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

USCG Eagle, America's Tall Ship, visits New Bedford Harbor



The US Coast Guard's Tall Ship, the Eagle, awaits boarding in New Bedford's outer harbor on Friday, 7/29. The ship, dubbed "America's Tall Ship," docked at State Pier for two days and was open to the public for touring and photos. See page 16 for more photos. *Photo by Heidi Winnett. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us on Facebook to see more photos of the Eagle.*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Gotta love the Fairhaven School Committee. After months of discussion about discussions, the discussion ended with little change to the discussions. Geesh. See page 22 for the story.

Our cover story is an exciting thing that happened in our part of the world last weekend. The US Coast Guard's tall ship the "Eagle" was in New Bedford harbor for public tours. What a beauty it is, too. See page 16 for more photos of the ship, and visit us on Facebook for even more. Special thanks to Margie Joseph for letting us use some of her photos. We sent our photographer, Heidi Winnett, on the ship itself, so she was not able to get photos of certain angles of the ship, such as going through the hurricane barrier and that great shot of the fire boat in front of the Eagle.

Our readers are the best!

Speaking of Heidi, her daughter Meredith is writing for us this summer. See page 3 for her debut article. Meredith also took the photos to go with the article, just like mom.

Meredith's story is about Fairhaven's newest police officer, Janis Bublusk. I think that brings to three the number of female officers we have in Fairhaven now. I should've asked the department that, but didn't think of it until now. If I'm wrong, I'll let you know next week. Three is better than none, but it's still far short of the mark. C'mon you young'uns, we're looking for you.

We also have a Selectboard meeting for you this week. See page 12 for that. All three Selectboard members recommended that Joseph Morra resign his positions on Planning and Appeals after his disgraceful behavior in front of Fairhaven Police last week. I concur. C'mon Joe, resign. You've embarrassed Fairhaven enough in the last year.

Speaking of embarrassments to Fairhaven. A reader reminds us that the notorious hazing incident of 2006 is still fresh in many minds. See page 20 for that.

ML Baron is on hurricane watch for us this week. He's written about the hurricane of 1944 and has a couple of cool photos of old ships to go with it. See page 25 for that. ML also pulled a couple of pictures of the mega-yacht "The Grand Luxe" from the webcam he's got at the end of Balsam Street. Maybe you saw reports of the big boat coming into the harbor as the Eagle was leaving. Some seriously big stuff in our little harbor this week. See page 23 for pictures of the Grand Luxe.

And last, but certainly not least, we have another Report from Potter's Point this week. See page 17 to keep up on all the news from our favorite characters as they make their way through the summer growing season.

There's other good stuff in here, of course, but you'll have to thumb through to find it all. While you do, be sure to notice who our advertisers are, and be sure to tell them you saw their ads in the Neighb News.

Until next week, then.

See ya,

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CORRECTIONS

New Fairhaven police officer sworn in

By Meredith Winnett

Neighb News Correspondent

On Tuesday August 2, 2011, Fairhaven's newest police officer, Janis Bublusky, was sworn in by Town Clerk Eileen Lowney on the steps of town hall. Officer Bublusky started her new post on Monday August 1. Ms. Bublusky has worked as a patrol officer for two other police departments, Fall River and Acushnet. She recently moved to the area and said it looks like a "great department" with great officers, and that she looks forward to working in Fairhaven.

Officer Bublusky decided to be a

police officer because she has always wanted to be the first to help someone out.

Officer Bubluski is a 2007 graduate of the Plymouth Police Academy, where she was presented with the "Plymouth Police Academy 100% Award". The 100 % Award is awarded to one



ABOVE: Fairhaven town clerk Eileen Lowney swears in new police officer Janis Bublusky in front of Fairhaven town hall on Tuesday, 8/2. BELOW: Officer Bublusky poses with her new Chief, Michael Myers (left) and Sgt. Kevin Kobza. Photos by Meredith Winnett. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com



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.

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WI Breakfast Buffet

First of the Season!

Sun., 8/7, West Island Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven, 8-11:00 a.m.

By the West Island Improvement Association. \$6 adults, \$3 children under 12. Tickets are available at the door. Accessible

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.

Stop by to support the market and purchase local produce. We are delighted to have many of the same returning farmers this season, along with some new faces for the market.

FHS Class of 1950

The Class of 1950 will have a table at the Farmer's Market on 8/14. Visit their and check out their spring bulb supply, as the 1950 alums prepare to celebrate their stained glass window project in the Spring of 2012.

Free Concerts

The Fairhaven Improvement Association will again provide its free concert series "Concerts Under the Stars" Thursdays at 7 p.m. 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!

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

Donate to Yard Sale

The Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Main St., North Fairhaven, is now accepting donations for its Annual Yard Sale, which will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, August 20, from 9-4. Donations can be dropped off at the church on Thursdays from 10 to 2, during Book Cafe hours. For more information, call 508-991-8596.

Cruizin' night

Classic cars. Sponsored by North Fairhaven Improvement Association and Co-sponsors: Prowlers Car Club & the Down Shifters Car Club

Friday, August 12. 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Sullivan Tire

For more Information Call John Medeiros, 508-951-2128; www.northfairhaven.org

West Island Has Talent

On August 20 from 8-11 p.m. the West Island Improvement Association is hosting a West Island Has Talent night at the Community Center, 40 Causeway Road. Accessible.

There will be a DJ for those who need back-up music. Cost to attend and help vote for the winners is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Any contestants should contact Louise Merrick at 508-990-1235 in order to compete. Leave your name and phone number. Competitors should be West Island residents/property owners.

Free Trees to Join

Everyone who joins the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation with a \$10 donation will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees through the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid

at the right time for planting in each member's area, between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To receive the trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Blue Spruces, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by August 31, 2011, or join online at arborday.org/august.

Blood Drive

Wed. Aug. 10 1:30-6:30, Fairhaven Recreation Center 227 Huttleston Ave. Accessible. Sponsored by George H Taber Masonic Lodge

All presenting donors will receive a coupon from Edible Arrangements for 6 Chocolate covered fruit. All presenting donors have the CHANCE TO WIN 2 BOSTON RED SOX TICKETS and to be honored on the field as the BLOOD DONOR OF THE GAME! *Prizes not redeemable for cash and non-transferable.

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To schedule an appointment goto www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800 RED CROSS (733-2767)

At the Millicent

At the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, in the Library Auditorium, Walnut Street entrance. Accessible. To register, call the library at 508-992-5342, or email Jane Murphy (jmurphy@sailsinc.org).

Ongoing Programs

Toddler Storytimes Tuesdays 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Ages 1-3. Siblings welcome.

Big Kid Storytime Fridays 10-11 a.m. Listen to stories, participate in songs and rhymes and make a craft every week! Ages 3+. Siblings welcome.

Baby Storytime Fridays 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Sing, dance, bounce and play! Birth to 18 mos. Siblings welcome.

Teen Group! This year's Teen Theme is "You are Here!" Parties, Movies, Manga and Anime, Crafts, Game days, Raffles and more; your input is appreciated!

Teen Tuesdays Teen Yoga on August 9th from 2-3 followed by another 2 hours of fun.

Visit www.millicentlibrary.org/.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Portuguese Feast

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.

Jazz Night

Holy Family Holy Name is pleased to announce its 4th annual Jazz Night to benefit the educational programs at Holy Family Holy Name School **Cool Jazz on a Hot Summer Night will be held August 13 at the Wamsutta Club of New Bedford** and will present music of the Charles Langford Quintet, featuring guest vocalist Lori Dow. Accessible.

General admission tickets are \$20 with the doors opening at eight o'clock. VIP Fusion admission tickets are \$50 with the doors opening at seven o'clock.

There will be a cash bar and Pub Fare available for all to enjoy throughout the night.

We are inviting all ALUMNI "COOL CATS" of Holy Family Holy Name School, Holy Family High School, Holy Name School, and Holy Family School to join together at this cool night to chill and enjoy each other's company and take a trip down memory lane as we enjoy a night of "Cool Jazz".

If you would like more information please contact Jim Oliveira or Cecilia Felix at Holy Family Holy Name, 508-993-3547 or via email at cfelix@hfhn.org

Mural Proposals

Mayor Scott W. Lang announced today plans to install ten sidewalk murals commemorating the 10th anniversary of 9/11 as part of the city's coordinated efforts to remember the historic events and pay tribute to the victims and the men and women who came to their aid in the wake of the attacks.

Artists from New Bedford and surrounding communities are being called upon to submit design proposals for the ten murals. A "Call for Submissions" has been posted to the City's website, (www.newbedford-ma.gov)

outlining entry guidelines and encouraging **artists to submit their proposed mural designs by August 12** for paneled selection. Artists are encouraged to utilize repurposed materials in their designs, which are intended to communicate themes and/or images related to 9/11.

The murals themselves will be inlaid into the sidewalks outside of ten city schools, the number of schools a reminder of the intervening years since the attacks. For viewers, particularly school-aged children who may not have been alive at the time of the attacks, the murals are intended to serve as both a source of inspiration and reflection as well as a tribute to the victims of 9/11 and those who offered support in a time of national crisis. For the community, the murals represent the symbiotic relationship that the City of New Bedford has developed with the local art community.

Those interested in submitting design proposals are encouraged to view the Call for Submissions for more detailed information. Questions may be directed to the Mayor's Office at 508-979-1410 or to Katie. Hauswirth@newbedford-ma.gov.

AHA Night

Join us on AHA! Night when Art, History & Architecture come alive in New Bedford! **On August 11th we'll be Making Waves** throughout the Downtown as we celebrate the #1 Port in the United States, our love of the water, summer sounds & a whole lot more. Visit www.ahanewbedford.org/ for complete listing of events.

AHA! Night highlights include:

- Navigating the #1 Fishing Port in the Nation: Cruise the New Bedford Harbor with Port Officials Aboard a Whaling City Expeditions Vessel
- Scallop Celebration @ the NB Whaling Museum! Author's Talk & Book Signing for Scallops: a New England Coastal Cookbook; Scallops on the Plaza: a Cooking Demonstration with Chef Henry Bousquet
- William Street Art on the Block Party! Presented by the Cummings Building Artists & Dream Out Loud; Brazilian Music, DJ Set & Transient Authority; Art and Fashion Showcase with Live Painting; Journey Dance with Artworks!, Yoga on Union & Riff Parade
- Back by Popular

Demand! NB Ocean Explorium & Friends Present a Science Street Fair

- Grand Opening for NEW AHA! Partner For Veda Boutique
- Performances by the SouthCoast Children's Theatre
- Seismology Presentation @ the R-J-D House & Garden Museum
- Maritime Music with Yankee Notions in the National Park Garden
- ERG Machine Rowing Race with NB Community Rowing
- Making Waves with the Buzzards Bay Coalition
- Whaleboat Rowing in the Harbor with Whaling City Rowing
- Musical Magic with Mostly Mikes @ Cork Wine & Tapas
- Rose Alley Ale House Presents the Strong Arm Challenge
- Downtown Farmer's Market @ the NB Public Library
- Reading & Book Signing with Author Dawn Tripp of "Game of Secrets" @ NBAM
- The Summer Tradition Continues! Centre Street Sessions Presents the Too Human Band
- You'll never guess "Who's Coming!" Zeiterion 2011-2012 Season Kickoff Party!
- Eat. Art. AHA! Food Photo Contest: Show Us What's on Your Plate & Win Big
- We Art NB! NEW Shows, *NEW Galleries, & Artist Demos: Artworks!, Crowell's Fine Art, Gallery 65 on William, Gallery X, Judith Klein Art Gallery, OKOarts, Paradise McFee Gallery, UGLYgallery, & more!

New Bedford Film in 6 languages

Speak Portuguese? German? Spanish? No problem. Visitors coming to New Bedford and locals alike can now view New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's orientation film, "The City That Lit the World," in six languages at the park's visitor center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. Accessible. New headsets offer the audio track in the languages above as well as French, and Japanese. There is no cost to borrow the headsets; visitors need only ask the staff for them.

The film is shown seven days a week, on the hour, from 10:00 AM through 3:00 PM. The film lasts twenty-two minutes, and gives brief history of how whaling came to be the driving economic force in this city and in the country for many decades, and how that business is reflected in New Bedford today.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Nature & Kids

Two August Summer Conversations beginning at 7 pm at Apponegansett Meeting House, 856 Russells Mills Road, Dartmouth. Accessible. The public is invited and light refreshments will be served. For further information call Christina Styan 508-999-3526.

On Thursday, August 4, film producer Camilla Rockwell "Mother Nature's Child: Growing Outdoors in the Media Age." PBS Producer Rockwell provides a look at the increasingly rare exposure to nature in children's' lives, and the impact it has on their development.

Thursday August 11 Melissa Coleman "This Life is in Your Hands: One Dream, Sixty acres and a Family undone" presents her riveting memoir about growing up on her family's organic farm at the epicenter of Scott and Helen Nearing's Back to the land movement. A story about the pursuit of ideals the risks of trailblazing and the tragedy of loss.

The Summer Conversations series is sponsored by local Quaker meetings Smith Neck Friends, Westport Friends, Allen's Neck Friends and New Bedford Friends and co-sponsored by Baker Books. Admission is free and donations to support the series are always appreciated. This summer the series of lectures is supported in part by a grant from the Dartmouth Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

On Allens Pond

Unless otherwise noted, meet for all programs at the Allens Pond Field Station, 1280 Horseneck Road, Westport, MA 02790. For more information, or to make a reservation please call 508-636-2437, or email allenspond@massaudubon.org.

Junior Bird Club, FREE: Aug 1, 9/5, & 10/3; 6-7 PM. Join us for indoor/outdoor hands-on, birding activities and projects for children of all ages.

Beach Rambles, FREE: Every Saturday in August and Sept 3 & 24, 10 AM-11:30 AM. Join a Sanctuary naturalist and stroll the Allens Pond beach, discover beach flora and fauna, and learn about their mysteries.

Volunteer Trail Days, FREE: Every

Tuesday in August: 1-4PM. Help us keep our trails clear and maintained! Join a dedicated crew of staff, interns and volunteers. Call or email for more information.

Stars of Summertime, Members FREE; Non-members \$5: Select nights after 9pm. Help us launch observation sessions to learn the stars and asterism of summertime with Greg Stone! We will pick the first clear night each week beginning July 25 and then pick another clear night the week of August 1st, another the week of August 18th and the final session will be scheduled the week of August 25th. Viewing commences one hour after sunset. Call to register.

At the Library

The following events are at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street, 508-758-4171. Find the library on Facebook.

Summer Reading Program

Reading logs should be reported by Friday, August 5th so everyone can celebrate the grand total. Join in the fun on **Saturday, August 6th for "Diggeridoo," an Australian musical group who will perform at 1:30 pm.** Following the concert is the Annual Ice Cream Sundae party and lawn games. Don't miss this wonderful afternoon on the library's lawn.

Ollie the Octopus

Move over Salty — Ollie is coming to town. Students and staff have been constructing a giant octopus out of recycled materials during the summer. The group meets Tuesday evenings at 6 pm to work on the project, and everyone is invited to participate. Help introduce Ollie to the community during the final week of the summer reading program.

It's a Dog's Life...or a Cat's

Join the Junior Friends on **Wednesday, August 10th** for a presentation on dog grooming by Emma's Grooming at 11 am. The program will be followed by a film at noon. Admission to "G-Force" is a can of cat or dog good, Q-tips or tissues. All donation will be delivered to the Dartmouth Animal Shelter.

Friends' Used Book Sale

If you missed the Annual Book Sale earlier in July, no worries! The Friends have an ongoing gently used book sale every day in the library

upstairs near the side entrance. Donations are always welcome. Beginning September 10th, the Friends of the Library will host a used book sale the second Saturday of each month from 10 am to 1 pm in the downstairs meeting room. Look for book bargains for adults and children all year long.

Required Reading

Students are welcome to stop in and see the library staff to get assistance locating the required summer reading titles. School reading lists are kept at the reference desk. Patrons can also download titles onto an MP3 player, iPad or smart phone. Come in and ask how to find books you need.

Tote Bags

Tote bags in two sizes are available at the circulation desks. Proceeds support the work of the Friends and make it easy to tote books and toys to the beach and on the boat.

Clambake

Join the Friends of Smith Neck Meeting under the tent for an **old Fashioned New England Clambake beginning with homemade chowder on Saturday August 13.** Beginning at 1:30 pm the Clambake is a tradition at Smith Neck Meeting that has continued for three decades.

Volunteers start an enormous fire of wood and rocks about 8:30 in the morning. Other members grind quahogs for the chowder, make the stuffing and place fresh fish into bags. The clams are washed tenderly and then everything is bagged together and placed in wooden crates and baked over the fire.

Come early and see the steam billowing out from underneath the wet tarps as the rockweed crackles on red hot rocks. This is not just a feast of clams with all the trimmings; it is a dining event.

Ways and Means sponsors a bake sale and Friends will have for sale two Cats Meow collector's items illustrating Apponegansett Meeting House and Smith Neck Meeting House.

Clambake tickets are \$42 for adults and \$20 for children under 12. For reservations call Anne Lopoulos at 508-994-5816. Smith Neck Friends Meeting is located at 594 Smith Neck Road at the corner of Rock O Dundee Road, Dartmouth.

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- 12 large manicotti shells
- 4 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 2 cups ricotta cheese
- 6 tablespoons chopped fresh basil or 2 tablespoons dried basil
- 1 (26-oz.) jar prepared spaghetti sauce, divided
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan or Romano cheese

Preheat oven to 350. Spray 13x9 inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.

Cook past according to package directions. Drain, rinse with cool water. Let pasta dry on paper towels.

For filling, in medium bowl, stir together 3 cps mozzarella with the ricotta and fresh basil. Using a teaspoon, carefully stuff pasta shells with prepared cheese mixture.

Spoon 2 cups of spaghetti sauce into prepared baking dish. Arrange stuffed pasta over sauce. Pour remaining spaghetti sauce over top of pasta. Sprinkle with remaining mozzarella.

Bake manicotti for 15 minutes. Sprinkle with the Parmesan; bake for 10 minutes longer. Serve immediately.

A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neighb News Fairhaven Excavating Champions

SouthCoast softball champs for 2011 are Fairhaven Excavating, with two straight wins over JP Trucking. Fairhaven Excavating got super pitching from Chanler Palmieri and big hits from Serena Vera and Marisa Garcia. Courtney Girouard was outstanding for JP.

Other contributors for Fairhaven Excavating were Kendall Trahan, Kayli Morsey, Kenzi Roderiques, Kayli Baretta, Megan Sargent, Kayli Nadeau, Jenna Costa, Nicole Arruda, Sonia Watson, Kenzi Sylvia, Emma Barrita and Amanda Jones. Coach was Chuck Morse.

Katman Sports in North Carolina

Th girls traveling team 18 and under was knocked out of the national pony championship. Last year this team won the 16 and under nationals. The Kats bested two teams from Maryland and then lost to New York Kaos.

Last Thursday they had to play three games, lost to No. Carolina Storm, 4-0; then defeated Doyl-

town, PA Dragons 7-5. They lost final game to Conn. Tradition 6-1.

Locals on the team were Fairhaven High School's Kelsey Perron-Sovik, Kaylie Moniz; Voc-Tech's Lindsey Shurtleff and Jess Collins.

Prose on Pros

Todman signs with Chargers

Dartmouth's Jordan Todman was signed to San Diego Chargers contract last week. He should make team as special team guy and hopefully a little running back work.

Looks like Wareham's Steve Cooper is all done as Charger. Why not Pats?

Pats signed Chad Ochocinco who will help Brady, but Fat Albert Haynesworth is a waste of time.

Sox still in first place, Yanks hanging in there. Texas and Detroit should win their divisions. Phillies like old Yankees, buying pennant, now want outfielder hunder pence of Houston!?!?!?



JP Trucking catcher Courtney Girouard attempts to throw out runner as Kenzi Roderiquis of Fairhaven Excavating is batter in playoff game at Hastings Middle School in Fairhaven. Photo by Bob Duarte. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

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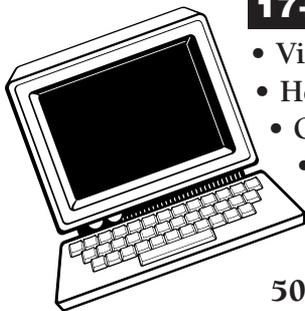
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Selectboard calls for Morra's resignation

By Mail Lim

Neighb News Correspondent

Fallout from last week's arrest of town Planning Board member Joseph Morra continues, as the Fairhaven selectboard went on the record calling for his resignation at their meeting on Monday, 8/1. Mr. Morra, was arrested early last week on charges stemming from a July 23rd altercation with a disabled man in the parking lot of the Seaport Inn and Marina, where Mr. Morra is the Marina and Function Manager.

Already embroiled in court hearings relating to felony vandalism and larceny charges dating back to August 2010, he now faces charges of assault and battery on a disabled person, intimidation of a witness, impersonating a police officer and malicious destruction of property.

"Mr. Morra is an elected member of the planning board, and as an elected official, only the people of this town can decide whether or not to remove him," said Selectboard Chair Michael Silvia. "However, I figure that we have the right to express our opinions, and it is my opinion that Mr. Morra should resign from the planning board."

Fellow selectboard members Dr. Brian Bowcock and Charles K. Murphy concurred, suggesting that Mr. Morra should also give serious consideration to withdrawing from his position on the Fairhaven Board of Appeals as well.

"There's no excuse for parking in a handicapped parking space as he did, no reason for him to behave in the way that he did," said Dr. Bowcock.

"I think there's a certain expecta-

tion put on public officials and that includes respect and fair treatment of others," said Mr. Murphy, who is also the executive director of M.O.L.I.F.E., a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting individuals with developmental disabilities. "Fairhaven is a welcoming town, and I'd like to think that we are the representatives of a town that is open to the needs of all. Any elected official who treats a person with disability in an offensive manner certainly doesn't need to be a representative of this town."

Mr. Murphy also suggested that disciplinary measures may be considered by the selectboard, as members of the Board of Appeals are appointed by the selectboard rather than elected by voters.

Selectboard members are demanding a complete report from

I think there's a certain expectation put on public officials and that includes respect and fair treatment of others
[Charles Murphy]

police regarding the July 23rd incident, as well as a hearing with Mr. Morra to discuss additional town policy violations connected to a pro wrestling event held at the inn last weekend.

A memo from the chief of police to the selectboard expressed concerns about the event, which was held on July 29 at the Seaport Inn without prior notification or consent from any town officials. The fact that the "Pro Wrestling Supershow" went off without a hitch was not enough to placate police and selectboard members.

"These types of events have caused issues in Fairhaven in the past, and we put a policy in place a few years ago that the police department was to be notified of events that featured entertainment," said selectboard member Dr. Brian Bowcock. "It's disturbing that [the

Seaport Inn] did not follow that policy last weekend, and that the police chief found out about it through regular media. We didn't have police presence there that should have been there."

As the selectboard is the licensing authority for the inn's liquor license as well as its outdoor entertainment license, Dr. Bowcock demanded a public hearing to discuss the violation.

Fellow board member Charles K. Murphy agreed, adding that "every other establishment is held to this type of permitting, so we have to be consistent."

The board approved a request from another local establishment, The Town Crier, for a special one day liquor license for a special fundraising benefit, with Dr. Bowcock noting that "this is the type of event we were just speaking about — they're making a request for permission and this is something that we'd usually approve. This is the type of action we'd like the Seaport Inn to do."

Also on the agenda at Monday's meeting was a presentation by Daedalus project manager Richard Marks and HFMH architect Kip Lewis on the status of the new Woods School building project, updating officials on changes in the site layouts and plans as well as a final budget estimate of approximately \$24 million that will be submitted to the state.

"We had a session with the building committee last night, trying to refine the details and we now have a cost projection that's close to the feasibility study," said Mr. Marks. "We've got a couple more meetings to go in August with building committee, but we have a good handle on what this building is going to cost. This is a significant number, as it's the maximum facilities grant, and there will be no additional money given unless there's a pretty compelling reason for it."

"We may tweak the numbers a little bit, and there will be some negotiating back and forth on what will be eligible or ineligible, but to make a long story short, about 96% of the cost is eligible for state reimbursement at a 60.39% rate," he said.

The town may be eligible for other bonus points, including points for green building construction, and for

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being a model school, he added. Although standard procedures require voters to agree to appropriate the full \$24 million dollar amount, the town's share of the building costs would be an estimated \$10,246,137.

Mr. Marks asked for a vote of support from the selectboard as "the MSBA has been diligent about pursuit of local approval documentation."

The selectboard voted to approve a total project budget not to exceed \$24.4 million. The town has until August 16th to submit the project budget, and once the state makes its final decision in September, residents will have 120 days to appropriate the funds during a special town meeting slated for sometime in October.

Assuming the project meets a positive series of votes, design phases will continue through this fall and spring with the existing Woods School closing at the end of this school year for safety issues. Already delayed by almost a year, the goal of the school building committee is to complete the new building by the fall of 2013.

Although the new school will

generally be modeled after the existing East Fairhaven school, there will be a few differences reflecting both programming changes as well as code changes that have taken place since East Fairhaven was built.

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Marks outlined some of the more significant differences, which include a full-sized kitchen instead of just a "warming kitchen" and nearly 50% more parking spaces than what exists at East Fairhaven.

"The MSBA has required that we add two full-sized special ed classrooms at the end of the academic wings so the building will be two classrooms larger on each floor than in the East Fairhaven school," said Mr. Lewis.

Other changes, such as slightly larger windows and quieter mechanical systems are both due to higher requirement standards for "green buildings," a designation that may gain the project more points with the state.

In other matters before the board, the selectboard approved a request from the Council on Aging's social day

coordinator and assistant social day coordinator to revert back to their original working hours, and a 3-year reappointment of assistant treasurer Lisa Rose. They also took advantage of the contract renewal of town accountant Anne Carreiro in open session, to praise Ms. Carreiro's service to Fairhaven.

The board signed a standard Land Damage Agreement with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division as part of road reconstruction projects along Route 6/Huttleston Avenue.

Meetings with town counsel regarding issues with Seaport Inn and a pending agreement between Taylor Seafoods and the Harbormaster were held in executive session.

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The ship entered the harbor on Friday morning to much ado on both sides of the Harbor. Cannons at both Fort Taber and Fort Phoenix were fired as the Eagle passed by.

Fire boats gave the fire-hose salute, and a Coast Guard helicopter provided air cover as the Eagle made

its way into the harbor.

Many dignitaries, including politicians and military personnel were on hand for speech-making and other welcoming ceremonies.

Fairhaven was represented by Coast Guard WWII veteran Victor Oliveira, who invited his friend, Korean War veteran James Leal, to join him.

Mr. Oliveira served on the USS Campbell, ending up in Okinawa at the end of the war. Because he is a

USCG veteran, he was invited to board the Eagle for the trip into New Bedford Harbor.

Mr. Oliveira said the Campbell was a communications ship.

"As these islands were taken, we were the backup and would go in there with supplies," he said.

He and Mr. Leal both agreed that having the chance to be on the Eagle as it entered the harbor was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

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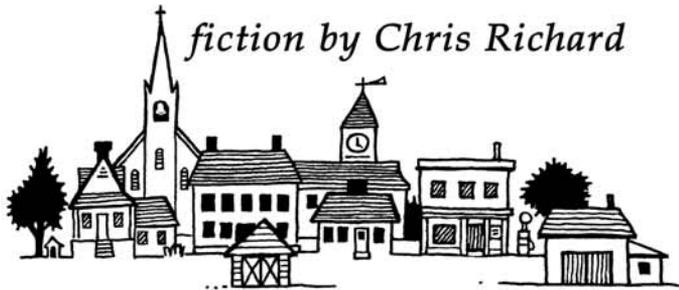
LEFT: The New Bedford Fire Boat shoots of its fire hoses to welcome the US Coast Guard Eagle into New Bedford Harbor on Friday morning, 7/29, with the Butler Flats Lighthouse in the background. RIGHT: The Eagle enters the Hurricane Barrier. Photos courtesy of Margie Joseph. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com See more of Margie's photos at <https://picasaweb.google.com/110981571377973432068/EAGLE2011?authkey=Gv1sRgCN7ak8z3-svvBw&feat=email>



LEFT: The Fairhaven Village Militia fires off the big cannons at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven as the US Coast Guard Eagle enters New Bedford Harbor on Friday morning, 7/29. MIDDLE: spectators line the hurricane barrier on the Fairhaven side of the harbor as the Eagle enters. RIGHT: USCG WWII veteran Vic Oliveira (left) with Korean War veteran James Leal on the deck of the Eagle as it makes its way into the inner harbor. Photos by Heidi Winnett. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit us on Facebook to see more photos of this and other events.

The report from Potter's Point

fiction by Chris Richard



Well, not an awful lot went on in Potter's Point last month, particularly in the area of tomato growth.

A lot of folks in town take their tomato growing very seriously. It's right up there with following the Red Sox and going to church. In fact, in early June each year at St. Christopher's, Fr. Chablis blends Scripture and horticulture by performing the Blessing of the Tomatoes. There were those who started thinking that gave the Catholics an edge, so in recent years Point Methodist instituted the annual Seedling Sunday with a similar focus.

Maggie Boggs has to do without the heavy duty prayer because for most of her life she's gone to the Unitarian Church over in South Eastport. Unitarians are generally known for growing pretty poor tomatoes. Oh, they're organic, earth friendly, holistically centered fruits of the vine, but they're kind of irregular, misshapen, splotchy looking things. Not the kind of tomatoes that result from a healthy dose of the Bible and, for good measure, a shot of Miracle-Gro. Maggie, though, has had pretty good luck, despite her garden's lack of godliness.

She has succeeded by using all of the best methods outlined in the pages of the Organic Gardening magazine that occupy about sixteen linear feet of bookshelf in her sun porch. She also stuck with a particular variety of tomato — the Phineas T. Burlap Seed Company's heirloom "Best Big Girl." Maggie Boggs' Big Girls were always among the best tomatoes in town. That is, until the company, with no prior notice, dropped that variety from its catalog at the end of last season.

The prospect of no Big Girls was

just about the worst thing Maggie Boggs had experienced since that time around 1972 when she had experimentally dated a man. But Maggie Boggs had always lived by the rule that it is better to bend than to break. She wasn't sure if that thought had been derived from

some ancient philosophy or if it was something she had picked up by watching Looney Tunes cartoons. In any event, Maggie rose to the challenge and tried planting some newer tomato hybrids.

The first one, an early producer called "Independence Day," seemed not to be living up to its name. Three weeks after the Fourth of July it had only produced a few flowers and one tiny, green fruit the size of a marble. "Summer's Pride" was more of an embarrassment. The scrawniest plant in the bunch was a variety called

The scrawniest plant in the bunch was a variety called "Heavyweight."

"Heavyweight."

It turned out that Maggie Boggs was not alone in having a bad crop this season. When Maggie went into Chester's store to pick up flints for her Zippo lighter, she found the regular group of folks over by the coffee pot talking tomatoes.

"The Almanac predicted this would happen," said Pop Stokes.

"Did no such thing," Vern Winterbottom countered.

"Did too, if you know how to read between the lines," said Pop. "They don't spell it right out clear. You have to interpretate it."

"Interpretate ain't a word," said Herb Lapstrake. "And anyway, you can look at those predictions from another angle and you'd think it says you're gonna be cartin' off wheel-

barrow loads of tomatoes by the third week of July."

"I didn't believe in the Almanac," said Prudence Worthy. "Then Bill bought that ointment from an ad in the back and it cleared up his toe fungus in a snap. Now I know if it says it in the Almanac, it's the truth."

Prudence stepped aside as Maggie Boggs approached. She always gives Maggie a wide berth, as if the woman has something that Prudence might catch.

Maggie fanned her face with her fedora.

"I would hope that it shall not be Labor Day before I see a decent tomato. The "Best Big Girl" would never have let us down like this."

Suddenly Roy Hathaway strode up.

"Labor Day NOTHING," he said. In his hand was a big, smooth, ripe tomato, nearly the size of a softball. "Take a look at this baby!"

There were "oohs" and "ahs" all around. Except from Pop Stokes, who silently leaned against the counter and took a sip of coffee.

"Well, how'd you manage that, Roy?" asked Herb.

"Oh, well, I can't tell you that, can I?" said Roy. He grinned from ear to ear. "A gardener has to have a secret or two."

"Oh, yes," said Pop. "I have one, too. When I was over to Hope Falls yesterday, I saw you Roy."

"Thursday's my errand day," said Roy. He handed the prize tomato to Maggie Boggs, who turned it over slowly in her hands.

"Must be," said Pop. "Groceries, too? I saw you in the Park 'N' Shop."

Roy's smile started to fade.

"In the produce aisle."

Everyone looked at Roy. Maggie handed the tomato back to him.

"At the bin of those dollar-forty-nine-a-pound beefsteak tomatoes. . ."

That's the Report from Potter's Point for this month. Hope to see you soon!

EDITOR'S NOTE: The imaginary town of Potter's Point is located in the southeastern part of Massachusetts, on the shore of Butler's Bay. Its primary industries are cranberry growing, boat building and quahogging.

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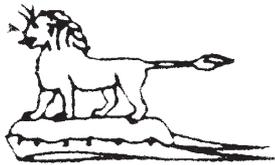
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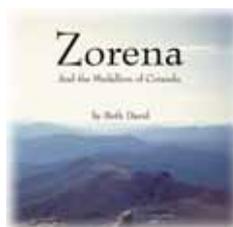
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Public Hearings/ Legal Notices

Fairhaven Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on August 23, 2011**, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following applications. 1) **Special Permit**, the applicant, *Mark Rassmussen*, is requesting Special Permit approval, per Section 198.32.1, to convert a single family dwelling back to its previous use as a two family dwelling. The location of the property is, 39 Fort Street, Map 3, Lot 21. 2) **General Bylaw Amendment** Chapter 316, the Planning Board is proposing amendments to Chapter 316 - Procedural Rules.

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.

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board

Town of Fairhaven CDBG Public Hearing 2010 Grant

A public hearing will be held on Monday, August 15, 2011, at 7:10 PM at the Fairhaven Town Hall in the Banquet Room by the Board of Selectmen. The purpose of the hearing is to present a progress report on and receive input on the current 2010 grant. The grant includes the reconstruction of a section of Middle Street and the Housing Rehabilitation program including program delivery and general administration expenses. In addition, the use of surplus funds will be discussed. Possible projects for the surplus funds include the extension of the Middle Street project to Ferry Street and/or additional Housing Rehabilitation. The room is handicap accessible and reasonable accommodation will be made by the Town with written notice.

Board of Selectmen

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Reader: hazing incident not forgotten

Letter to the Editor

I was prompted to write this letter for several reasons. I was recently reminded of how permanent the emotional pain is to a child who was wronged by an adult, after reading a letter written in the Standard-Times by Debora Coelho. Ms. Coelho, now in her 40s and a New Bedford City Councilor, recounts an incident when she was 10 years old.

As an immigrant, she was struggling to learn English in school. As she was also impeded by a lisp, she accidentally "sprayed" on her teacher. The teacher asked another teacher what should be done about a student who "spit" on her. The other educator responded "just spit back."

Unfortunately, the offended teacher did something even more humiliating. She blew into a balloon and released the air in Ms. Coelho's face in front of her classmates.

What a sorry experience to be so freshly recalled some 30 years later.

It seemed like an appropriate time to remind Fairhaven school administrators, football coaches, and Camp Wishbone staff that their unresponsive response to the hazing victim will not be forgotten.

Even five years after the notorious Fairhaven High School football hazing, I'm still unsettled by it. I am most often reminded of the tragedy with the passing of each football season and each graduation.

A Fairhaven student gave up his

education and social experience at our cherished school. I have difficulty accepting the reason for that.

The actions of the offenders went far beyond an innocent prank. And it was irresponsible for anyone to pretend different.

It was heartbreaking that no one publicly voiced strong, reassuring support for the victim. Along with notifying law enforcement, this would have been an obvious step in the process.

The post-hazing actions transpired like a classic case of town "politics as usual." It seemed to progress with the mentality of "it's not what you did, but who you know" that counted.

The actions demonstrated bias, favoring the offenders. And I doubt the exact same response or resolution would have resulted if the hazing had occurred on the girls' basketball team.

We entrust our children to the town's educators. Each and every child deserves to be kept safe, and treated with dignity while in their care.

After five years without a public remark concerning the situation, I'm convinced that the adults involved naively believe that time and money will heal all wounds. Unfortunately, the opposite is usually the case. Children never forget when an adult lets them down.

Michelle Furtado, Fairhaven

Search for body comes up empty

*By Beth David
Editor*

Divers searched the beach at Fort Phoenix State Reservation in Fairhaven on Sunday, 7/31, after a woman reported a possible body in the water. Divers from the South Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council searched for almost two hours before calling off the search at about 8:30 p.m.

The woman was swimming at the state beach when she said she felt something that she thought was a pair of human feet.

She notified authorities at about 5:30 p.m. The dive team was called in to search the area.

According to Fairhaven Police Department spokesperson Sgt. Kevin

Kobza, the dive team searched a large area around where the woman saw something in the water.

After searching thoroughly and ascertaining that no one was reported missing, the search was called off.

Sgt. Kobza said the woman stayed during the search and kept apologizing for her mistake. He stressed, however, that people should not be afraid to call. He said police would rather respond to false alarms than not be called when needed.

"She did the right thing in calling us, and we did the right thing in responding," said Sgt. Kobza. "If you are not sure, call us; let us come check."

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Conservation Commission

Mon., 8/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Fairhaven Cultural Council

Mon., 8/15, Nemasket Bldg., 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 8/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Building Committee

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

School Committee

Wed., 8/10, FHS Library, 6:30

Selectboard

Mon., 8/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

7:10 p.m., CDBG public hearing

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Friday	5	0039	1315	0601*	1858
Saturday	6	0135	1413	0654	2034
Sunday	7	0234	1514	0758	2212
Monday	8	0337	1620	0915	2317
Tuesday	9	0444	1725	1029	----
Wednesday	10	0548	1824	0009	----
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Thursday	11	0644	1915	0052	1219
Friday	12	0734	2001	0127	1304
Saturday	13	0819	2043	0156	1348
Sunday	14	0900	2123	0224	1429

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School Committee approves slight change to comment policy

By Joyce Rowley

Neigh News Correspondent

At their 7/27 meeting, the Fairhaven School Committee voted 5-1 to adopt a modification to the public comment policy after a tie vote on the second reading of a new policy failed. The new policy presented on 6/8 had been slightly modified on first reading, leading to some confusion during the discussion on the matter.

Superintendent Robert N. Baldwin presented the SC Policy Subcommittee's recommendation to keep the existing policy with a slight modification to allow additional comment at the chairperson's discretion. However, the modification was similar to the amended new policy that was distributed in the meeting packets. Upon clarification, however, most members were willing to take the subcommittee's recommendation.

Ms. Kuechler said that she would like to try a process that allowed residents to talk for three minutes if they presented the topic in writing at the beginning of the meeting. Vice-chairperson Louis Kruger said that he would accept questions at the end under those conditions.

Member Brian Monroe was concerned that the existing policy did not set up the intent of the public comment period. He was also concerned that a future chair might disallow any public comment.

Member David Gonsalves agreed that it takes a strong chair to run the meeting, but also said that SC members could overrule a chairperson if they felt it were appropriate.

Member Stasia Powers was supportive of both the new policy as amended and the existing policy with procedural changes provided that the chairperson could allow comment on topics off-agenda.

The vote on the second reading of the new policy as amended failed with, Mr. Monroe and Mr. Kruger in favor and Mr. Gonsalves, Ms. Powers, Ms. Kuechler, and Mr. Roderick opposed.

Mr. Gonsalves introduced a substitute motion to adopt the procedural change to the existing policy. That motion was seconded and carried with all but Mr. Monroe in favor.

Mr. Monroe said he voted against the policy because it was not much of a change from the old policy. The new change allows the public to put in writing a topic they want to discuss that is not on the agenda and the chair can decide if the public input will be allowed. The previous policy already allowed for the chair to allow off-topic comments.

The new policy will be put in writing by the policy subcommittee.

In other business, the committee unanimously voted to create a feasibility study committee for alternate uses of the Rogers and Oxford Schools.

The make-up of the committee will be decided at the Selectboard meeting on August 1.

Funding for the committee will have to be allocated by Town Meeting. Noting that the district receives rent from the Tripp School building, Mr. Kruger asked if the committee's recommendations would be mandatory.

Mr. Roderick said the buildings will still be under the control of the the school committee.

Ms. Kuechler, a member of both the SC and the SBC, said that it was uncharted territory, but that it should be part of the conversation. Mr. Gonsalves agreed that SC has first call. His understanding was that the committee was being formed to explore any and all uses.

In another matter, the SC unanimously approved on first reading a revised policy for student

policy to allow field trips and travel without presentations to the SC. A 30-day notice period will allow SC members to ask questions without principals or teachers having to attend an evening meeting. Ms. Powers asked that student travel to receive honors or enter special competition still be brought to the SC for recognition.

Dr. Baldwin also presented the Teaching and Learning Plan for the district —what he said was the real work of the schools. The Plan outlines the structural framework for the core curriculum, which dovetails with the MCAS.

Wayne Miller, principal of Hastings Middle School, presented a plan for improvements to the middle school program with "all hands aboard." Among the improvements was restructuring to include a new math coach to provide instruction to teachers and advice on vertical alignment of curriculum. A new job description for the math coach position was presented to the SC for review.

Revisions to the policy on community use of schools were presented for adoption but the policy was sent back for further review and modification. Mr. Monroe asked if language was needed regarding alcohol consumption if it were not allowed on the premises. Also, commercial uses such as dance recital are now permitted with approval by the principal. Dr. Baldwin said that he would make additional changes.

The SC ended its meeting with a unanimous roll call vote to go into executive session on contractual matters not to reconvene in open session. •••



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At the Height of WW II, The Hurricane of 1944 Claimed Most of Its Lives at Sea

By M.L. Baron

westislandweather.com

Some local survivors will argue that the hurricane that struck near midnight on September 14, 1944 was more destructive than the infamous '1938 Hurricane six years prior.

To a certain extent they were right. The category 3 hurricane impacted a smaller land mass, but for the areas that got hit, the damage was incredible. It appears that wind damage had more of a destructive feature than the tidal surge.

In a town report, the Fairhaven tree warden reported more trees fell in town than in 1938. The newly erected radio tower in 1940, for WNBH-WFMR at Crow Island, had 225 ft snapped off leaving a 120 ft stub at the base. Although the death toll reached 46 on land, it was much higher at sea.

WW II Navy veteran Antone "Tony-Tex" Teixeira, 89, of North Fairhaven recalled being right in "the middle of hell" with a naval task force steaming south down the east coast en route to the Panama Canal.

After just completing several dangerous missions in The Battle for

The Atlantic, they were re-assigned to head into the Pacific theatre. The convoy ran smack into the hurricane that had 75 foot seas and 150 mph gusts. Radio silence was strictly enforced, so if any ship got into trouble it was mostly on its own.

Mr Teixeira recalls as a sailor on board a destroyer escort that the Captain decided at one point to reverse screws and let the storm push at them with less resistance, rather than let the ship face it head on.

As the ship tossed about, the stern would rise out of the sea and the engines would rev up as the propellers spun rapidly out of the water. With the ocean this intense it could easily break a good sized ship in half. Somehow they made it and the convoy proceeded to the war in the Pacific.

However, five ships sank, including the 381 ft. USS Warrington DD 383 about 450 miles east off Vero Beach, Florida with 248 lost out of a crew of 321 (pictured right).

A minesweeper, along with 2 Coast Guard cutters — the Bedloe and Jackson — that were escorting a torpedo damaged liberty ship into port, sank, drowning 85 sailors off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.

The 128 ft. Vineyard Sound Lightship took all 11 of its crew to the bottom three miles off Cuttyhunk Island. In a 1963 expedition to The Vineyard Sound, divers found bow plates punched in were the ships center storm anchor may have come



The 128-foot Vineyard Sound Lightship went down in the Hurricane of 1944, losing all 11 hands three miles off Cuttyhunk Island. *US Navy photo.*

loose and was tossed about freely during the height of the storm creating a gaping hole in the hull that quickly sank the ship.

Ships of this type lacked any real water tight bulk heads. One diver described the sunken wreck as they approached it: The ship still sits upright in sixty feet of water as if in a perpetual vigil. When inside the wreck, greenish rays of sunshine glisten eerily through the hole as fish swim in and out of the ship. It is a haunting yet beautiful and peaceful sight, he said.

This storm is referred to as The Great Atlantic Hurricane. Named hurricanes began in the early 1950's. The first named hurricane to strike New England was Carol on August 31, 1954.

For more on the 1944 hurricane visit westislandweather.com

The week ahead: Some needed showers expected this weekend, temps in the mid 70's with cloudy skies. A rather quiet trend continues with typical summer weather right into the second week of August with more active but isolated showers. Temps in the low 80's to mid 60's at night . The island ocean temp is 74 degrees. The 20th Anniversary of Hurricane Bob is in 15 days. Saturday, Aug 6th marks the halfway point of Summer. Forecast based on data received at time of publication and is subject to change.

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The USS Warrington DD 383 with crew on deck in New York harbor, 1939. The ship went down in the 1944 hurricane, losing 2248 out of 321 crew members. *US Navy photo.*

West Island marsh restoration project finished

Press Release

The New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council is pleased to announce that the project to restore 6.5 acres of salt marsh at the entrance to the West Island Beach parking lot in Fairhaven, is now complete.

The project consisted of replacing an old and failing 15-inch pipe beneath Fir Street with a larger, 3-foot by 5-foot pipe to better allow tides to access the upstream salt marsh and for freshwater drainage to exit the marsh. Improving the marsh tides and freshwater drainage should help stop the spread of invasive plant species on the marsh surface and provide better habitat for fish and wildlife that use the marsh, including the many bait fish eaten by striped bass and other commercially and recreationally important fish species.

"The mission of the New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council is to restore, replace, or acquire the equivalent of the resources that were injured by the contamination in New Bedford Harbor. Salt marshes were a habitat hard hit by PCB contamination in

New Bedford Harbor and this project is a step in the right direction for restoring this important habitat within the New Bedford Harbor environment," said Jack Terrill, Coordinator for the New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council. "This is the 30th project completed by the Trustee Council, and brings the total salt marsh restored by the Trustee Council funds to 18.5 acres. Many thanks to our project partners for helping bring about the successful completion of this project."

The West Island Beach salt marsh restoration project was a collaborative effort with the Trustee Council, the Town of Fairhaven, the Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration, and Bristol County Mosquito Control.

"The restoration of the West Island Beach salt marsh will benefit a diverse array of wildlife including egrets, herons, and other shorebirds as well as fish such as mummichogs, sticklebacks, striped bass and flounder," said Mary Griffin, Commissioner of the Massachusetts Depart-

ment of Fish and Game. "Healthy tidal wetlands are among the most productive ecosystems on earth and their productivity supports many fish and wildlife species and commercial and recreational fisheries."

"A degraded salt marsh is much more likely to breed mosquitoes than a healthy one," said Steve Burns, Assistant Superintendent of Bristol County Mosquito Control. "The salt marsh restoration at West Island Beach will increase the flow of salt water onto the marsh and allow better drainage of fresh water from the marsh surface. The incoming tides will allow fish to gain access to mosquito breeding sites on the marsh surface to feast on mosquito larvae."

The New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council is composed of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The project was managed by the NOAA Restoration Center on behalf of the Trustee Council, and cost approximately \$398,000.

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