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

## Car crash ties up traffic on I-195



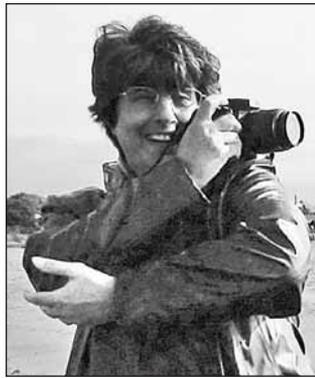
A car traveling west bound on I-195 west bound on July 15th careened off into the woods behind Oak Street in Fairhaven. The driver walked away with minor cuts and bruises. First responder to the scene Mark Costa ran for help to Dunkin Donuts where a Fairhaven Police officer had just been. Second responder to the accident was John King, who climbed the fence at the end of Oak Street to assist the victim. John said, "I was so happy to see him alive." *Photos by Heidi Winnett. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com) and find us on Facebook for more photos of this and other events.*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

We're baaack....  
Did you miss us?  
We have a bunch of meeting catch-up stories for your this week. See page 12 for Selectboard, page 17 for BPW, page 22 for School Building and page 23 for Board of Appeals.

The summer listings page is heating up, too. The concerts under the stars started on the 14th, while we were gone, but there are still a few left. The concerts are quintessential New England summer fare: outside, in the street, local performers, enjoyed by the neighborhood. Lots of fun. Check out the details on page 6.

This Sunday is the annual Fun Fair at Livesey Park. The classic car show is back, along with all kinds of activities for kids, food, fun, and a cow chip contest. You pick a square and wait for the cow to do her "business." If she drops a chip on your square, you win. Meanwhile, the kids can pet the cow.

This event is a great neighborhood event. The car show, musical entertainment, and general walking-around stuff is all free. It does cost money to participate in many of the games and for the food, but the costs are minimal, and there's still a lot to do without spending anything. It's a great event to take families. I hope to see you there.

I noticed something when I got back from vacation and started working on the pages: page 17 has said "April 17, 2011" since...well...April 17, 2011. I don't know how that happened, but I didn't notice it before. Guess I needed a vacation for awhile.

So, please, if you notice stuff like that, let me know.

Heidi Winnett was out and about with her camera while we were not publishing. She posted some great pictures on our Facebook page of the storm (see page 25 for ML's summary of that), the July 4th parade (page 16) and the Swim for the Bay (page 16). Find us on Facebook to find more pictures of those events and some others.

Well, getting to the end here. It looks like the Doggie Deck Dilemma and the COA director saga continued while we were gone. We'll be following up on those stories in the next couple of issues.

Meanwhile, please tell our advertisers you saw their ads in the Neighb News.

Until next week then...

See ya,

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## CORRECTIONS

Everything okay last time?

# USCG tall ship Eagle to visit New Bedford Harbor

*Press Release*

The Coast Guard Cutter Eagle, a three-masted sailing barque with 21,350 square feet of sail was a war prize from Nazi Germany, and is the only square-rigged sailing ship in the United States government service. The Eagle allows the Coast Guard's future officers to apply the navigation, engineering, and leadership training they receive in classes at the Coast Guard Academy to real-life challenges on the sea.

Already well into the 2011 Training Cruise, the sail-training ship for the Coast Guard Academy will call in Waterford, Ireland; Hamburg, Germany (where the Eagle was built); London, England; Reykjavik, Iceland; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Boston and New Bedford, Massachusetts; and finally New York City, before returning home in August.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary, Division 6 is assisting the City of New Bedford with arrangements for the Friday, July 29 through Monday, August 1, visit. On Friday at 8:00 a.m. it will begin with a welcoming voyage from anchorage near Clark's Point in the City's south-end that will include a fire-boat welcome, cannon salutes from Fort Taber and Fort Phoenix and a parade of Auxiliary boats into the harbor, ending at State Pier.

Public visiting hours will be Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Saturday from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Parking will be at the Whale's Tooth/Ferry parking lot and Elm Street Garage in downtown New Bedford with free trolleys and shuttles to State Pier. Disabilities parking will be available on State Pier.

The Auxiliary, reserve and active duty sides of the Coast Guard will staff an information booth on the pier with giveaways for the kids and the famous "Coastie" Safety Boat to entertain everyone.

Saturday morning will feature a 10:00 a.m. dedication of the flag-pole at Coast Guard Park (adjacent to the State Pier). Auxiliary Division 6 will "adopt" the flag pole and will be maintaining the flags that fly from it, the National Colors, the Coast Guard and Auxiliary ensigns.



The US Coast Guard training ship the "Eagle" is the only square-rigged sailing ship in the US government service. The tall ship will visit New Bedford Harbor from July 29 through Aug. 1 with visiting hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. *Photo submitted.*

Sunday church service will take place at 8:00 a.m. at the Seaman's Bethel with Auxiliariest (Rev.) Warren Washburn presiding in the Johnny Cake Hill church made famous in the Gregory Peck version of Moby Dick. The Eagle will depart New Bedford Monday at 12:00 Noon but will not have visiting hours that day.

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## WIIA cookbook needs recipes

The West Island Improvement Association is putting together a fundraiser. We are writing a cookbook. This cookbook will not only include recipes but will also have sections for historical facts about West Island, pictures and memories.

The WIIA would like to invite Neighb News readers to submit their own best loved family recipes, West Island pictures and memories, personal or historic. The net proceeds from the sales of the cookbook will go to the WIIA.

Please email information to Lisa Esten at westislandcookbook@yahoo.com or mail to the West Island Improvement Association, 41 Causeway Road, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Satire is a sort of glass,  
wherein beholders do  
generally discover every-  
body's face but their own.

Jonathan Swift

## Whitfield-Manjiro elects officers

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society held its annual meeting on Thursday, June 16 at the Hampton Inn in Fairhaven.

During the annual meeting the following votes were taken and approved.

New Board members: Joan Doyon, Aline Duval, Rev. Ann Fox, Albert Jones, Donna Maxfield, Thomas Mello, Lori Richard, Michael Silvia, Jill Simmons, Mary-Ellen Tunney.

Board members for renewal terms (3 yrs): Debbie Almeida, Joni Gaudiello, Peter Grilli, Fujiko Hara, Gail Isaksen, Kenzo Kiikuni, Carolyn Longworth, Barbara Owen, Ayako Rooney, Gerry Rooney and Daniel Waltz.

Executive committee members (1 year): Debbie Almeida, William Do Carmo, Joan Doyon, Aline Duval, Rev. Ann Fox, Albert Jones, Junji Kitadai\*, Donna Maxfield, Thomas Mello, Arthur Motta, Barbara Owen, Lori Richard, Ayako Rooney, Gerry Rooney, Michael Silvia, Jill Simmons and Mary-Ellen Tunney.

New officers (1 year): President, Gerry Rooney; Vice-president, William Do Carmo; Treasurer, Debbie

Almeida; Secretary, Arthur Motta.

\*Note: Junji Kitadai, Board and Executive Committee member, joined the meeting by speaker phone from Japan where it was Friday morning, June 17.

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Farmers Market

Fairhaven Farmer's Market every Sunday from 1-4pm now through the fall, on the corner of Main Street and Route 6 on the lawn of Fairhaven High School.

The entire community is invited to stop by to support the market and purchase local produce from our vendors. We are delighted to have many of the same returning farmers this season, along with some new faces for the market.

## Adult Dance

Dance to the old tunes at the West Island Improvement Association on Saturday, 7/23, from 8 p.m.-Midnight. Tickets at the door, \$10 per person. BYOB. Benefits the WIIA. Accessible.

## Victory Coffee Hse

Monthly Christian Coffee House, July 23 from 7-9/9:30 p.m. This month performer is Power Mountain 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.

## Free Concerts

The Fairhaven Improvement Association will again provide its free concert series "Concerts Under the Stars" Thursdays from now through August 11. Concerts are presented in front of the Fairhaven Town Hall. Attendees are encouraged to take blankets or chairs for seating on the Library lawn. In the case of rain, the concert WILL be held in the Town Hall Auditorium. Balloons and doggie treats are provided by Southern Mass Credit Union. Come join us for a pleasant evening 's entertainment!

**JULY 21: Jackman Gillman.** Fun for children of all ages. A Family Cabaret under the stars. Watch your children have a great time. Sponsored By: William (Bill) Straus, Southern Mass Credit Union (SMCU)

**JULY 28: Yester-Daze.** If you remember John, Paul, George and Ringo, you'll love this group. Sponsored By: Compass Fisheries & SMCU

**AUG. 4: Critical Mass.** Well, they got the band back together after all these years and they are debuting here for us tonight. A special treat.

Playing that easy listening kind of rock 'roll we all remember. Sponsored By: Acushnet River Safe Boating Club & SMCU

**AUG. 11: Billy Couto & The After Hours Band.** Billy and the boys are here for you to sing and play "that great old music of the 40's and 50's that you can dance to. Sponsored By: Fairhaven Lumber & SMCU

## ACE Free Concerts

The Acushnet Classic Ensemble, known throughout the SouthCoast as ACE presents a series of concerts to conclude its final week.

We will conclude with "A Score for ACE," a work commissioned especially for us in 2007 and now known as our signature piece.

Eagerly anticipated will be our encore, "The Stars and Stripes Forever," by John Philip Souza. The 15'x9' flag lowered during the performance of this patriotic work. has been created by residents of Alden Court. This will be the first public appearance of the senior artists' interpretation of our music. We're excited, and hope you will join us for one of these special concerts: **Thursday, July 21, at 7 PM; Friday, July 22, at 7 PM;** In the air-conditioned, accessible Performing Arts Center Fairhaven High School (Larch Avenue side)

All performances are free.

ACE is supported by donations from individuals, businesses, the Fairhaven Public Schools,

Arts Lottery grants from Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, Wareham, Westport, and a Community Building Mini-Grant from the United Way of Greater New Bedford

## Free Movie Series

After a six-month hiatus, the Millicent Library, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven will resume hosting their Movie Night series every other Monday at 7:00pm. The ongoing theme will be Cult Movies. Accessible.

"Be warned," said Rob Gonsalves, series organizer, "some of these films aren't for kids, and some of them aren't for every adult, either. You need an open mind and a taste for the different. If you have those two things, this series is for you."

**July 25 at 7:00 pm with "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" (rated R).** Dressing up as the characters is permitted, no throwing toilet paper, toast, etc.

The series is scheduled to run up to April, and may extend beyond that, depending on the response. The Millicent Library has the complete schedule listed in free brochures at the front desk, or you can visit [www.millicentlibrary.org](http://www.millicentlibrary.org) and click on "Calendar." The movies will be screened in the downstairs auditorium; take the Walnut Street entrance (enter through the elevator lobby). All movies are free to the public. Take snacks and seat cushions.

## Lobster Dine-Out

Lobster Roll Dine-Out at Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center St., Fairhaven, on **Thursday, 7/28, 4:30-6 p.m.** Includes chowder, lobster roll, French fries, coleslaw, dessert and beverage. Tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance, at reception desk. \$12.

## Fun Fair & Car Show

NFIA Car Show, Fun Fair & Cow Chip Contest, Sunday, July 24, 2011 (Rain Date Aug. 31), 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Livesey Park, Glenhaven Avenue, Fairhaven

Classic and antique cars and vehicles will be on display. There will also be food, entertainment with DJ Johnny Angel, a children's fun fair, and the annual Cow Chip Contest with a cash prize. Admission is free. Sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association.

## FHS Tours

LAST CHANCE: Friday, 7/22 at 10:00 a.m., Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Ave.

Take a guided tour of Fairhaven High School, the "Castle on the Hill," which was built by millionaire Henry H. Rogers and donated to the town in 1906. The tour, guided by Bob Foster, is sponsored by the FHS Alumni Association and lasts about 90 minutes. Starts inside the main entrance on the east side of the building. Donations to the Alumni Association are appreciated. For more information, email [info@fairhavenalumni.org](mailto:info@fairhavenalumni.org).

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Free Walking Tours

New Bedford has a long and fascinating history, filled with stories of whalers going to sea for years at a time, wives left to run businesses, escaped slaves seeking freedom, and a connection to the sea that spans centuries. The public is invited to explore this history through free guided tours, offered seven days a week, at 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM, leaving from New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's visitor center, 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. Accessible.

Tours will include Risks and Rewards of Whaling, Unknown Heroes and Their Secrets: New Bedford's Underground Railroad, New Bedford's Working Waterfront: Then and Now, and Sharing The Same Seas: The Uneasy Relationship between Humans and Whales.

For additional information and schedules, visit [www.nps.gov/nebe](http://www.nps.gov/nebe) or call 508-996-4095.

## Homeless Children's Art

ArtWorks! Partners for the arts & community is pleased to host an exhibition of lively and diverse art created by children of New Bedford's Harbour House Family Center, a shelter for homeless families.

Harbour House's expressive art program is one of many programs that Harbour House offers aimed at improving and enriching the lives of families in shelter and preparing them for life beyond. This exhibition, curated by Jaimie Randall and Sara Mercer-Medeiros will feature art made by children of all ages which explore a variety of themes and media. In addition to staff, volunteers from Horizons for Homeless Children have been assisting the children with their art projects for three weeks.

The exhibition, held in ArtWorks! upstairs Community Gallery at 384 Acushnet Avenue, will run through July 28th. The gallery and its events are free and open to the public.

As many families lack funds for items that are not necessary, those who would like to contribute to continuing art projects are asked to take arts and crafts items to Art Works! during AHA! night. Visit [www.artworksforyou.org](http://www.artworksforyou.org) or find us

on Facebook.

## Auditions

Your Theatre Inc., New Bedford's oldest continuing Community Theatre, will hold auditions for its upcoming 65th Season Tuesday, **July 26th at 7:30 PM at its playhouse located in St. Martin's Church/hall complex, 136 Rivet Street at County Street, in New Bedford.** The audition is being held only for individuals over the age of 16 who have not previously performed at Your Theatre.

The upcoming Season includes such diverse plays as "How I Learned To Drive," "Gee's Bend," "The Night of the Iguana" and "Moon Over Buffalo"; plus several yet to be announced special attractions planned for presentation at the theatre and around greater New Bedford.

Experience is not necessary; just the desire to participate and share the experience of live theatre and the enjoyment of collaborating with other talented individuals.

Your Theatre celebrates diversity and seeks people of all backgrounds regardless of age, race, creed, national origin, or sexual orientation.

All are welcome! This season includes roles for people of color, Asians and people of other diverse communities. Auditions will consist of a series of cold readings; alone and with an acting partner, conducted by members of YTI's Directorial Staff of which Edward J. Maguire and Cynthia Messier of Fairhaven are members.

For further information visit the YTI website at [www.yourtheatre.org](http://www.yourtheatre.org); email [yti@verizon.net](mailto:yti@verizon.net); 508-993-0772.

## Free Trolley Tour

By the New Bedford Preservation Society. **On Thursday, July 28**, Bruce Barnes will lead a trolley tour of the North End mills, departing from the William Street side of Custom House Square at 6 p.m. This free event is part of "City Celebrates Summer Thursdays."

New Bedford was one of the most important centers of textile production in the world at its peak in the early 1900s. The industry began in the city in 1846 and lasted until the 1980s. The legacy of this long and eventful history continues to affect the city today in profound ways. Please join the society to learn more

about the buildings, people and events that shaped the development of New Bedford during this important era in the city's history. The tour will last approximately one hour. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis, non-handicap accessible. Another trolley tour of the city's South End mills is planned for Aug. 4.

The New Bedford Preservation Society also holds Summer Walking Tours on Saturdays through the end of August by reservation. Local historian Bruce Barnes will be your tour guide with interesting narrative about the architecture and history of the city's various 19th century neighborhoods which will be featured on the tours. Cost is \$7 per person with a \$2 discount given to New Bedford Preservation Society members. Please call the society office (508-997-6425) for reservations. Tours will not be held in inclement weather. To learn more about the society call 508.997.6425 or visit [nbpreservationsociety.org](http://nbpreservationsociety.org).

## Portuguese Feast

Save the date! New Bedford's famed Feast of the Blessed Sacrament will be held from Thursday, 8/4 through Sunday, 8/7 at Madeira Field.

Portuguese food, entertainment, and many activities for kids and adults, including the huge Carne de Espeto barbecue pit. For details, visit <http://portuguese Feast.com/> or call 508-992-6911.

## Proposals wanted

The Women's Fund at the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts has awarded over \$650,000 in grants in support of women and girls since it began grant-making in 2005. The organization is now accepting proposals for a planning grant of up to \$20,000 for a program partner who will deliver the Life Work Project services in collaboration with the Women's Fund.

Interested organizations must submit a full proposal by September 12, 2011. The Women's Fund will review all submissions and make a decision by October 31, 2011.

You may download the RFP and view the FAQ's at <http://www.womensfundsema.org/grant-apply.html>. If you have additional questions please email [jdoyle@cfsema.org](mailto:jdoyle@cfsema.org)

## Heart Gallery

Through August 31: Cape Cod Mall, Hyannis, hosts the Heart Gallery Photography Exhibit, featuring 24 portraits of youth in state foster care in need of adoption. Organized by the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE), the Heart Gallery is designed to raise awareness of the hundreds of local children who are waiting for adoptive families.

Photographers donated their time and talent to create the portraits of some of the children and teens, ages 6-16, who are awaiting adoption. The Heart Gallery exhibit is free, and can be seen at Cape Cod Mall, Hyannis, during regular business hours through August 31.

For more info, contact MARE at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) or visit [www.MAREinc.org](http://www.MAREinc.org).

## Hurricane Carol

Westport Resident To Publish New Book About Hurricane Carol 1954

The Last Fling is a fascinating tale of a life-altering event of courage, terror and survival. There are first hand stories from more than 60 individuals and families and what they experienced as their homes and town were torn apart during Hurricane Carol in 1954. The book speaks of the spirit of the times and the people as wind and waves crashed without warning into a Massachusetts coastal town making Carol one of the most destructive natural disasters the area ever endured. The narrative is complemented by more than 40 illustrations. It is an absolutely vivid and charming depiction of life at another time, in a specific place. Most importantly, it is a story about a community, its people and the human spirit and how we all managed to survive in times of disaster as we experience these events together.

The history includes events of the day at Horseneck and East Beach, Tripp's Boat Yard, the Westport Yacht Club and Westport Point, including the rescue at Laura's Restaurant. The book also relates the near tragic story of the Cozy Cab bus being washed into the pond at Westport Harbor and the activities that took place at the Acoaxet Club and on Elephant Rock Beach.

This is a must read for anyone who has ever experienced a hurricane, enjoyed the waves at Horseneck Beach, lived in Westport or any New England town and those who are interested in history or natural disasters.

About the author: The author, John B. "Red" Cummings, Jr. is a lifelong area resident and was a witness to the events of the day on August 31, 1954. Cummings has also co-authored *From Little Acorns to Giant Oaks*, a history of the Greater Fall River Development Corporation. He is a graduate of Portsmouth Priory School and UMassDartmouth.

This paperback will have a retail price of \$24.95 and can be purchased July 1 at local bookstores or direct from the author at [www.thelastfling.net](http://www.thelastfling.net)

## Theatre By the Sea

The following events are at Theatre by the Sea, 364 Cards Pond Road, Matunuck, RI. Call 401-782-3800 x11. Visit [www.theatrebythesea.com](http://www.theatrebythesea.com) for details on these events.

### Free Garden Tour

Originally designed in 1988 by landscape designer Louis Raymond and with the 2011 annuals display designed and generously donated by Highland Farm in South Kingstown, RI, the abundant gardens at Theatre By The Sea have been meticulously maintained by Dana Designs for the past three years.

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This season's remaining garden tours, which last approximately 40 minutes, will be conducted (rain or shine) **Saturday, July 30 and Saturday, August 20, at 10:00 am.** Each week the tour examines a new topic in the world of gardening. Participants meet in the recently redesigned gazebo area adjacent to the theatre.

## Memorial Concert

Reservations for the memorial performance celebrating the life of former Theatre By The Sea producer Tommy Brent, are now being accepted. The general admission seating passes can be reserved online at [www.theatrebythesea.com](http://www.theatrebythesea.com), on the phone by calling (401) 782-TKTS (8587) or in person during normal box office hours. Each individual patron will be limited to four passes.

The event, entitled **SONGS ON THE SAND: A Broadway Concert Celebrating Tommy Brent**, will take place at Theatre By The Sea on **Monday, July 25, 2011 at 7:00 pm, with doors opening at 6:15 pm.**

During his years at Theatre By The Sea, Mr. Brent helped many artists get their start in the business. To honor his legacy, Mr. Brent's family has requested that all attendees consider making a contribution to OSTC through the "Tommy Brent Memorial Fund," which will establish an annual arts scholarship, as well as the underwriting of one internship position.

## Children's Fest

Looking for something to do with your kids this summer? Why not introduce them to the magic of live theatre this summer at Theatre By The Sea! The 2011 Children's Festival features a wide variety of performances, which are held on select Fridays in July and August at 10:00 am and 12 noon. Before or after the show, families are invited to enhance their theatre experience by bringing a picnic lunch to consume on the property, while enjoying the lush seaside gardens. Refreshments will also be available for purchase at the gazebo.

**July 29, Camp OSTC presents Twinderella:** This hilarious musical fractured fairy tale not only follows Cinderella's story, but also that of her long lost twin brother, Bob, who lives in the same kingdom with his own wicked step-family. The separated siblings have enlisted the services of the Fairy Godmother, the Godfather and two enchanted gerbils to help wile their way into the exclusive royal festivities of Wychwood-under-Ooze. This delightful send-up of the classic story will be performed by OSTC camp kids.

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- 1 tbsp Worcestershire Sauce
- 1.5 tsp cumin powder
- 1-2 tsp chili powder

Brown ground beef and onion, drain. Add sauce and seasonings, simmer 20 mins.

### Soft Taco Shells

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup cornmeal
- 5 tbsp cornstarch
- 2 cups milk
- 4 tbsp vegetable oil

Mix ingredients and fry like a pancake.

Serves 8

# A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

## Special to the Neighb News Fairhaven Phantoms

The Phantoms 16 and under girls softball team competed internationally in Montreal, Canada, 6/30 to 7/3 doing 5-2 and finishing 4th in a 16 team field.

Coached by John Haaland and Ken Girouard, with most of the girls from Fairhaven High team, they also took part in Brooklawn Katman Tourney winning two games last week.

Outstanding for Phantoms have been Courtney Girouard, pitching and hitting, Marissa Garcia, Morgan Haaland, Courtney Guidry, Kay Mullen, Alex Charette, Kayla Trahan

and super centerfielder Alex Gordon and Jeter type SS Ashley Brown.

## Prose on Pros

Congratulations to Derek Jeter on making 3000 hits, the consummate shortstop and class person who handles himself like a true Yankee.

Red Sox on a roll, playing super ball. Should stay in first place.

Yanks and Phils only two other teams that can compete.

NFL should settle by now, should wave cheeshead helmets to protect from concussions.

Harrison from Steelers makes wonderful role model???? with his gun picture.



Courtney Girouard and Ashley Brown of the Fairhaven Phantoms softball team place at Brooklawn Park in New Bedford on 7/10/11. Photo by Bob Duarte, special to the Neighb News.

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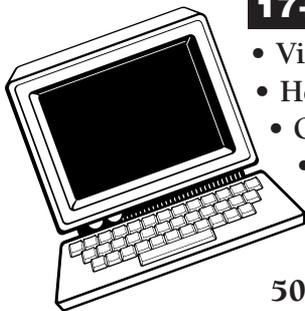
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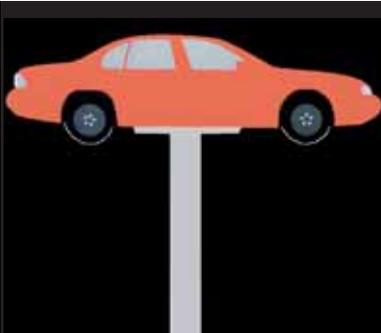
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# Selectboard Discusses Riverwalk, Fishing Pier at Hoppy's

By Joyce Rowley

## Neighb News Correspondent

At the Fairhaven Selectboard meeting on 7/5, Nancy Durfee, Senior Planner at Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) provided preliminary information on a riverwalk along the Acushnet River that could connect New Bedford, Acushnet and Fairhaven.

One end of the greenbelt would be located at Reliable Trust on River Street in New Bedford, the other end would tie into the Phoenix Bike Trail. It would cross into Acushnet on Slocum Road to the Titleist property.

The New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council is funding the project.

Ms. Durfee traced a line from Sycamore Street to Fairhaven's bike path, demonstrating the need for acquisition of easements or property on several private properties.

"You want to make those connections so people can easily get around by foot, bike or otherwise," said Ms. Durfee.

In another matter, Douglas Cameron, Department of Fish and

Game, provided information on creating a public fishing pier at Hoppy's Landing.

The facility would have to be open to the general public, not just Fairhaven residents. The town can charge a fee with DFG's approval. Fees would be part of the land management agreement.

"If we could get a fishing pier, it would get them off the causeway," said Timothy Cox, Shellfish warden and assistant harbormaster.

While he supported the idea, Selectboard member Brian Bowcock pointed out that dredging was proposed in the inlet. Mr. Cameron said he would draft a land management agreement for the fishing pier, parking and boat ramp.

In another matter, Meaghan Blasingame of the Government Access Channel asked for \$23,000 in operating funds to create a second meeting room in the East Room of Town Hall. This would allow multiple meetings to be taped. For example, the Selectboard meeting could be live while the Conservation Commission meeting is taped for later cablecast. It

would also increase the number of meetings covered from about 120 to 200. The new equipment would also allow a mini-studio to be set up separate from the Planning Board.

In the future, the new equipment would allow posting of agendas on the government channel.

The Selectboard voted 2-0-1, member Charles Murphy absent to approve the appropriation of \$16,000 for operations and \$23,000 for new equipment from the Government Channel Access fund.

John Medeiros, and Jerry Payette of the Bicentennial Committee presented the Selectboard with sample fundraising calendars for 2012. The Committee is selling the calendars for \$15 and has distributed them to local merchants. Ten dates have been set for activities ranging from the February 25 official start of the bicentennial to Bicentennial Parade on July 8, 2012.

The board voted to table modifying by-laws for non-union department heads; and reconvened in in Executive session to discuss contractual matters.

# Selectboard Terminates COA Director in Open Session

By Joyce Rowley

## Neighb News Correspondent

Council on Aging Director Grace Nadeau was not present for the July 7th Selectboard hearing on her job performance. Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch said that they had exchanged emails and the letter giving notice of the meeting made it clear it would be in executive session unless she chose open meeting.

Selectboard member Brian Bowcock said that her lack of presence had no bearing on his decision to discuss the matter in open session. He then began to list the problems he had with her performance beginning with her interview on November 28, 2010.

At that time, Ms Nadeau agreed to begin working full-time upon acceptance of the job. Instead, Dr. Bowcock said that she did not work Friday afternoons until late February 2011. When he raised the issue with her, she said she had clearance from another Selectboard member and the COA board.

At a May 17, 2011 meeting with the Selectboard, COA Board of Directors,

and Ms. Nadeau, it was made clear to her that the channels of communication were not being kept open, said Dr. Bowcock.

"Grace had a certain idea of how the Board of Directors worked. They were more hands on. She wanted them to be hands off," he said.

He said he understood that was a managerial style, but she was given a directive to improve her relations with the COA board.

The third issue cited was granting compensatory time to workers who were not allowed it under the Town's personnel rules. As a result, payroll was submitted that made it appear her employees were working when they were not actually at work, said Dr. Bowcock. Finance Director John Nunes affirmed that had happened.

As a result, the Selectboard had asked Ms. Nadeau to get a time clock for all employees. The COA board subsequently voted to get a time clock in the department by July 1, 2011. According to Dr. Bowcock, Ms. Nadeau had responded via email that it would be a waste of money; that the few minutes that someone might be

late wasn't worth it.

Dr. Bowcock went on to say that everyone at Town Hall punches a time clock, including Mr. Osuch and Mr. Nunes.

"For her to say she was not going to put in a time clock when she was told to raise an issue of who's in charge," said Dr. Bowcock. "I believe we made a mistake when we hired her."

He said after the May meeting things only got worse.

"I think we have to correct the mistake and I'm going to make a motion to terminate her employment."

Selectboard member Charles Murphy said he received numerous phone calls regarding the COA and listened to both pros and cons.

"My decision is based on [the need for] a partnership between the COA board and the COA director," he said.

Chairperson Michael Silvia said Ms. Nadeau was in a probationary period, a time to see if the person will work out. He said later that Ms. Nadeau's original probation was

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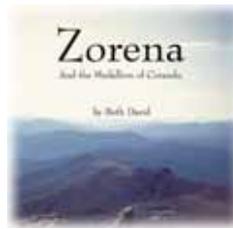
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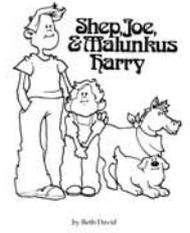
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## While we were gone

During our two-week publication break, Fairhaven hosted a July 4th Costume Parade and the annual Buzzards Bay Coalition Swim for the Bay. Find us on Facebook for more photos of these events.



ABOVE: Swimmers approach Fort Phoenix from their start point at Davy's Locker in New Bedford in the 18th annual Swim the Bay event. LEFT: First to cross over and receive his medal was 15-year-old Nathan Garner of Nashua, NH. The swim drew 216 participants who raised \$113,000 for the Buzzards Bay Coalition, which works to keep the bay clean. RIGHT: The Fairhaven Village Militia fires the big cannons at Fort Phoenix on July 4th after the costume parade. Marchers in period dress followed a classic car cruise from Cushman Park to Fort Phoenix where an independence program was held. *Photos by Heidi Winnett. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com) and find us on Facebook for more photos of these and other events.*



## Alleged shoplifters make police give chase

*Fairhaven PD press release*

At approximately 6:15 Thursday evening, 7/14, Fairhaven Police responded to K-mart after receiving a call that a male suspect was fleeing from the store on foot after shoplifting some merchandise.

The suspect, later identified as 31 year old Eshone Williams of 150 Belmont Street, Worcester, ran across Route 6 and entered a red Nissan Altima in the 7-11 parking lot. The vehicle, which was driven by 20 year old Cheyanne Skelton of 111 George Crocket Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, fled north on Alden Road.

Officer Stephen Gwozdz observed the vehicle at the intersection of Alden Road and Bridge Street. He activated his emergency lights and the vehicle came to a stop in front of the Southern Mass Credit Union. The vehicle then abruptly took off, continuing north on Alden Road for approximately one quarter of a mile. Skelton slowed the car down at which time Williams ran from the vehicle.

Williams fled on foot into the wooded area behind the former Massachusetts lottery building. Officer Gwozdz gave chase and eventually captured Williams without

incident. While Officer Gwozdz was pursuing Williams, Skelton turned her vehicle around and fled south on Alden Road.

Officer Marc Darmofal located the vehicle at the intersection of Alden Road and Bridge Street. He stopped the vehicle and placed Skelton under arrest. While conducting an inventory of the contents of the vehicle, officers located over \$10,000 worth of stolen merchandise in the trunk. The merchandise consisted of cellular telephones, gift cards, MP3 players, high-end cameras, glucose test strips, jewelry, clothing and other assorted electronic and medical supplies.

Two other accomplices who blocked loss prevention officers from detaining Williams were later located and placed under arrest by Officers David Correia and Daniel Dorgan. They are identified as 28 year old Ryan Persue and 28 year old Justin Blake both of 9 Montrose Street, Worcester.

Williams, who has 19 different aliases, was charged with shoplifting, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, receiving stolen property valued at over \$250 and furnishing a false name to police. Skelton was charged with



Clockwise from top: Justin Blake, Ryan Persue, Cheyanne Skelton, Eshone Williams were arrested in connection with shoplifting at Kmart in Fairhaven. The trunk of the car had more than \$10,000 worth of merchandise in it. *Mug shots from Fairhaven Police Department.*

receiving stolen property valued at over \$250, failing to stop for police, marked lanes violations and operating a motor vehicle so as to endanger. Both Persue and Blake were charged with shoplifting. All four suspects were arraigned in Third District Court on Friday morning.

# BPW hires for one job; to make offer for superintendent job

By Joyce Rowley

## Neighb News Correspondent

At their 6/27 meeting, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works appointed a new Sewer System Maintenance Craftsman after interviewing two town employees. Matthew Manzone, a seven-year employee who had applied in May for the Temporary Special Machine Operator, said he was looking for advancement and for the opportunity to better himself and his family.

The BPW also interviewed Manual Luis who has been with the Town nine months in the sewer division.

Sewer Superintendent Linda Schick said that she felt Mr. Luis was under-employed, and that he could move up, however she recommended Mr. Manzone for the position.

The BPW unanimously chose Mr. Manzone.

On 7/11, after a short executive session with Water Superintendent Edward Fortin over personnel issues, the BPW interviewed the second candidate, Michael Suprenant, for the position of BPW Superintendent. Mr. Suprenant said that depending on whether he was selected for the position, he would seek the necessary certifications in water and sewer treatment, but he was proceeding with updating his certification in water distribution.

Mr. Suprenant told the board that he had a great deal of experience in construction and engineering and he had run a public works department.

"The goal of the Superintendent of the BPW is to provide the highest level of service at the lowest cost," Mr. Suprenant said, adding that the role includes personnel management, customer service, and cost control.

Gustavo Raposo was the third finalist interviewed.

Mr. Raposo said he would arrive for work before 8 a.m. to meet with superintendents and administration. Much of his time would be reviewing ongoing projects, meeting with staff, and meeting with the public.

He said he would always allow time to develop new ideas, and find new ways to communicate with the public. He would spend time in the field to learn the strengths of the staff.

Mr. Raposo said the role of superintendent consisted of two parts: a leader and a manager.

After Mr. Raposo left board

members said they had selected their preferred two, and Mr. Hobson said he was ready to vote.

Mr. Riley said that Vincent Furtado, who was interviewed on July 5, was his preferred candidate, and Mr. Raposo was his second. Mr. Freitas said that he thought they could not go wrong with Mr. Raposo. Mr. Hobson said he preferred Mr. Furtado first, and Mr. Raposo second. Ms. Sturtevant and Mr. Haworth both selected Mr. Furtado and Mr. Raposo.

Mr. Hobson said that he preferred Mr. Furtado because he was in the field with water and sewer experience and willing to put in nine to ten hour days. The board voted unanimously to offer Mr. Furtado the job and ask him to attend the July 25 meeting to discuss details in executive session.

Mr. Furtado currently works in New Bedford's Department of Public Infrastructure.

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## The board voted unanimously to offer [Vincent] Furtado the job and ask him to attend the 7/25 meeting.

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In another matter, Ms. Schick answered questions on the Sycamore Street sewer main break and the West Island Treatment Plant (WITP) wells. Mr. Freitas explained that he had been told the day before the break, the jet rodder got stuck in the pipe, and pulled out gravel and sand. He asked why it was not handled the same day.

Ms. Schick said that the day before there was I&I cleaning by National Water Pipe Cleaning, and their jet rodder got stuck. She said they knew they hit gravel, but couldn't "camera" the pipe because there was too much flow. When they left for the day, the line was running in the correct direction and everything was fine.

Mr. Freitas said he was told by Mr. Haworth a camera had been put in the line. Ms. Schick said the last line had too much flow.

"If that trench had broken [Friday], that's the main line for all of

Fairhaven. That carries a million gallons [of sewage] a day. We'd have known it," she said.

Mr. Freitas then asked about the wells at WITP. He said the Board should have been notified when one overflowed. Ms. Schick said the well trickled over; they immediately switched to another well, and the level in the first well went down. She said the well was not compromised.

Mr. Haworth said he had talked to WITP staff and the amount of overflow was less than a five-gallon bucket. He said that he reviewed the notes, and the biggest finding was that there was a lack of communication between the assistant superintendent and plant operator.

Mr. Freitas said he wasn't finger pointing, but he wanted to let Ms. Schick know that BPW has to do a better job. Cleaning the well is a two-person job, as the pump weighs 125 pounds. He was concerned that the well might get compromised, and said the cleaning should occur once a month.

Ms. Schick said that there was only one time period that the wells were not cleaned every month, and that was when there was a two-week delay. Mr. Haworth said he checked the records, and that there was a six-week period between cleanings in January and February. Ms. Schick said that she did not report anything to the Board because there was nothing to report.

Ms. Schick told the board the wells have been cleaned every 30 days since then.

In other business, Ms. Schick asked the board to consider an item of payment for Brown and Caldwell in the amount of \$1 million. Mr. Haworth said the town would be seeking liquidated damages for the anaerobic digester, as WES Construction was 32 days over the May 29, 2011, completion date. Liquidated damages accrue at \$1,000 per day, according to Mr. Haworth. Mr. Riley suggested that WES Construction receive a letter every pay period updating them on the liquidated damages. The board voted 5-0 to send the letter to approve payment to Brown and Caldwell if submitted with notarized proper signatures.

The board reconvened in executive session to discuss the anaerobic digester. ●●●

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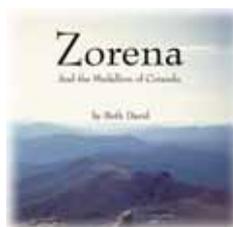
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## FTA finishes Cushman tennis courts resurfacing



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Courts Project. The town spent \$7,500. These are the only Community Courts in the area with the USTA colors: green and blue. *Photos submitted. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*

## Fairhaven hires new police officer

*Fairhaven PD Press Release*

The Fairhaven Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the appointment of Officer Janice Bubluski as a fulltime patrolman with the Fairhaven Police Department at their meeting Monday night, 7/18. Officer Bubluski's official starting date with the Fairhaven Police Department will be July 31st.

Officer Bubluski has been serving as a fulltime officer with the Acushnet Police Department for a little over one year. Prior to working for the Town of Acushnet, Officer Bubluski served as a fulltime officer for the City of Fall River for approximately 2 ½ years.

During her time with Fall River, Officer Bubluski completed sexual assault investigation training and received a commendation for outstanding performance while conducting a stabbing investigation.

She is a 2007 graduate of the

Plymouth Police Academy, where she was presented with the "Plymouth Police Academy 100% Award." The 100% Award is given to one member of each academy class that puts forth 100% effort 100% of the time during recruit training.

Officer Bubluski obtained an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Bristol Community College in 2003 and graduated with high honors. After graduating from BCC, Officer Bubluski attended Roger Williams University where she obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice with a core concentration in biology.

While attending Roger Williams, Officer Bubluski studied criminal justice abroad for six months at the University of Wollongong in Australia.

The Fairhaven Police Department is pleased with Officer Bubluski's decision to join its ranks and is looking forward to her starting date.

## School records to be destroyed

Please be advised that, in accordance with applicable state regulations, the Fairhaven Public School district will be destroying the *temporary* student records on file for students who exited the Fairhaven Public Schools seven or more years ago (students who have not attended since 2004).

Temporary student records include **all special education records** [copies of Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), test reports, progress reports, etc.]. School districts are required to destroy these materials seven years after the student transfers, graduates, or withdraws from the school system.

Destruction of these records will begin on or after September 1, 2011. Should you wish to obtain your records, you must contact the Special Education Office at (508) 979-4000 prior to August 31.

Please note that *permanent* records (the student's transcript) shall be maintained by the school department and may only be destroyed 60 years following his/her graduation, transfer, or withdrawal from the school system.

## Small fire keeps shoppers out for a bit

A small fire on July 6 in the men's room of the Fairhaven Wal-Mart kept shoppers outside for about 1 hour as fire crews extinguished and then cleared smoke from the store.

The fire was reported at 7:01 p.m. when a shopper entered the men's bathroom and saw heavy smoke. He notified the service desk and they

pulled the store's fire alarm to alert the fire department and evacuate shoppers.

Crews were on scene for about 90 minutes. Fairhaven Police assisted in the investigation and reviewed surveillance video of the area where the fire started to identify the vandal. The fire was maliciously set.

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Friday	22	0117	1341	0632	1924
Saturday	23	0159	1424	0721	2039
Sunday	24	0247	1513	0818	2157
Monday	25	0342	1609	0919	2257
Tuesday	26	0443	1710	1017	2348
Wednesday	27	0543	1806	1110	----
Thursday	28	0637	1856	0034	1201
Friday	29	0726	1943	0118	1251
Saturday	30	0812	2029	0200	1341*
Sunday	31	0858	2116	0239*	1431*

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
\*\*Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

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extended in May 2011.

"I think we gave Ms. Nadeau every opportunity to turn things around. Mr. Osuch and Mr. Murphy made themselves available to help her," said Mr. Silvia. "It became clear that Ms. Nadeau was not the solution."

When the motion was called, Mr. Murphy said he would not second it. However, Mr. Silvia seconded the motion to move the vote and the Selectboard voted 3-0 to terminate Ms. Nadeau.

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 7/5, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

### Boat Ramps

Tues., 7/5, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 7/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Council on Aging

Mon., 7/25, Sr. Ctr., 9:30 a.m.

### Historical Commission

Wed., 7/6, Academy Bldg., 7 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 6/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Building Committee

Mon., 7/25, FHS Library, 6:00

### School Committee

Wed., 7/27, FHS Library, 6:30

### Selectboard

Mon., 8/1, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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## Public Hearings/ Legal Notices

### Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

1. Gina & Keith Moniz 70 Elm Avenue Plat 14, Lot 135 Book 5444, Page 244  
198-22-4 Short 3' of the required 5' setback for an Accessory Structure.
2. Marilyn G. McMahon 22 Little-neck Road Plat 43A, Lot 159-160 Book 124, Page 66 Certificate #21845  
198-18 Short 5' and 18' of the required 30' front setback on a corner lot in a RR District.
3. Bernard J. Ristuccia 24 Nelson Avenue Plat 43, Lot 37-38 Book 9498, Page 120  
198-18 Short 9' of the required 30' front setback, short 17' of the required 20' side setback, short 13' of the required 30' rear setback and 10% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 15% all within an RR District.

Very Truly, Peter DeTerra, Chairman

# School Building Com. moving along in process for new school

By Joyce Rowley

## Neighb News Correspondent

The School Building Committee met on 6/30 and 7/11 to review preliminary plans for the new model school at the Wood School site with consultants Joseph Sullivan and Richard Mark from Daedalus, and architect Phillip "Pip" Lewis of HRFH.

At the 6/30 meeting, building orientation was presented in three options that accented the proposed building's relationship to play yards, parking, Scoticut Neck Road, and a significant oak tree to the rear of the property.

Option A, aligning the "ell" of the building with the short end parallel to Scoticut Neck Road and the longer limb with classrooms parallel to the southern property line, allowed a continuity of playgrounds and green space. The building has a presence on the road and a smaller façade. It separates the car and bus drop off areas, and allows a separate drop off area for kindergartners.

Mr. Lewis said that East Fairhaven model school's 84 parking spaces are inadequate to handle larger events and volunteer parking. All of the options for the new school allow for at least 150 parking spaces.

Option B aligned the long limb of the ell with Scoticut Neck Road to reduce lighting costs. North-south alignment captured more sun and natural light. The classrooms are proposed to have sensors to dim or turn off lights.

SBC member and school district business manager Paul Kitchen said that the existing 5th grade was having problems with afternoon sun. Sunscreens were suggested. Option B also broke up the "Everybody's Playground" which will be retained from the rest of the play areas.

Option C was similar in layout to Option A, but under this option, the gym opens to parking and a border as opposed to entering the fields.

Committee members discussed the various options affecting green space, blacktop, southern sun for natural light, etc.

Police and fire officials also weighed in on traffic issues. Officer David Sobrol said the combined drop-off for bus and cars at East Fairhaven School created a dangerous situation. He said two separate access points for the cars and buses reduced traffic

conflicts.

"Buses shouldn't be anywhere near the cars and children walking. Separation is safety," said Officer Sobrol.

Fire Chief Timothy Francis told the committee that the lack of parking at EFS caused parents to park on New Boston Road. He said Scoticut Neck Road was too busy to allow that.

At the next meeting, parking had been modified to accommodate 210 cars instead of 150.

"We chose this site for a reason—so we could expand someday. We don't want to lose sight of that," said Robert N. Baldwin, Superintendent of Schools and SBC member.

Mr. Lewis said that the unventilator system will not be in classrooms; a displacement system will be used. The exception will be the special education classrooms, which will have air conditioning.

The committee also discussed

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## Buses shouldn't be anywhere near the cars and children walking [Officer David Sobrol]

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various physical plant issues at EFS with the intent of improving on them with the new building, including: lack of light switches, particularly restrooms as the sensors do not work quickly enough; sensors running off the computer system which fails occasionally; windows too heavy to raise; inadequate shelving and cabinets in rooms and office areas; too few adult restrooms.

Although the SBC set the next meeting for Monday July 25, they held an interim meeting on July 14. At that meeting, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Sullivan returned to review the changes to Option A that were made based on comments on 6/30, to get approval on the geotechnical consultant selection, and to further review the site plan.

Mr. Lewis was asked to review assessor maps and other documents to verify the southern boundary, so perhaps the building could be moved south for additional parking.

Ms. Williams was concerned that

the modification to the plans left the access to the cafeteria uncontrolled by doors. Also, elimination of a hallway between the cafeteria and the gym meant that students going to the music room would have to access it via the gym. Mr. Lewis said that the gym would not be in use at that time.

Since a major design difference between EFS and the Wood model schools will be the ventilation system, SBC members and Mr. Lewis visited the Abraham Lincoln School in New Bedford to see a similar displacement system. Because it will be substantially different, and not all members visited the school, Mr. Lewis will provide 3-D drawings of how the soffit will fit into the classrooms at the new school.

After further site plan discussion, SBC decided not to widen Scoticut Neck Road as it would encourage drop-offs and create a dangerous situation. Instead, they will allow road widening for the purpose of traffic flow and enforce a "no parking" zone in front of the school.

Mr. Lewis also showed SBC an optional boardwalk from the school down to the salt marsh as an environmental outdoor classroom. The boardwalk would not be part of the MSBA funding.

The geotechnical survey showed bedrock at nine to eleven feet, and in one area of the site, there was up to five feet of loam which will be retained and reused on site. There is an area of large boulders that will need to be dealt with but overall, Mr. Sullivan said there was little unsuitable material.

Bids for the property survey ranged from \$6,000 to \$16,275. SBC voted 7-0 to award to the low bidder, Field Engineering, at \$6,000.

SBC also voted to add \$3,740 to HMFH contract for an environmental hazard study.

As the 7/14 meeting was winding down, Mr. Bunnell asked the SBC to vote to recommend that the Selectboard and the School Committee form a joint committee to perform a feasibility study to evaluate the options of Oxford and Rogers schools.

"I don't think it's premature and it's something we should work on now," said Mr. Bunnell. SBC voted 7-0 to make the recommendation.

SBC will meet with the Selectboard on August 2. ●●●

# BOA postpones vote on deck in village

By Anne Fenton

## Neighb News Correspondent

In the absence of Chairman Peter DeTerra, Vice Chairman Joseph Borelli conducted the Fairhaven Board of Appeals meeting on Tuesday, July 5. The board voted unanimously to continue the hearing for the addition of a second floor deck on the church that Steve Economus is converting to a single family dwelling at 46 Center Street (Plat 9, Lot 103 Book 7400, Page 140 198-18).

Neighbors spoke against the approval of a deck that would act as a covered parking space and a second point of egress from the main living area on the second floor.

Mr. Economus said that although the deck would be close to his neighbors' property line he thought it would be more appealing to his neighbors to have a car covered when parked and it would reduce the number of cars vying for the limited street parking.

Abutter Robert Kramer, of 48 Center Street, said that there are conflicting lot coverage areas stated on the submitted plans and the notice

that he received.

He added that if Mr. Economus planned to park under the utilitarian deck he would eventually want to pave the area again adding to the increased lot coverage. He stated that the BoA meeting was the first time he met Mr. Economus and had wished that he had come to him in advance to discuss the plans in a neighborly manner.

Paul Beauchamp lives next to the property at 39 Walnut Street and said, "This is a gross violation of the Town's own laws."

The law states that a lot can have a maximum of 30% building coverage in a Single Residence District (RA). The addition would increase the lot coverage by 15%.

Both neighbors stated that a hardship is required for the variance request and they could not understand what constitutes his hardship. Mr. Economus responded by saying that the hardship is the need for a second exit.

Mr. Economus requested a delay to speak with his neighbors to see if a design could be mutually agreed upon accommodating everyone's best interests.

He said he will meet with his neighbors and present a revised

plan at the next BoA meeting.

The Board unanimously voted to grant a Special Permit for a home occupation for electrician Christopher Heaven who resides at 19 Brook, Drive (Plat 31, Lot 116 Book 4392, Page 113,198-23-B).

The board also voted unanimously to approve a modification of an existing Special Permit for John W. Folino for his business condominiums at 15-28 Arsene Way (Plat 28/30A, Lot 2A11A Book 4537, Page 24) with special conditions.

No auto repairs will be allowed and sales are limited to service retail sales only, for businesses that sell items specific to their industries.

Dorann Cohen was granted a variance to build a covered porch on a home at 83 Raymond Street (Plat 29D, Lot 88 Certificate #20566 198-18). The plan was short 4' on the west side and 2' on the north side of the required 30' front setback and short 10' of the required 20' on both sides. Martin Lomp, of 21 Buist Avenue, spoke in favor of the addition.

The Board voted unanimously to continue to process payroll in its usual manner. Mr. DeTerra and Alberto Silva were absent.



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# ML's Eye on the Weather



A weekly weather report from ML Baron of the West Island Weather Station: [westislandweather.com](http://westislandweather.com)

## Quick thunderstorm slams area

A sudden thunderstorm delivered torrential rain and vivid lightning to the area on Friday morning July 8, 2011. At 9:50 AM a blinding heavy rain quickly flooded low lying streets leaving cars stranded in water up to two feet in New Bedford. A fire was reported at 38 Hedge St Fairhaven and may have been from a lightning strike to a shed. The Fire Department's alarm system and some communications were knocked out.

A peak wind gust of 51 MPH was recorded at 9:47AM. Total rain fall was 1.38 inches in 45 minutes at West Island.

The National Weather Service investigated an isolated pocket in East Fairhaven near Mill Road and Prince Street that had estimated wind gusts to near hurricane force (70mph+) causing tree damage etc.

A woman was struck by lightning inside a home via an electrical panel. She was treated and released from St Luke's Hospital in New Bedford.

## Forecast

**FRIDAY:** Mostly clear. Hot. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the lower 90s. Heat index values up to 100.  
**FRIDAY NIGHT:** Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs in the upper 80s.

**SATURDAY:** Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs in the upper 80s.  
**SATURDAY NIGHT:** Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

**SUNDAY:** Mostly clear. Highs in the lower 80s. Lows in the mid 60s.  
**SUNDAY NIGHT:** Mostly clear. Highs in the lower 80s. Lows in the mid 60s.

**MONDAY:** Mostly clear. Highs in the lower 80s. Lows in the mid 60s.  
**MONDAY NIGHT:** Partly Cloudy. Low: 67

**TUESDAY:** Partly Cloudy. High: 68  
**TUESDAY NIGHT:** Partly Cloudy. Low: 64

**WEDNESDAY:** Partly Cloudy. High: 70.  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHT:** Partly Cloudy. Low: 66

**THURSDAY:** Partly Cloudy. High: 72.  
**THURSDAY NIGHT:** Partly Cloudy. Low: 69

The island ocean temperature is



ABOVE & BELOW: A quick moving summer storm on 7/8 knocked down these trees at the Sovereign Bank on the corner of Route 6 and Bridge Street. Photos by Heidi Winnett.



73.6 degrees. The 20th Anniversary of Hurricane Bob (August 19, 1991) is in 29 days.

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## Dog Therapy at the Senior Center

Clients at the Fairhaven Senior Center are now enjoying some pet therapy thanks to Holly & Yogi Bear and Ellen & Audie. Holly & Ellen are volunteering their time and taking their dogs over to our center on Friday afternoons to spend time with the clients. The dogs had to go through training to be certified through the Dog B.O.N.E.S. Therapy Dogs. Even though the dogs are big dogs, they are very gentle, and definitely bring a smile to the seniors' faces.

# What the heck is a trust?



By Elder Law Attorney,  
Michelle D. Beneski  
The following is the opinion  
of the author

Trusts are legal documents steeped in mystery. Most people have heard of them but few people understand what they are and what they can do.

Actually, a trust is merely a written set of instructions on how property owned by the trust may be used. Like people, trusts come in many different types. All trusts have three important roles in common. The first is the person who creates the trust, known as the grantor. The grantor states the rules under which the trust property may be used. The trustee is the person who administers the property according to the rules the grantor set up. The last important role is the beneficiary. The beneficiary is the person who gets to use property in the trust or benefit from the property in the trust. Beyond these three roles almost every trust is different depending upon the reason the grantor is creating the trust.

For example, many families create revocable living trusts for the purpose of avoiding probate, minimizing estate taxes, and keeping family assets private.

With a revocable living trust during the lifetime of the grantor, the grantor acts as grantor, trustee and beneficiary. The grantor is free to do whatever the grantor wishes with the trust property. After the grantor dies, a new trustee takes over and must follow the rules the grantor laid out.

The property now must be used for the benefit of the beneficiaries

who may or may not include the trustee. If the family desires to minimize estate taxes then certain articles must be included in the trust to accomplish that goal.

If a grantor wants to make sure that a beneficiary receives \$2,000 a month then the grantor includes an article stating this.

The biggest mistake that most people make in creating a revocable living trust is not re-titling real estate, bank accounts, brokerage accounts and insurance death beneficiaries into the name of the trust. If assets are not re-titled into the name of the trust then when the grantor dies, usually the property will have to go through probate to get into the trust.

If one of the goals in creating the trust is to avoid probate then this goal will not be reached unless assets are in the trust at the time of the

receives the property (beneficiaries) after the grantor dies.

Irrevocable trusts are used for many different purposes. In our practice we create irrevocable trusts to hold money to be used for grandchildren's education. We create irrevocable trusts to protect assets from creditors. We use irrevocable trusts to protect homes from Medicaid liens.

Like all trusts, the irrevocable trust must set out rules for the use of the property that accomplishes the goal the grantor created the trust for.

Another terrific use of a trust is to hold property for the benefit of a disabled person. This type of trust is known as a special needs trust. It is designed so that a person receiving government benefits will not be disqualified from those benefits because the person receives inheritance.

If the inheritance is left to a special needs trust for the benefit of the disabled person then usually the person would not lose benefits. This is a great way to provide a nest egg for a loved one and not have to cut them out of your estate plan.

I hope this article clarified some of the mystery surrounding trusts. If you are interested in learning more about trusts call our office at 508-994-5200 to see if you qualify for a no-cost initial consultation. We generally charge \$500 for a consultation

but this fee will be waived if you mention this article.

This information is for general informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. For specific questions you should consult a qualified attorney. This article was written by attorney Michelle D Beneski of Surprenant not Beneski PC. The law firm has offices in New Bedford and Hyannis in Brockton. It specializes in estate tax Medicaid and special needs planning.♦♦♦

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grantors death.

Another type of trust is an irrevocable trust. Irrevocable generally means that the grantor cannot demand that the property in the trust be returned to the grantor.

However, even the grantor of an irrevocable trust can reserve the right to change certain things about the trust. For example, it is not unusual for the grantor to reserve the right to change the trustee of the trust and/or the right to change who

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