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William F. Hayter of Fairhaven holds a stuffed lion given to him for his 100th birthday by his mail carrier. A former dairy farm delivery driver, shipyard and factory worker, Mr. Hayter turned 100 years old on Valentine's Day. His neighbors gave him a surprise birthday party. Story on page 16. *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.

What a cute little snowstorm that was the other day, wasn't it? Just enough to make everything look pretty, but not long lasting. Shoveling was a mere technicality. Those storms are easy to take.

The earth is definitely making its turn. That old sun is warming things up now, not just looking pretty. C'mon Spring, you can do it! We're rooting for you.

We've got lots of good stuff for you this week. On the opposite page you'll find a picture of Fairhaven's very own finalist in Redbook Magazine's Hot Husband contest. Cool, huh? See the article on page 3 to find out why Dawn Cormier nominated her husband Shaun. Voting ends on March 18, so hurry up and get to your computer. You can only vote once, I understand. Some sort of techno-gadget can tell if you use the same computer more than once, so it is even more important for you to support the local team. They are quite the fun little group.

Our cover story is about a man who has pretty much, been there, done that. At 100 years old, William F. Hayter has a memory that stretches back to a time when horses plowed the fields, and factory jobs were good jobs, and plentiful. See page 16 for that.

We have some meeting coverage for you this week, too. On page 4 you'll find School Committee, and on 12 you'll find Finance Committee.

The budget battles are starting to shape up. Right now, the FinCom is hearing the first budget numbers. Stay tuned in the following weeks as they crunch those numbers to balance the budget.

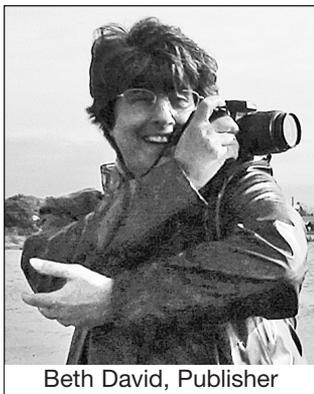
We have three corrections this week. THREE!!!! Ouch. I hate that. I am grateful, though, that people called to let us know about our goofs. Really, folks, please let me know when we make errors (and not just a stupid typo, I mean factual errors). Newspapers, even in 2011, are considered a record of events. If we don't run a correction, then the mistake stands. We can also fix the electronic versions on the Internet, so that someone reading an old issue will get the corrected version. Just like they do at the wire services. Cool, huh?

Well, there's more in here, of course, but that big correction box is taking up my space. Alas!

You'll just have to thumb through to see what's in here, though. Be sure to notice who our advertisers are and tell them you saw their ads in the Neighb News.

Until next week then...

See ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS

In last week's article about the school building project, we published the wrong reimbursement numbers. The Rogers School option would cost \$24.2 million, costing the town \$10.7 million after MSBA reimbursement. The Wood School option would cost \$24.7 million, costing Fairhaven taxpayers \$10.1 million after the

MSBA's reimbursement.

In the press release about Maureen Curran's CD release party, we neglected to mention that a portion of the proceeds went to the United Pilgrim Church. Also, she did not perform at the Bay View Opera house, she rehearsed there; she sang in the San Francisco City Hall Rotundo.

We also made two errors in our story about the Narragansett Star Cafe's application to the Food Network's Cupcake wars. They are in the final stages of the application process, but have not been chosen yet. They will travel to California, not New York, for the show.

Who's Hot in Fairhaven?

By Beth David

Editor

Dawn Cormier thinks her husband is hot. And she wants the whole world to know it.

So, back in November, when she saw a short notice in her Redbook Magazine about their "Hottest Husband" contest, she decided that Shaun was the man for the title. First prize is a trip to Mexico, and, since they never got around to a honeymoon, she figured he would agree to it, even though he is "very shy."

"So, I did ask my husband first," said Dawn.

And, surprisingly, he agreed.

She went online, filled out all the forms, said all kinds of nice things about him, how supportive he has been during some tough times and how having children has brought out another side of him.

"He really is amazing," she wrote in an email. "Has a really nice way about him, a soft side."

Then, time marched on and she forgot about it. When someone from Redbook called, Dawn thought it was about renewing her subscription at first. But then she told the woman all about her husband, about how they got engaged, the way they got closer when her father had cancer and when their children had medical problems.

"We've got a nice little story going," said Dawn.

Before they got engaged, Shaun talked to her parents about asking her to marry him. Before he asked her, though, Dawn's father was diagnosed with cancer, so Shaun waited. After her father stabilized, Shaun asked, and her parents said "so what has he been waiting for?"

They had a long engagement. Meanwhile, their first son, Noah, was born prematurely. The honeymoon had to wait. Then Lucas was born with Beckwith Wiedemann Syndrome, which increases his risk for cancer, so he needs frequent doctor visits. Instead of a honeymoon, they bought a house.

Married for five years, now, Dawn, 32, and Shaun, 35, say the honeymoon is still not a priority, but if someone wanted to give them one....

"We always feel blessed, regardless," said Dawn, who works for the American Cancer Society in Rhode Island, a job she got after her father survived cancer.



Dawn and Shaun Cormier with their sons (L-R), Lucas and Noah, in their Fairhaven home. Dawn entered her husband in Redbook magazine's "Hottest Husband" contest. She is hoping the hometown gang will vote for Shaun so the whole world will know what a sweetheart he is. Visit <http://www.redbookmag.com/love-sex/hot-husband/americas-hottest-husbands-finalists-2011> to vote for Shaun. He is #23 in the picture list. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

Shaun builds custom cabinetry at Pimental Contractors in New Bedford, which is why the little bio next to his picture starts out with, "Hot and handy? Yes and yes!"

"I'm flattered," said Shaun. "A little embarrassed."

Then he actually looks embarrassed when Dawn reminds him that winning means lots of publicity, national publicity.

"I'm not really good on the spot," he said.

But Dawn is sure they'll figure it out, together; the way they figure everything out.

She then cites a litany of numbers that line up: the date the Redbook website went live was Lucas's birthday; the announcement is in June, which is their five year anniversary, among others.

"So, I think it could be a sign," she said. "If you're into that kind of thing. And I am."

The whole point, though, is to tell the world how wonderful her husband is.

"Shaun is so very nice, soft spoken, supportive," said Dawn.

"So is my wife," chimes in Shaun. "She's a wonderful person."

But it is his gentle side that Dawn says makes him so special.

"It's nice to see a dad be so warm with his sons," she said.

In her online pitch for him she writes: "He is so involved in our kids' lives. And he's really affectionate with both boys — it's very sweet to see."

She also tells the story of his proposal to her on the website:

"The night he proposed, he said he was making dinner, and he wanted to be sure I would be home on time," she says. When Dawn arrived, she found a candle- and rose-petal-lined pathway to the bedroom, where Shaun was kneeling with the ring. "I didn't even let him give his speech before I pounced on him!"

When her father was fighting his cancer, he had setbacks. One birthday he was in the hospital and they took a cake to him. Turns out, Shaun is a nervous eater. He ate most of the cake himself.

"You can't take ice cream cake home," said Shaun in his defense. "I had to eat it."

Both Dawn and Shaun are from Mattapoisett and have lived in Fairhaven for five years.

To vote for Shaun, visit <http://www.redbookmag.com/love-sex/hot-husband/americas-hottest-husbands-finalists-2011>. Voting ends 3/18. ●●●

Fairhaven School Committee supports the Wood School option

By Joyce Rowley

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven School Committee voted unanimously to endorse construction of a model school at the Wood School site after Christopher Bunnell, chair of the School Building Committee (SBC), presented its recommendation.

Constructing a model school at that site would cost the Town an estimated \$10.1 million after State reimbursement. Rehabilitating the Rogers School, which was one of the other options discussed, would cost an estimated \$10.7 million after reimbursement.

School Committee member Bernard Roderick said that he had attended all but one meeting and gave kudos to the SBC. He said in his 30 years of involvement with the school system, he hadn't seen such an open and informative process.

"I support it because of all the options, this is the most cost-effective," said Mr. Roderick, adding that the site had the ability for future expansion, and the model school was an opportunity to provide all students with a state of the art facility.

"We have a moral obligation to provide the best education to the students of Fairhaven," he said.

Committee member Louis Kruger said that as a Rogers School parent, he was disappointed. He felt the opportunity to compare the two sites got clouded.

"I've been on the school committee 20 years and I've seen what happens when a school closes," he said. "Oxford closed. It was opposite seven, eight stores. Rogers School is in a residential neighborhood. I have problems thinking about what Rogers School could become. As the school committee goes forward, keep in mind that Rogers School has to be used for something. I'd hate to see another school unkempt and unoccupied."

Member Pam Kuechler, who also served on the building committee,

said she was in the minority but it was a decision between two good choices.

"I absolutely support the project," said Ms. Kuechler. "We need to do it for our children."

Member Stasia Powers said that although she didn't go to many building committee meetings, she felt she was kept up on the options at regular school committee meetings by Dr. Robert Baldwin, Superintendent of Schools. Although she too wanted to see Rogers School preserved, she cited the costs of upkeeping the High School as a reason why Wood School was a better choice.

I have problems thinking about what Rogers School could become...I'd hate to see another school unkempt and unoccupied.
[Louis Kruger]

"Future monies should be spent on educational programs, not leaking buildings," said Ms. Powers.

Chairperson Colin Vietch said that he was very satisfied with the outcome. The next step was getting the project moving, he said, and called the motion to endorse the project. The School Committee voted unanimously in favor

In another matter, Dr. Baldwin presented a Draft Preliminary FY2012 School Budget. He said that it will be presented to the Finance Committee on March 3 for review and approval or modification before it goes to Town Meeting. However, the School Committee has authority over expenditures within the budget once approved.

The proposed budget is level funded except for contractual collective bargaining.

The total budget for FY2012 is \$17,514,735, which is up from the FY11 budget by \$518,122. Dr. Baldwin attributed the differences to changes in salaries due to step increases, stipends, early retirement, "lane changes," and longevity bonuses. He said the increase will be more next year by \$100,000 as the Town will lose the "Ed Jobs" grant for the kindergarten through first grade counselor that was available from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

The total salary budget is \$13,824,321 for FY2012 salaries or \$424,000 increase over FY2011.

The operational FY2012 budget as presented adds another \$3,690,414. Dr. Baldwin said that they start with a zero-based budget each year. In October he meets with principals and asks what they really need, therefore, a number of items appear to vary drastically.

As an example, Dr. Baldwin pointed out that the transportation budget dropped \$143,000 because it was re-bid. He said if he had just added a percent increase, the Town wouldn't have seen any savings. But NEAS, the accreditation process, will cost an additional \$20,000 over last year. Instructional services dropped \$4,000 last year but went back up \$40,000 this year.

Mr. Roderick asked if the budget would meet the educational needs of the students. Dr. Baldwin responded that the educational programs are going in a good direction.

Mr. Gonsalves asked for a maintenance report from Mr. Paul Kitchen, Business Manager.

"We went to Town Meeting, and Finance Committee and told them we needed a specialist...Are you telling me you're all set for next year, Mr. Kitchen?"

Mr. Kitchen responded that he had adequate staff of grounds maintenance that cover Cushman Park,

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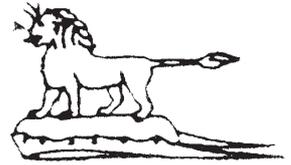


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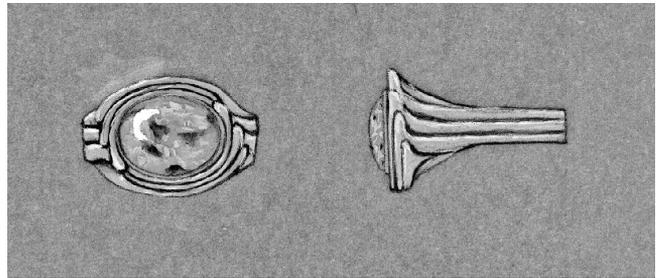
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Alumni Scholarship

The Fairhaven High School Class of 1976 Memorial Scholarship application is now available to Fairhaven High seniors graduating in 2011. This scholarship, which was funded through classmate donations and a fundraiser at the 2009 Homecoming Fair, is in memory of deceased members of the class of 1976.

The scholarship will help fund members of the class of 2011 in their continuing education to a four year degree program, hopefully in education, but all applicants will be considered. It is also part of the Dollars for Scholars program.

Seniors, please see your guidance counselor for the application or download a copy from the Class of '76 website at www.fshc76.com.

Historical Tea & Open House

Sunday, February 27, Coggeshall Memorial House, 6 Cherry Street, Fairhaven, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Free. Not accessible.

The 99 year old Fairhaven Colonial Club celebrates the anniversary of the town with its annual open house and tea, with refreshments provided by members of the club. Music will be performed by the Fairhaven Strings.

Comedy Act Benefit

Come see David DiLorenzo, Mike Murray, and Nick Albanese at Comedy Night at **Seaport Inn in Fairhaven on Friday, March 4 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door with free hors d'oeuvres. Accessible.**

Comedian and voice impressionist David DiLorenzo began his career in the 1980's and has performed across the United States. David can perform over 100 celebrity impressions.

Beginning his stand-up career in December 2008, Mike Murray, the Deaf Comic, headed straight to the top of the comedy arena by entering and placing in two major Rhode Island contests. Now, in multiple New England venues, you can hear Mike deliver his very unique style of comedy — as he is legally deaf (AKA, The Deaf Comic). Although born hearing impaired, a little more than 5 years ago, Mike regained his hearing

after having Cochlear Implant surgeries in both ears.

Actor, comedian, writer/producer Nick Albanese has been performing for many years. He has appeared in films, on TV and on stage. Catch him on youtube at www.youtube.com/breadbutterbullets.

For tickets, email Phantoms@comcast.net or call 508-971-3546. This fundraiser is to benefit the Mass. Phantoms Girls 16-U Softball Team.

Jazz Concert

The Fairhaven Community Concert Series is pleased to have the Southcoast Jazz Orchestra perform for our Mardi Gras concert **Sunday March 6 at 6:00 p.m., at the First Congregational Church Fairhaven, corner of Center and William Streets. Accessible.**

Southcoast Jazz Orchestra is led by Bob Williamson and features some of the best local performers and music educators in Southeastern Massachusetts. A social hour with hors d'oeuvres by Huttleston House precedes the concert from 4:40-5:30. **Reservations must be made for the social hour and will cost \$5. For reservations call 508-993-3368.**

Concert begins at 6PM. **Tickets are \$10, students free.**

Mardi Gras

Join Atria Fairhaven for a fun filled Mardi Gras Celebration in honor of "Fat Tuesday" on Tuesday, March 8, at Atria Senior Living, 391 Alden Road, 2:30 p.m. Accessible.

Dance, enjoy refreshments and socialize with friends while Candida Rose entertains. Don't forget to wear traditional colors of purple, green and gold. Free. **RSVP by March 1, by calling 508-994-9238 or email to: jodi.dawson@atriaseniorliving.com.**

Fishing Family F-R

Sponsored by Hastings Middle School Student Council. Seafood Dinner on **Friday, March 11, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., in the HMS Cafeteria, 30 School St., Fairhaven. Accessible.** All proceeds to go to the American Seafood Defense Fund, New Bedford Harbor Development Commission.

Meal includes: Baked fish and scallops, roasted potatoes, vegetables, roll, dessert, coffee or

juice. Entertainment for kids: Arts & crafts, movie and music. Tickets: \$10 large seafood dinner, \$8 small. Tickets available at HMS Office, 508-979-4063; at Euro's, Reidar's, and Shawmut Diner. Make checks payable to HMS Student Council.

NFIA Banquet to honor Bowcock

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association's annual "Outstanding Public Service Awards" banquet will take place on **Saturday, March 5th, at the Century House in Acushnet. Cocktail hour begins at 6:00 o'clock, dinner is served at 7:00 P.M.**

The N.F.I.A. will proudly acknowledge Selectman Dr. Brian Bowcock for his many years of service to the town. As a member and chairman of the finance committee and currently sitting on the Board of Selectman, Dr. Bowcock has been a dedicated leader in Fairhaven for decades.

In addition, police Det. Pam Bourgault and school vice principals Karen Dorgan and Mary Jane Muello will be recognized for their outstanding service.

Tickets are \$25 Call N.F.I.A. President Michael Silvia at 508-990-3622 or Ted Silva, 508-996-3229.

Homecoming Fair

Applications for the 36th Annual Fairhaven Homecoming Fair are now available. The Fair will be held on June 25, 2011 from 10am-4 pm.

Applications have been set to vendors who have participated in the past two years. All others may complete the application online at www.fairhavenhomecoming.wordpress.com or pick one up at the Fairhaven Town Hall, Millicent Library or Fairhaven Tourism Office.

For questions, contact Eric and Angela Dawicki, Chairmen, Email: angeladawicki@gmail.com

Victory Coffee Hse

Monthly Christian Coffee House, February 26 from 7-9/9:30 p.m. This month's performers are Jeff n Dan, at Victory Baptist Church, 7 Park Ave., Fairhaven. Accessible. Refreshments. Free. All are welcomed to bring many friends and or family. Call 774-206-6233 for more information.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Wine Tasting F-R

Cotali Mar Restaurant, located at 1178 Acushnet Avenue in New Bedford, is hosting "Cotali Mar Cares," a charity wine tasting to benefit the Schwartz Center for Children, on Monday, February 28, at 6:00 p.m.

The \$25 ticket price will include wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, musical entertainment by Bob Demers, and live and silent auctions. 100% of all proceeds will be donated directly to the Schwartz Center for Children.

Cotali Mar is owned by Carlos Madeira and Gayle deMello Madeira and offers a contemporary menu with international influence, specializing in Portuguese cuisine and fresh seafood. The new restaurant features a Tuscan dining setting with cozy fireplace seating and an outdoor terrace.

You may purchase your tickets at Cotali Mar Restaurant, or by calling the Schwartz Center at 508-996-3391 x427.

Benefit Concert

The Ocean Explorium announces that 12-year-old guitar virtuoso Quinn Sullivan will join Neal McCarthy and Friends for the Blues for the Blue concert on Saturday, March 5.

Quinn picked up his first guitar at the age of three and has been stunning audiences ever since. Sullivan is set to take the music world by storm with the March 22 release of his debut CD, "Cyclone." With the help of Buddy Guy and Grammy nominated producer Tom Hambridge, Quinn is poised to make his mark on the industry.

Blues for the Blue will begin at 7 p.m. at Tifereth Israel Congregation in New Bedford. Santa Mamba adds its signature Latin Roots Rock to this second annual concert and Ocean Explorium benefit.

Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$25 for Ocean Explorium Members. All tickets will be \$35 at the door the night of the concert. Tickets may be purchased online at the Ocean Explorium, or on the website, www.oceanexplorium.org; by telephone at 508.994.5400, and at Baker Books, Black Bass Grille, CV General Store, Down to Earth Natural Foods, Hot Music, The Book Stall & The Green Bean.

Blues for the Blue proceeds support ongoing education programs

at the Ocean Explorium where over 10,000 students have participated in formal science education school field trips. The Ocean Explorium is located at 174 Union Street in downtown New Bedford and is wheelchair accessible via the rear entrance.

Visit www.oceanexplorium.org or call 508.994.5400 for more info.

New Bedford Hist.

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park announced its Exploration Series at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park beginning Friday, February 25 from 6:30-8:00 PM. at the Corson Maritime Learning Center, adjacent to the visitor center on 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. Accessible.

The series is an opportunity for the public to delve into New Bedford's fascinating history and its people. The sessions take place on select Friday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM and on select Saturday mornings from 10:00-11:30 AM. All sessions are free of charge, and the public is welcome to attend one, some or all.

The first session takes place on Friday, February 25 with the History of New Bedford. New Bedford historian and librarian Judy Downey will be the featured speaker.

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and interpret America's nineteenth century whaling industry. The visitor center is located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. It is open seven days a week, from 9 AM-5 PM, and offers information, exhibits, and a free orientation movie every hour on the hour from 10 AM-3 PM. The building is accessible, admission is free.

Public Meeting

The public is invited to attend a civic meeting regarding the Phase II Comprehensive Site Assessment and the Release Abatement Measure Plan: Soil Excavation and Removal for New Bedford High School. Both reports are available on the City's Parker Street Waste Site website under "New Bedford High School," at the City of New Bedford's Department of Environmental Stewardship (by appointment), and at the Lawler Library.

This Public Involvement Plan (PIP)

meeting will be held on **Wednesday March 2, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm in the Keith Middle School Community Room, located at 225 Hathaway Boulevard in New Bedford.** The meeting will provide an opportunity for community members to ask questions related to the City's work at the Parker Street Waste Site.

There may also be an opportunity to discuss the Partial Response Action Outcome Statement Reports for Walsh Field and the Andrea McCoy Field provided that both reports are ready for review by 3/2.

For more information, call the City of New Bedford Office of Environmental Stewardship at 508-991-6188.

Pipe Organ Recital

At 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 6, James Morgan of Rhode Island will play a recital on the historic pipe organ at St. Anthony of Padua church in New Bedford's North End, 1359 Acushnet Ave. This is the third recital in the 2010-2011 "Music at St. Anthony's program.

Started in 2004, the focus of the series is to raise funds to completely restore the church's 1912 Casavant organ. The series consists of four recitals and two choir concerts. Each recitalist is selected by the Old Colony Chapter of the American Guild of Organists who co-organize the series. Complimentary tea and refreshments are served afterwards in the church hall. Freewill donations are collected during the event, and patrons are encouraged to "Adopt an Organ Part" to help the fundraising. We regret that St. Anthony's Church is not accessible.

Recitalist, James Morgan, is currently the organist and choir-master at St. Peter's by the Sea in Narragansett RI and teaches music at Providence Country Day School in East Providence. Both in his studies and his 5 years working in London, England, and through his professional experiences, he developed a philosophy for public performances: that they should be audience-accessible — pieces not too long but listenable (and hopefully for kids, too). Morgan's program also takes into account that the organ is a French Romantic instrument and designed his performance to utilize

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ful and major sections of the organ.

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For more information, please call the rectory at 508-993-1691. Directions and information about the Church and the organ fund are posted on the Internet at www.MUSICATSAINTANTHONY.ORG.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

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To reserve a seat and for further details please call 508-995-6661.

Poet & Open Mike

Marybeth Rua-Larsen came to writing, like almost everything else in her life, late. She'd always loved reading poetry, but it wasn't until age 29 that she started to get serious about writing and publishing it. Baker Books and the Whaling City Review LIVE poetry series are very glad she did, because her poetry is honest, inquisitive, and sharp. You don't want to miss her as February's featured artist in the bookstore's Bean & Leaf Café on **Saturday, February 26th, at 7:00 PM, 69 State Road, Dartmouth. Accessible.**

Marybeth has had work published in a variety of print and online publications. Her work has been nominated multiple times for both the Pushcart Prize and Best of the Net. She has also been a finalist for the Philbrick Award and a semi-finalist for the "Discovery/The Nation" poetry contest. Marybeth credits the Feminist Women Writers

Workshop on Seneca Lake in Ithaca, NY with taking her seriously as a writer and encouraging her work.

An Open Mike for anyone in the community who wants to share their poetry or short prose will precede the reading. **Signup for the Open Mike begins at 6:15 PM.**

Baker Books is an independent bookstore. Visit www.bakerbooks.net or call 508-997-6700 for more info.

Whaling City Review is a literary journal founded by New Bedford Poet Laureate John Landry in the 1970s. Whaling City Review LIVE is a poetry series begun in 2006 that brings poets from the region and beyond to the New Bedford area. Visit <http://whalingcityreview.wordpress.com>, contact Director Maggie Cleveland at whalingcityreview@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook.

Mystery Theater

Join author CJ West for an interactive murder mystery show on **Friday March 4th, (Doors open at 6:30 PM), at the Century House, 107 South Main Street, Acushnet. Accessible.** Tickets \$30 per person. Each guest receives a CJ West novel, appetizers and a chance to solve the mystery and win a gift from Zorvino Vineyards. Cash bar.

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right questions, and solve the murder.

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Bake in oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until potatoes are tender, golden brown.

By Hilda Boucher

Meat Loaf

2 pounds ground beef

1 envelope onion soup mix

3/4 cup plain bread crumbs

2 eggs

1/2 tsp salt & 1/2 tsp pepper

1 teaspoon garlic powder

Preheat oven to 350°

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients until well blended.

Shape loaf in 13x9" roasting pan.

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By Maria Moniz

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FinCom scrutinizes Police Department's FY2012 budget

By Joyce Rowley

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Finance Committee continued its initial reviews of town department FY2012 budgets at its meeting on 2/17.

Police Chief Michael Meyers presented a \$2.63 million Police Department budget. Police salary contracts have not yet been settled.

The budget includes \$80,423 for the State's share of Quinn Bill bonuses should the bill be funded fully by state legislators this year. That is unlikely, though, because the governor's budget does not include the funding. The Quinn Bill gives percentage increases to police officers based on their level of education.

Based on the governor's budget, the state would only reimburse the Town \$8,538 for its share. Total Quinn bill funding tops \$177,922, of which half is the Town's responsibility.

Chairperson John Roderiques explained the Quinn bill was abolished on July 1, 2009. Officers hired after that date are no longer eligible for the benefits. He said the Town has not been paying the unreimbursed state share, and won at arbitration when challenged by the police union on that matter.

That case is on appeal, he said. FinCom has the option of recommending appropriation of only the amount in the governor's budget and not the larger amount.

Three new police officers and two replacement vacancies are in the FY12 budget, according to Mr. Meyers. He said he advertised four positions last year, and three were filled. However, a dispatcher filled one, so now the department is short one officer and one dispatcher from last year. The goal is to have 32 patrol officers and six dispatchers.*

"The department has been operating with seven positions not filled," Mr. Meyers said in response to a question on budgeted overtime.

Member Kathleen Carter asked who was currently out or off duty. Mr. Meyers said that three were in the academy, two positions were vacant, one was out on an injury, and one was on family medical leave.

FinCom member Jennifer Bishop asked how many officers were needed for full shifts. Mr. Meyers said the

Town needed four patrol officers on the road, with one per shift off. Currently there are three on patrol, and one is always on overtime for any time off.

Member Daniel DeNardis said some balance was needed between officers and what the budget can afford. Mr. Roderiques said the single greatest factor in lower crime rates is police presence.

"I think 32 patrol officers is a good number," said Mr. Roderiques, adding that a higher number may be justified because overtime was built in, and officers frequently had to attend court.

FinCom questioned the building fund, which had been budgeted at \$3,000 for FY11 but had not been

also questioned. Ms. Bishop asked whether people were hired prior to going to the academy. Mr. Roderiques said they are paid to go to the academy while working for the Town.

The chief's budget includes \$57,225 to replace two cruisers. Mr. Meyers said the most heavily used vehicles will be selected based on the number of miles and detailed maintenance reports.

The budget reflects a 5% increase by the supplier. Mr. Meyers also said this is the last year for Crown Victorias. New police cars will be the Police Interceptor, a modified Ford Taurus. Heavy duty shocks, brakes, all-wheel drive and V-6 engines are some of the added features of the police line.

Mr. DeNardis asked if vehicles were equipped to handle flexible fuel. Mr. Roderiques said public safety vehicles are exempt until they are produced and economically feasible for flexible fuels.

Ms. Carter asked if old vehicles could be given to other departments. Member Ted Silva, a former police chief in Fairhaven, said they require at least \$3,000 to replace the paint, seat, and tires. Member Theresa Szala said \$3,000 versus \$24,000 for a new car for a department that will only use it around town may be well worth it. Mr. Silva noted the vehicles typically had 300,000 miles.

FinCom also discussed Article 27 of the town meeting warrant for Opticom receivers in police and fire vehicles. Mr. Meyers presented an estimate of \$20,800 for a total of 26 vehicles. Sixteen receivers are requested in the article for Town Meeting. Mr. Hyland, who had not been present during the original discussion, questioned the necessity of funding something that would only work for eight lights in town.

"We bought thermal detectors for \$100,000 after the Worcester fire," said Mr. Hyland. "It sounded good, but how often has it been used?"

Mr. Meyers defended the Opticom receivers for those times when the device will allow the light to be changed in favor of the emergency vehicle as when all three lanes on Route 6 are backed up in the summer.

"Is it a necessity? Absolutely not. But is it a public safety tool? Yes it is,"

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You're going to
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[John Roderiques]

used. Mr. Meyers said the heating unit broke the previous year, and there had been no money available to repair it. There was work to be done on the storm center roof, and flooding and painting issues, he said.

The ambulance budget, a flat fee of \$750 per officer for acting as first responder, is level funded at \$28,000. Member Kim Hyland questioned whether medical supplies were covered. Mr. Myers noted that \$4,500 was for medical supplies.

Medical services at \$6,000 were questioned. Jeffrey Osuch, Executive Secretary, said the Town pays for injuries from the onset. There is a separate policy on police for injuries not covered under workers' compensation.

Police Academy costs of \$2,500* per person and \$5,900 in training were

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said Mr. Roderiques. "You're going to have to decide whether to fund it."

In other business, Finance Director John Nunes presented Item #57 of Article 4, FICA account as level funded at \$300,000. Mr. Roderiques questioned whether temporary loan interest was included as part of the borrowing article, and if so, whether it was still necessary.

Mr. Osuch said the practice came from a time when there were problems getting tax bills out and the Town had to borrow to make payroll. Mr. Silva suggested retaining \$5,000 in the account to keep it open. Member Padraic Elliott noted the FICA account had hovered at \$266,000 since 2008. Mr. Nunes noted the Town could be fined as much as \$50,000 for not having enough in the account.

Mr. Osuch presented the last two items of business on contributory retirement and health insurance premiums, items 49 and 50.

The Town was poised to be fully vested by 2017 until the stock market drop in 2008-09, Mr. Osuch said, when the value of the retirement fund

dropped by 32%. The fund is now 61% funded. Recent state legislation allows full vesting by 2040, however, Mr. Osuch recommended targeting 100% vesting by 2031 at a savings of \$20 million.

To do that would require contributions of \$300,000 compared to last year's contribution of \$90,000. The State mandates the contribution be at least as much as the previous year.

Ms. Bishop questioned the projected 8% earning on the account. Mr. Osuch said it was an average over time. Mr. Silva asked why 2031 was selected. Mr. Osuch said it would cover all current working employees at that point and all those who are still working. Once 100% funded, he said, then the Town could contribute less. The employee contribution is about \$700,000.

Health insurance for Town employees was going to cost the Town \$4.153 million, said Mr. Osuch. Of that, the Town pays 60% and employees pay 40%. The assumption is that after October 1, 2011, Blue Cross will raise the premiums in the

plan by 15%. He said monthly cost per individual was \$697 per month, and \$1600 for a family under the plan.

The Town is self-insured, so \$121 of each employee contribution goes towards a stop-loss payment to minimize catastrophic payment to \$75,000. FinCom continued the discussion to a later meeting.

*Fixes typos from previous versions

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William Hayter: Just good clean living takes him to 100

By Beth David
Editor

William F. Hayter uses a matter-of-fact tone about the secret to hitting the 100-year-old mark.

"It's no secret," he said. "Just good clean living."

He said he never smoked, never drank, and worked from a young age.

Mr. Hayter was born in England, but landed at Ellis Island when he was just two or three years old. The family went to Mattapoissett, where they had relatives.

Mr. Hayter grew up in Mattapoissett, plowing the fields with horses.

"Don't harrow it, just plow it," he remembers his grandfather ordering.

He went to school in Fairhaven, where his grandfather was a police officer. Soon after he learned to drive, at the tender age of 15, he was called upon to ferry his over-imbibing grandfather from a New Bedford bar back to Mattapoissett.

He picked up his grandfather in that condition three times, and then refused to do it again.

"So, I never touched the stuff," he said.

He said he gave up his license when he was 91, and has only one car accident story to tell from when he was 16. He took the bark off a tree because a careless bicycle rider made him swerve. The police officer said: "That's all you did? Forget it."

That was back in 1927.

Mr. Hayter is proud to say he had three jobs his whole life. One was at Rogers Dairy driving the delivery

truck. He worked there for 17 years.

"So I guess I was worth keeping," he said with a chuckle.

He also worked at a shipyard.

"I was only a kid. I used to sand down the boats for painting. That's hard work," he said.

"They were all made of oak. Try to sand that. Boy that's tough."

The last job he had was at J.C. Rhodes, first running machines, then fixing them.

The company made eyelets for shoes. During the war, the eyelets were for soldiers' boots. He said it was his favorite job.

"It was a nice place to work," he said. "I got along with everybody."

He also served a short stint in the US Coast Guard.

He retired from JC Rhodes at the age of 62. For the next 30 years he spent summers in Florida and winters in Fairhaven with his wife, Gladys (Silver).

She died in 1990 at the age of 73 from cancer.



ABOVE: William F. Hayter turned 100 years old on Valentine's Day. He said "good clean living" is the reason why he has lived so long. BELOW: Mr. Hayter at his Fairhaven home with his daughter Carol Brennan-Barry. He also has a son, William S. Hayter, who lives in Fairhaven. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

nieces and nephews spread around the country.

These days Mr. Hayter mostly hangs out at his home, taking it easy, and going to Honeydew Donuts for coffee. He used to work in the yard "a lot in the summer," but had to stop that in recent years, and no longer has a vegetable garden.

"The time comes when you have to quit stuff," he said.

But that does not mean life stands still for him. His neighbors threw him quite the party on his birthday, unbeknownst to him or his daughter.

"They had a big party with lots of people and balloons," said Carol, who visits him every day. She said she did not know about the party until the next day when she visited and he could not get out of bed after all the excitement.

She said people just kept showing up, and even his mail carrier gave him a gift: the stuffed lion toy pictured on the cover.

"He's got good neighbors," said Carol.

"They made a lot of racket, I'll tell you that," said Mr. Hayter emphatically.

His advice to those who want to live long and full lives? It's simple: "Live happy and clean." ●●●

"And he took care of her, right to the end," said their daughter Carol Brennan-Barry.

S o m e t i m e along the way, they managed to buy their house in Fairhaven for \$9,000. In addition to his daughter, Mr. Hayter has a son, William S. Hayter, two grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. He also has loads of



Elections shaping up in Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

Although candidates still have a little time to withdraw their names from the ballot (deadline is March 2), it looks like Fairhaven will have three contested elections this year, and one race with no takers.

The school committee has two seats up for re-election. Both incumbents, chairperson Colin Veitch and Pam Kuechler have returned papers for their three-year terms. They will face Lisa Schroeder-Plante, who made an unsuccessful bid for Commissioner of Trust Funds last year, and newcomer Brian Monroe.

On the Board of Public Works, chairperson Geoffrey Haworth and Kathleen Sturtevant are up for re-election for their three-year terms. Richard Brodeur, who lost his seat on that board in last year's election, will try to bump one of them to regain a spot on the board.

The Planning Board has two seats up for re-election and one seat to fill the unexpired term left vacant when Butch Vanderpol resigned. Jeffrey T. Lucas was appointed by the Selectboard to serve until the election. He will face Jaime C. DeSousa, Jr., in that race.

Chairperson Wayne Hayward is running unopposed for re-election to his seat on the Planning Board, and Rene Fleurent is running unopposed for the seat long held by his uncle

Ray, who decided not to run this year.

In other uncontested races, incumbent selectboard member Charles Murphy is running for re-election to his three-year seat; Jeannine Lopes will run unopposed for re-election to her three-year seat on the Board of Health.

Kenneth W. Nelsen, Jr., will run unopposed to fill the last year of an unexpired term on the Fairhaven Housing Authority. The position was left vacant with the resignation of Tom Perry. Gregory Bettencourt has been appointed to fill that position until the election. FHA term is 2 years.

The Trust Commission has one seat up for election, but no one, including incumbent Shannon Joyal, had taken out papers for the seat.

According to the Town Clerk, interested candidates can run a write-in campaign. The winner is decided by a plurality of votes cast, so if there is only one person running, he or she could, conceivably, win by only one vote.

Precincts also have one third of their town meeting member seats up for election.

Election day is Monday, April 4. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Last day to register to vote for the Town Election is Tuesday, March 15. The Town Clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on that day.

Mail-in voter registration forms are

available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Millicent Library, and state and federal offices.

Town Hall is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Stop by or call the Town Clerk's office, 508-979-4025, for more information.

Polling places are:

- Precinct One: Town Hall
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- Fairhaven Little League T-Ball/Instructional coach - 3 years
- Church Sunday school teacher - 6 years

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F.A.M.E. Super Bowl Sub Sale Super Success

Press Release

FAME (Fairhaven Association for Music Education) would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2011 annual Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sale. This fund raiser, which has been held for many years in Fairhaven, helps raise money for the music program and all of the students who participate in music at the elementary schools, the middle school, and the high school.

This year, all perishable items were picked up on Saturday morning and delivered to the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven. A core group of volunteers met there from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to slice vegetables and sub rolls. At 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, more volunteers set up an assembly line and began building subs, working until all subs were made in time for pick-up between 3 and 4:30 p.m.

Checks were given to the five student Super Sub salespersons who sold the most subs at each school in town. The entire event was finished at 5 p.m.

For the 2011 sub sale, a grand total of 552 sandwiches were sold.



Following the event, the surplus foods were donated to Market Ministries. A donation will also be made to the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven for graciously providing the space for preparation, assembly and pick-up.

FAME also wishes to thank the

following businesses for their discounts and donations toward the 2011 Super Sub Sale: State Fruit for vegetables; Normand's Meats for ham, bologna, salami, and cheese; Lydia's Bakery for submarine rolls; Stop and Shop for plastic bags; and Highland Restaurant Supply for equipment.

The 2011 Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sale would not have been possible without the hard work of the following volunteers: Isaac Allen, Tom Allen, Daniela Chirigotis, Doug Christ, Kathleen Clement, Mary DesRoches, Ellen and Bill Fields, Michelle and Bob Furtado, Kevin Furtado, Jon Gonsalves, Judy Gonsalves, Michael Livingstone, Kathryn and Tom McGreevy, Colin McGreevy, Doreen Nelsen, René Perry, Carolyn Scieszka, Kim Scieszka, and Heidi Winnett.♦♦♦



ABOVE and TOP: Volunteers make subs on Super Bowl Sunday to benefit the Fairhaven Association for Music Education. The crew made 552 sandwiches this year. Photos by Heidi Winnett. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

Fairhaven Cultural Council awards grants

Press Release

The Fairhaven Cultural Council has announced the award of 15 grants totaling \$7560, for cultural programs in Fairhaven and surrounding communities. This year's grants will support a variety of non-profit organizations presenting a rich array of visual and performing arts for residents of all ages.

Funded projects include: Rogers Elementary School, St. Joseph School, Southcoast Childrens Theatre, Inc., Working Waterfront Festival, Greater New Bedford Summerfest — music, New Bedford Festival Theatre, Millicent Library-magic show, Your Theatre, Greater New Bedford Choral Society, Tri-County Music Association-senior citizen concerts, Artworks! — teen artist program, Louie Paiva — music at Alden Court and Atria, Acushnet Classic Ensemble and New Bedford Symphony Orchestra.

The Fairhaven Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting

thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year, and includes the PASS Program, which provides subsidies for school-age children to attend cultural field trips.

The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community. Additionally, the town of Fairhaven allocated local funds to support grant projects that encourage tourism and local interest.

Decisions about which activities to support are made at the community level by a board of municipally appointed volunteers. The members of the Fairhaven Cultural Council are: Kristine Daniels, chair, Penny Brewer, Sharon Dorian, Laura Gardner secretary, Will Gardner, Willoughby Elliott, Julianne Kelly, Jacqueline Kenworthy treasurer, Margaret McQuilkin, Maureen Sylvia, and Don Wilkinson.

The Fairhaven Cultural Council will seek applications again in the fall of 2011 with a mid October deadline. Information and forms are available online at www.massculturalcouncil.org. •••

NB cemeteries to remove ornaments

Public Notice

The City of New Bedford's Cemetery Board would like to remind the public that pursuant to the Cemetery Board's Planting Regulations all artificial (plastic, wood, and/or silk) flowers, greens and/or ornaments are allowed at gravesites between the dates of November 1st and March 1st only. All artificial items (including holiday decorations) will be removed on or about March 1st if not removed prior to that date.

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For the past 11 years, the After Prom Party has been very successful in providing a HEALTHY, SAFE, ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE FREE celebration for our students at Fairhaven High.

It is an excellent alternative to other activities that could take place after the Junior/Senior prom. We are all painfully aware of the many

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This year the After Prom Party is in jeopardy due to the scarcity of funds. The Fairhaven High School After Prom Party is totally funded by donations and the event is chaperoned by FHS staff and parent volunteers. More than 75% of prom goes attend the After Prom Party and we are hoping for over 90% this year. Entertainment and activities are provided from midnight until 5 a.m.!

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Planning Board

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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following applications. 1) Special Permit, the applicant, **The Town of Fairhaven-BPW for Pasta House**, is requesting Special Permit approval for a parking lot addition. In addition, a waiver to section 198.31.1 Stormwater Management is being requested. The location of the property is 100 Alden Road, Map 26, Lots 71 & 72. 2) **Rezone:** To Rezone 126 and 122 Bridge Street, Lots 82B & 83 on Assessor's Map 25 from Business (B) to Single Residential (RA).

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

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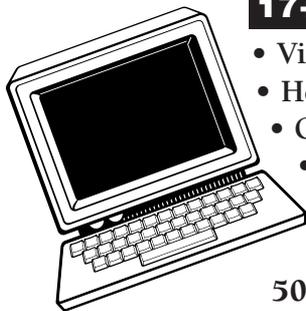
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Rare rogue Thunderstorm briefly pounds Southcoast

Not only were the locals caught off guard, the National Weather Service is still scratching their head on this one. A rare February thunderstorm seemed to have perked up out of nowhere last Friday night, 2/18.

Residents were questioning each other about seeing flashes in the partially moonlit sky but couldn't figure it out until the rumblings of thunder could be heard as the rogue storm came overhead without warning. The small but potent storm cell passed over Southcoast at over 60 MPH, bringing nickel sized hail, strong winds and vivid lightning.

"At 930 PM EST National Weather Service Doppler radar indicated a strong thunderstorm capable of producing 40 mph wind gusts and small hail four miles southwest of Dartmouth... or about 11 miles southwest of New Bedford... moving east at 60 mph." This quote was the extent of the warning just 10 minutes before impact from the National Weather Service.

Just for the record, other parts of the Northeast

were impacted by this system with pockets of severe weather from CT to NH. A strong cold front ran into a warm moist air mass in which the contrast was extreme enough to create this brief but powerful storm event.

Storm stats from westislandweather.com: Friday, Feb 18 945PM, nickel size hail reported from the Causeway. High Wind Gust: 50 MPH at 940PM, Barometer 29.19 at 935PM, .08" Rain. Moonlit skies w/broken overcast at 1045PM.

For the radar storm video clip visit: <http://www.westislandweather.com/apps/videos/videos/show/12669608-rare-february-thunderstorm>

Forecast

Friday: Hi: 41° Rain with snow likely. Highs in the lower 40s. Chance of precipitation 80 percent. **Friday Night:** Lo: 25° Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow and rain. Lows in the mid 20s. Chance of precipitation 40%.

Saturday: Hi: 39° Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 30s. **Sat. Night:** Lo: 25° Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow. Lows in the mid 20s.

Sunday: Hi: 40° Cloudy with a chance of rain and snow. Highs around 40. Chance of precipitation 40 percent. **Sunday Night:** Lo: 30° Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and snow. Lows around 30. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

Monday: Hi: 41° Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the lower 40s. **Monday Night:** Partly Cloudy. Low 35

Tuesday: Partly Cloudy. High: 46° **Tues. Night:** Partly Cloudy. Low: 26°

Wednesday: Partly Cloudy. High: 32° **Wednesday Night:** Partly Cloudy. Low: 32°

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Friday	18	0734	1959	0053**	1332*
Saturday	19	0823	2048	0145**	1413**
Sunday	20	0912	2139	0235**	1454**
Monday	21	1003	2232	0325*	1535*
Tuesday	22	1056	2326	0414*	1618*
Wednesday	23	1151	----	0507*	1705*
Thursday	24	0023	1248	0615	1800
Friday	25	0124	1349	0815	1915
Saturday	26	0229	1454	0937	2111
Sunday	27	0337	1601	1033	2221
Monday	28	0441	1701	1116	2307
March 2011		HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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Wednesday	2	0621	1835	----	1210
Thursday	3	0701	1914	0018	1235

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On streets with no hydrants, NO vehicles shall be permitted to remain either on the east side of streets running north and south or on the north side of streets running east and west. The only exception is the block on Centre Street from Pleasant Street to Chestnut Street where parking is permitted on the north side of the street.

Fairhaven Police will strictly enforce this Parking Ban.

Violators will be towed and/or ticketed.

By Order of: FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. Geoffrey A. Haworth, Chairman

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 3/1, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Board of Health

Mon., 3/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 2/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Economic Study Comm.

Thurs., 3/3, Town Hall, 1:00 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 3/3, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 3/10, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Park Committee

Mon., 3/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 3/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 3/9, FHS Library, 6:30

Selectboard

Mon., 2/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Mon., 3/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Mattapoisett River Valley Advisory Committee

Tues., 3/8, Arsene St., 3:30 p.m.

Mattapoisett River Valley Water District

Tues., 3/8, Arsene St., 4:30 p.m.

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George Santayana

SCHOOL: cont'd from page 4

High School, Hastings Middle School and a number of sports and activities fields. In the spring and summer they may not need them, he said.

Mr. Gonsalves asked if the School Department could share a person with another department such as the Parks Department.

Mr. Gonsalves also brought up the fate of Rogers School. He requested that the committee commission a feasibility study to see what needs to be done to get an article on the Special Town Meeting warrant.

"It remains in our sphere of influence for whatever that may be," he said.

Ms. Kuechler questioned whether there was time for submitting an article for Special Town Meeting. Mr. Krueger said that there is a need for immediate repairs because it will house children for another two or three years.

"I'm not going to put the whole nickel on us," he said, adding that while there might be a different scenario for when it is empty, there were public safety issues now.

Mr. Roderick said it may be

premature.

Mr. Gonsalves disagreed, stating that commissioning and performing a study would take up to a year to get started and will identify what needs to be done. He said that he had watched Oxford, East Fairhaven and now Rogers School "rot."

Mr. Vietch interrupted to say that it would be put on the agenda for another meeting.

Dr. Baldwin suggested that as the School Committee, they should consider what was in their jurisdiction.

"The School Committee keeps Rogers School open for two years, then it's the Selectmen to take care of it," he said, adding that the SC does not operate "in a vacuum."

In other business

- The committee voted unanimously to review and discuss the Policy Evaluation for Mr. Baldwin on second reading. Mr. Vietch and Mr. Krueger will meet to discuss the form. It is intended to document positive experience and will only be used this year.

• Mr. Gonsalves asked that the energy monitor be invited to the committee for a commendation. Dr. Baldwin said that the staff person is still local, although no longer with the school department.

• Approved a trip for 67 middle school students to see "Pirates of the Caribbean" in Providence, RI.

• Voted unanimously to allow two students to attend the National Association for Music Education's (MENC) All-State Conference, March 24-26. Timothy DesRoches (band) and Cameron Souza (chorus) won their places after auditioning at the Southeastern District. The top 10% of students are sent from each district to All-State Conference. He said that students will practice from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. with breaks for dinner and lunch culminating in a concert at Symphony Hall. Fairhaven residents can attend the concert at Symphony Hall on March 26, 2011. Tickets are \$21. Students can order DVDs of their performance.

There was no executive session.



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Celebrating four years of making a racquet in Fairhaven

Press Release

The Fairhaven Tennis Association is celebrating its fourth year of tennis programs for the whole family from ages 5 to 85.

This year, the FTA will sponsor a wide variety of programs including: lessons for beginners from our pros, a drop-in mixed doubles program, in-house tournaments, singles matches, a regional tournament, a Block Party season kick off in May, Saturday night tennis parties, a regional Recreational Coaches Workshop and drop-in doubles matches; all in addition to an exciting program for kids!

The FTA has an expansive junior tennis program for new players to competitive play for teens. The Quick Start Tennis is back again for 5-10 year-olds. This summer the FTA will also sponsor junior tennis tournaments, two Junior Tennis Teams, and

clinics for our older youth.

In addition to FTA programming, the organization works with the Fairhaven Rec Center to support the Alyssa Niemiec Tennis Camps.

To support tennis in our community and help ensure courts are available for everyone, the FTA will hold fundraisers over the course of the season to raise funds for the maintenance of the public courts and to support our juniors.

This year two spaghetti dinners, a scallop dinner, a magic night with dinner, and a Comedy Night will be held after the great response to these events in 2010.

This spring the FTA will also kick off a Court Campaign with a goal of \$30,000 to resurface and maintain the public courts at Cushman Park on Green Street.

The FTA is open to novice and

experienced tennis players from Fairhaven, as well as the surrounding communities. Joining the FTA is only \$25 per year for adults and \$10 for juniors. Membership in the FTA also allows junior members the opportunity to apply for tennis scholarships to play indoors or to attend a Nike Tennis Camp. Adult members are welcome to take part in indoor tennis parties during the winter months.

Founded in 2007, the Fairhaven Tennis Association is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization and an Official Community Tennis Association through the U.S. Tennis Association.

Tennis is a sport that lasts for a lifetime. It is competitive, fun, and can be learned and played at any age. The FTA programs reach those from the ages of 5 to 85. To learn more about the FTA, please visit their website: www.fairhaventennis.org.

United Way mini-grants available

Press Release

In a time of limited economic resources and an increasing public desire for change, United Way of Greater New Bedford's Community Building Mini-Grants Program is offering support to volunteer-based groups who want to make a difference in their community by bringing their ideas and creative solutions to life.

All-volunteer based groups with budgets that do not exceed \$25,000 are eligible for grants up to \$2,500 for ongoing, year-long projects or up to \$500 for one time special events. The application deadline for all groups is Friday, April 8th.

The Mini-Grants Program is the only local program to support all-volunteer grassroots efforts that improve community life through grant making, skill-building workshops, and networking opportunities. Each project should improve, strengthen and build our community.

Last year, 44 groups received a total of \$44,000 in grant funding. The projects supported represent a broad spectrum of local interests, issues

and concerns — including neighborhood events, senior and youth activities, public safety, nonviolence, environmental, performing arts, historical, advocacy, disability and community gardens.

Funds are used to provide items essential to a project's success such as health and wellness items for the Baby Health Project and soil and plants for the Victory Garden.

"So many local groups have the passion, commitment and creative ideas that could really make a positive impact on the community, but they're having a difficult time securing funding," said Claudia Kirk, Program Director. "The Mini-Grants can serve as a tremendous resource to help them make their ideas a reality."

All applicants, including past Mini-Grantees, are required to attend one of the free orientation sessions, which cover the basics of the Mini-Grants Program and provide groups with step-by-step tips on getting through the application process:

Wareham: Thursday, March 3rd,

6 p.m. at the Wareham Free Library (59 Marion Rd/Rte. 6)

Acushnet: Wednesday, March 9th at 6 p.m. at the Acushnet Community Center (232 Middle Rd.)

Pre-registration is required for all orientation sessions. Application deadline is Friday, April 8th. To register or to find out whether your group is eligible, contact Claudia Kirk at 508-994-9625, ext. 13 or at ckirk@unitedwayofgnb.org. Visit the United Way website at www.unitedwayofgnb.org for more details about the Mini-Grants Program.

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ACCIDENT (HIT AND RUN).....	9
ACCIDENT PERSONAL INJURY.....	4
ACCIDENT PROPERTY DAMAGE.....	34
ALARM BURGLAR.....	74
ALARM FIRE.....	9
ANIMAL COMPLAINT.....	13
ANNOYING PHONE CALLS.....	4
PROPERTY (FOUND).....	9
PROPERTY (LOST).....	3
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY.....	1
PEACE OFFICER.....	5
PRISONER TRANSPORT.....	16
RESTRAINING ORDER VIOLATION.....	2
SEARCH WARRANT.....	1
SERVE 209A.....	6
SHOPLIFTING.....	10
SUICIDE ATTEMPT.....	1
SUMMONS SERVICE.....	25
SUSPICIOUS AUTO.....	49
ASSIST MOTORIST.....	17
SUSPICIOUS OTHER.....	22
SUSPICIOUS PERSON.....	23
STOLEN PROPERTY.....	1
SAFETY/ROAD HAZARD.....	45
THREATS.....	13
UNWANTED PERSON.....	7
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY.....	10
VANDALISM.....	9
WELFARE CHECK.....	19
COMMUNITY POLICING.....	3
DRUG INVESTIGATION.....	1
ASSIST OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENT.....	11
TOWN BY-LAW VIOLATION.....	1
AMBULANCE REQUEST.....	124
ARREST.....	12
ARREST/WARRANT.....	4
ANIMAL BITE.....	1
B&E - Dwelling.....	5
B&E - Motor vehicle.....	6
CIVIL COMPLAINT.....	4
Child Seat Inspection.....	3
DUTY RELATED INJURY/ILLNESS.....	1
DISABLED AUTO.....	21
DISTURBANCE GENERAL.....	28
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE.....	7
DISTURBANCE MOTOR VEHICLE.....	1
DISTURBANCE NEIGHBOR.....	3
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.....	15
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATION.....	2
FAMILY OFFENSES.....	8
FIELD INVESTIGATION.....	4
FIRE.....	2
FRAUD.....	6
FIGHT.....	4
Fire Investigation.....	5
GENERAL SERVICES.....	15
INTOXICATED PERSON.....	1
INFORMATION.....	8
LARCENY.....	13
Lift Assist.....	4
Section 12/35.....	1
MISSING PERSON.....	3
MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS.....	80
MOTOR VEH. COMPLAINT (GENERAL).....	16
MOTOR VEHICLE FIRE.....	2
MOTOR VEHICLE REPO.....	4
NOTIFICATION.....	3
OFFICER WANTED.....	11
9-1-1 ABANDONED CALL.....	8
9-1-1 ACCIDENTAL CALL.....	2
OPEN DOOR/WINDOW.....	4
PROPERTY CHECK.....	20
PARKING VIOLATION.....	13
Be On Lookout.....	2
MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM.....	4
SCHOOL SAFETY.....	76
TRANSPORT.....	5
TOTAL:	1018

Wampanoag Paths follow old ways



The Fairhaven Historical Society hosted Cora Peirce on Friday, Feb. 18, at the Fairhaven Town Hall for a talk on Native Americans on Sciticut Neck. Approximately 50 people attended to learn about the summer migration of Native Americans from inland areas to the cooler Neck. For more information on the Fairhaven Historical Society and upcoming programs, contact Barbara Acksen, President, at 508-993-0317. ABOVE: some of the artifacts displayed at the lecture. Photo by Heidi Winnett. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

Parent says information “censored”

After attending the February 16th Fairhaven School Committee meeting and making one phone call, I now understand how a report of a meeting can be different than what actually happened at the meeting.*

I chose to attend the School Committee meeting on Wednesday night because it was one day after the controversial Rogers/Wood vote by the School Building Committee, and I was curious what would be said.

I signed the attendance sheet at the door and sat down in the second row of the public seating area. The meeting was not well attended; I estimated 12 to 15 people present, besides the School Committee.

No one spoke during the public comment time. Other issues were addressed and the meeting was adjourned.

The following day an article in a local paper reported the meeting.* I was surprised to read that the chairman said, “Other than Brian Monroe, a 2011 School Committee candidate whose children attend Wood School, there were no other parents in attendance.”

I didn’t have the slightest idea where this statement came from, since I am also a parent, and the Chairman knew that.

I called the reporter. She told me that she received her information

through a phone call with the Chairman.

It’s possible that he did not notice me, although with the attendees so few, I could have named everyone present. But he apparently did not check the sign-in sheet before giving the reporter inaccurate information.

Who in particular, was in attendance that night, was insignificant. I have several opinions why the Chairman singled out Mr. Monroe, by name, to the reporter.

But [the Chairman’s] false statement may lead readers to wrongly conclude that parents have resigned to the vote of the Building Committee, and therefore have no need to continue to follow the process. And others may believe that only politically ambitious people attend these meetings, which also is not true.

With important school related issues on the table, such as the new school and the F.Y. 2012 budget, citizens, taxpayers, and voters need to be truthfully informed.

I urge everyone to attend town committee meetings, so you will not have to depend on the censored information that reaches the press through phone interviews.

Michelle Furtado, Fairhaven

Editor’s Note: The article in question did not run in the Neighb News.

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