beach; RDA applicant VRJP, LLC to build an addition within the 100-foot buffer zone; Notice of Intent applicant Jurrinus and Geraldine C Ten Brinke of 4 Misty Bay Road to demolish the existing house and build a new house, and NOI applicant Mike Ristuccia of Bass Creek Road to construct a single-family house within the 100-foot buffer zone.

ConCom also approved a Certificate of Compliance for 2 Hidden Drive, from an Order of Conditions issued back in 2007. ●●●

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Dr. Bowcock also stated that he did not want to schedule any further public discussions until the state had concluded its noise study and released its findings.

Mr. Espindola reiterated his request that members of Windwise be placed on the agenda for next week's meeting, but Dr. Bowcock did not respond, other than to say he would look at the agenda to see if there would be room.

Mr. Espindola also asked that a letter be sent to the wind turbine developer to address ice and snow safety issues with the turbine blades. Dr. Bowcock stated that the developer would be willing to speak with Mr. Espindola privately about his concerns.

Town Planner Bill Roth announced that there are two vacancies on the Planning Board, and that anyone interested in serving on the board must submit a letter of interest by December 7th. Terms for both the seats are scheduled to expire in April of 2013, and those appointed to fill the positions must run for election in April if they wish to continue on that board.

The board also held a public hearing to accept North Street. Mr. Roth told the board that although it is one of the oldest streets in Fairhaven, it had never been officially accepted by the town. In order to have road work done on the street in the future, the town will need to accept the street at special town meeting, which the selectboard voted to support.

The board recognized Gerry Payette and the volunteer committee that organized the Vietnam Moving Wall display, praising the group for their efforts to bring the commemorative display to the town as part of the bicentennial. Mr. Payette, in turn, presented the town with a photographic collage of the exhibit, which included photos of the names of Fairhaven residents who were killed in action during the war.

Jack Eggeston and representatives from Dynamic Solar gave a report on the progress of the Blue Sky project and gave Mr. Espindola a brief summary on the work done to date. Mr. Espindola raised questions on why local engineers had been shut out of the construction phase.

Mr. Eggeston acknowledged that while local firms had been hired to do

the site designs to get approval from the state, they were not guaranteed involvement in the construction phases, and investors had been interested in other options, ultimately going with the lowest bidder.

Other actions by the board included:

- A vote to write a letter to the Board of Public Works in support of Tree Warden Tony Medeiros's request for a water bill abatement for \$115 that he spent in keeping and watering cherry trees gifted by Japan to the town until they were officially planted in their final locations;
- A vote to submit a letter to the Department of Transportation in support of the Southcoast Bike Committee to request additional bike lane accommodations on the New Bedford-Fairhaven Bridge;
- Permission for the police chief to hire an additional officer besides one already requested;
- Signing certificates of votes for the Town Clerk for the Nov. 6 County elections;
- Renewal of common victualers' licenses for 2013;
- A vote to close town hall all day on Dec. 24th and 31st. •••



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Old time holiday to recall Christmases of yore

Press Release

The weekend of December 7 to 9 is the time to visit Fairhaven if you want to feel a sense of old-time holiday spirit as the town celebrates its Old-Time Holiday Weekend. Holiday marketplaces and crafts fairs, a pancake breakfast and book fair, and luncheons are among the ways to enjoy the season of good cheer. For children, there are craft making and cookie decorating opportunities and many chances for photographs with Santa or Father Christmas.

On Friday evening, Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m., the North Fairhaven Improvement Association will light up Benoit Square. Carols will be sung to herald the arrival of Santa on a fire truck.

A full day of events from morning through late afternoon is scheduled for Saturday, December 8, in the historical town center.

A pancake breakfast will start things off at Rogers School, 100 Pleasant Street, from 9:00 a.m. to noon; \$5.00 a plate. There will also be crafts for children to make for a small fee. At the same time a Holiday Scholastic Book Fair will be held.

Santa will visit between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m., and parents may bring their cameras for photos. Proceeds from the Rogers School events will benefit the school's PTO.

A Holiday Marketplace will take place at the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street. Local artists and crafters will set up display booths offering a unique collection of holiday goods, baked goods and holiday greens. Saint Nicholas will greet visitors. Admission is free, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The sanctuary of this magnificent English gothic style "cathedral" will be open for guided tours. The Church will also hold a soup and sandwich luncheon at its Harrop Center building on Center Street from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Town Hall Shops at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, will host local non-profit and church groups selling crafts, holiday ornaments, baked goods and other items. The Town Hall will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fairhaven music students will perform from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The Bicentennial Committee will have a display of the items which will be

the United Way of Greater New Bedford and the New Bedford Firefighters Union.

From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ye Olde Brick Church Faire will be held at the First Congregational Church, 34 Center Street, where. A lobster roll luncheon will be served as well, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

If you're in a crafty mood, you can make your own holiday ornaments for \$5 apiece at Art on Center, 15 Center Street, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. There will be plenty of fun and decorative materials to work with.

On Sunday, December 9, a public singing of traditional Christmas carols and hymns will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Place, starting at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in the singing.

Sunday's activities conclude with a Service of Lessons and Carols at the Unitarian Memorial Church at 4:00 p.m. This holiday musical program in the magnificent cathedral-like setting will feature seasonal readings and music performed by the Unitarian Church Choir directed by organist Dwight Thomas.

The Old-Time Holiday in Fairhaven is sponsored by the participating non-profit, civic and church groups in town, with promotion coordinated by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism.

December's events in Fairhaven are shown online at <http://FairhavenEvents.blogspot.com>. A handout sheet is also available at the Visitors Center at the Academy Building, 141 Main Street, Fairhaven, Mon., Tues., Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Office of Tourism telephone number is 508-979-4085, email is FairhavenTours@aol.com



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Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Wed., 12/5 Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Bike Path Committee

Thurs., 11/29, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Community Preservation

Thurs., 12/13, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 12/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Historical Commission

Wed., 12/5, Academy Bldg., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Mon., 12/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Rogers-Oxford Study Comm

Thurs., 12/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

School Committee

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

Selectboard

Mon., 11/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tues., 11/27, Town Hall 1:30 p.m.

Special Town Meeting

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Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Mon. 12/3, Comm. Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon. 12/3, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

Selectboard

Mon., 12/3, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Special Election

Mon. 12/10

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Sunday	2	0948	2224	0256	1542
Monday	3	1030	2310	0337	1618
Tuesday	4	1116	2357	0419	1657
Wednesday	5	----	1205	0508	1744
Thursday	6	0046	1258	0608	1842

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Letters to the editor

Town official says he was misquoted

CORRECTION

I would like to make a correction to a quote that was recently made during the Nov. 13th Planning Board meeting in the Nov. 22nd edition

When a reporter quotes an individual's statement, especially if it is done via the quoted version, someone would believe that, that is exactly how the statement was said.

I have been misquoted many times in the past but since the basic statement represented my intention, I didn't take any inaccuracy. This time however when a reporter decides to add things to my statement, I have to correct it.

I did make the statement, "I didn't care about the birds," but did not add that adjective (f...) that was published in the article.

To explain myself, it wasn't the birds that I take issue with. I am actually quite an enthusiast of them and at one time having multiple bird feeders and baths in my yard. My objection was with the bureaucracy and the reports an individual must

comply with. Also as a respectful professional, elected official and understanding my environment, I would not use that type of language.

I would like for your publication to retract my statement along with an apology for the assignation of my character.

Respectfully, Rene J Fleurent, Jr

Editor's note: The reporter who covered the meeting stands by her assertion that she heard Mr. Fleurent use an expletive. The paper will not retract the statement, nor will we apologize. We have printed and noted Mr. Fleurent's objection to the coverage and will let our readers make their own determination.

Common sense is alive and well in Fairhaven.

In a November 10 article written by Ariel Wittenberg of the Standard Times I was asked about a paper written by Nissenbaum et. al. regarding wind turbine setbacks, and I replied to Ariel that I had not read the paper. I had not reviewed the article, but I did state that a 4,500 foot setback is quite a long way and if a person would just use common sense

it would be hard to believe some of the reported health issues.

As it turns out, Nissenbaum, who is not trained in acoustics and is

not a sleep study expert, testifies in these types of cases. I do not know him, I have never met him, and probably never will. However, Justice Mills has heard Nissenbaum testify and Justice Mills stated as he dismissed a case "no attempt was made to correlate symptoms with distance from turbines as the numbers studied were inadequate to determine a dose-response relationship."

The judge dismissed the notion that Dr. Nissenbaum could provide an unbiased opinion on wind farms. The Windwise Society would like you to believe that this is credible science.

Justice Mills did not believe so, and did not find Dr. Nissenbaum to be credible. Therefore, as the people of Fairhaven are intelligent, and they have common sense, anyone can walk by the wind turbines and use their own common sense.

As I recently attended a Veterans' Day luncheon at the senior center, which is in close proximity to the wind turbines, many residents told me they were not bothered at all and actually liked sitting and relaxing watching the wind turbines. Use your own common sense. You don't need me or the Windwise society to tell you what your mind's eye will tell you.

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OLD-TIME HOLIDAY

December 7, 8 & 9

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Benoit Square Lighting and Caroling
Benoit Square, Main and Adams Streets, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Rogers School Pancake Breakfast
Children's Crafts & Book Fair
Rogers School, 100 Pleasant St., 9 a.m. to Noon

Holiday Marketplace

Craft booths & more
Unitarian Church, 102 Green St., 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Town Hall Shops

*Booths by non-profit groups, Time Capsule,
Drop-off for Toys and Food donations for the needy*
Town Hall, 40 Center St., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Brick Church Fair

Craft booths, baked goods, thrift shop & more
Congregational Church, 34 Center St., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Unitarian Church Tours

Unitarian Church, 102 Green St. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Holiday Craft Making

Design and make unique ornaments
Art on Center, 15 Center St., 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Holiday Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

Harrop Center, Center St., 11 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

Lobster Roll Luncheon

Congregational Church, 34 Center St., 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Old-Time Christmas Carol Sing

Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Pl., 1:00 p.m.

Service of Lessons and Carols

Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., 4:00 p.m.

The Old-Time Holiday Weekend is sponsored by Fairhaven non-profit and church groups and is coordinated by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. Complete program listings are available from <http://FairhavenEvents.blogspot.com>. For more information, contact the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, 141 Main Street, Fairhaven, telephone 508-979-4085, email FairhavenTours@aol.com. Visitors Center hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.