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

The region remembers, 10 years later



The region commemorated the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, with a variety of events this weekend. ABOVE: People gather around the big flag in front of Fairhaven High School on Sunday, 9/11, for a short ceremony and moment of silence. On September 11, 2001, terrorists attacked the World Trade Center in New York City by flying two planes into the towers, which collapsed killing 2752. Another plane crashed into the Pentagon, killing 184. A fourth plane crashed in a field near Shanksville, PA, diverted from its target by passengers who had learned of the other attacks just minutes before and decided to rush the cockpit. All 40 passengers and crew were killed. See page 16 for story. Photo by Beth David. Find us on Facebook for more photos of this event.

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

The U.S. flag is a powerful little piece of cloth, isn't it? I've taken pictures of little kids waving a tiny one just a few inches square and it touches the heart profoundly. Then there is the "big flag" that flies at the high school on special occasions. Against the backdrop of that magnificent building, on a clear day, it takes your breath away. And every size in between is just as meaningful.

I don't know how old I was when I learned what "half staff" meant. It's one of those things that I think I just always knew. It's something that has been there since the beginning of my memory. Maybe it was at a parade when I was just a hop off the ground. My father used to march in the parades that ended at the Common Park, just a half-block from where we lived. Maybe he explained it to me. Truly, I don't remember. I just know that I know now, and I note a lowered flag with the reverence I believe it is due. I try to reflect on the reasons why the flags are lowered and I feel guilty if I don't know why.

Driving around last Sunday, 9/11, most flags were at half. I suppose a few people didn't get the memo, but, that's okay. I don't see that as any great disaster. I even see it as a sign of strength in some ways — that life goes on.

I generally notice flags as they fly, but I'm not sure I take any special notice of them. I like seeing them, but I don't look for them. On Sunday, though, I started looking for them. They were all over, too. Green Street had tons of small flags lining several blocks, and it was an awesome sight to see. So did some other streets in Fairhaven, although I can't remember which ones (sorry, if I don't write it down, it ain't real in my addled brain).

The 10th anniversary of the horrific attacks on the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and that unknown destination, had a lot of people reflecting on that day 10 years ago, and on everything that has happened since.

I remember that day pretty clearly. I watched in horror with millions of people in this country and around the world as the towers collapsed, killing thousands in a matter of seconds.

One of the things I remember is the crystal-clear, blue sky that only a crisp fall day in the northeast can deliver. The smoke and flames contrasted against that cloudless sky is etched in my mind's eye.

This past Sunday was eerily similar. So clear. So blue. So cool out. I shuddered more than once thinking about it.

I've been so proud of my country, and so horrified at some of the things we have done since then. We take the good with the bad, though, and try to hold our leaders accountable for their bad decisions. We've given up so much in the name of safety, but that's another editorial.

When I got to the high school for the ceremony on Sunday, the Fairhaven Youth Football League was in the middle of a game, complete with whistles blowing and fans yelling.

At first I was mortified. A game? NOW? HERE? During a 10th anniversary 9-11 ceremony? You must be kidding!

Then I smiled, and thought, what better tribute to liberty and the pursuit of happiness? Why should those kids, many who were not even born 10 years ago, be sad and reflective about something they can't possibly understand (hell, WE don't understand it), something they should be protected from, for now anyway.

What better way, indeed, to give the terrorists the finger....American style.

Until next week then....

They that can give up essential liberty
to obtain a little temporary safety
deserve neither liberty nor safety.

Benjamin Franklin

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CORRECTIONS

Nothing last week? Really? Are you sure?

Encampment at the Fort, Eco-Fair at the High School

Eco-Fair at the Farmers Market this Sunday

See page six for details.

Revolutionary War Encampment

In September 1778, during the Revolutionary War, about 4,000 British soldiers who were landed from 36 transport ships attacked the four villages situated on the Acushnet River. During the raid, houses, ships and business places in New Bedford, Acushnet and Fairhaven were ransacked and burned. The fort at Nolscot Point in Fairhaven, now called Fort Phoenix, was destroyed by British troops. It took years for the local waterfront industries to recover from the raid.

On Saturday and Sunday, September 17 and 18, members of the Fairhaven Village Militia and will once again remember the British attack during an encampment at Fort Phoenix. Men, women and children dressed in period clothing will reenact life in 1778 and talk about the history of the fort. They will also demonstrate campfire cooking, musket

ball casting, military drilling, loading and firing flintlock muskets and rifles, spinning, weaving, 18th-century dentistry and medicine, cannon firing and more. Visitors may try their hand at tomahawk throwing and children's games of the period.

The highlight of the weekend will be the firing of the fort's five cannons, scheduled for dusk, about 6:30 p.m., on Saturday. When fired near sundown, the cannons' plumes of flames and smoke make a spectacular sight.

Prior to the Saturday evening cannon firing, there will be a musical performance of colonial and traditional songs by the Buzzards Bay Buccaneers.

The Fairhaven Village Militia, which is sponsoring the event along with the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, is made up of members who are interested in local history of the Revolutionary War period. They hold historical encampments in Fairhaven and nearby communities and host educational programs. The group's commander, Ellsworth Sylvaria Jr., is a descendant of Bartholomew West, whose home was burned by the British in 1778. The group includes

individuals and families from Fairhaven and surrounding communities.

"We have been holding September encampments at Fort Phoenix since 2003," says Tourism Director Christopher Richard. "Since we started programs at the fort, thousands of people, including hundreds of school children, cruise ship passengers, visitors and local residents have visited us at Fort Phoenix. They find our presentations are both educational and entertaining."

The militia has also taken part in events at Fort Taber in New Bedford, Mattapoisett, Dartmouth and Acushnet.

At the encampment, there will be regular demonstrations of musket firing, but there will be no large-scale battle re-enactments.

Both the cannon firing and the overnight encampment will be cancelled in the event of rain. Weather permitting, the militia will be at the fort from 9:00 a.m. Saturday until about 3:00 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call the Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@aol.com.

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Selectboard sets special Town Meeting/school vote for 10/25

By Mali Lim

Neighb News Correspondent

The selectboard voted on Monday, 9/12, to schedule a special town meeting for 7 p.m. on October 25th, with an article seeking a debt exclusion vote for the proposed new school building as one of the key issues on the warrant.

The Mass. School Building Authority was reportedly satisfied with the final information submitted by the new school building committee and state approval for the final schematic design is likely, said town executive secretary Jeffrey Osuch.

Mr. Osuch also announced the positive news that the town was deemed eligible for a higher reimbursement rate of about 63.5% due to the fact that the proposed facility is based on a model school design with green components.

"The architectural project manager has been able to reduce the town's projected costs," said Mr. Osuch. While the town's share of construction costs was figured at above \$10 million just a few months ago, the newest estimates bring the town's share to be under \$10 million.

The board met with Antone Medeiros, Jr., the town's tree warden, and Emergency Management director Mark Jodoin who brought requests to the selectboard regarding budget changes and equipment purchases that may be articles up for vote at the special town meeting.

The selectboard approved Mr. Jodoin's request to allow the EMS department to move into the former senior center building at 150 Scoticut Neck Road, which has been empty for about two months.

The department, which has bounced "in and out of trailers over the years," as Mr. Jodoin phrased it, is currently housed on school department grounds in portable trailers without running water and only electric heaters to keep employees warm in the winter.

"When it's football season, we can't even park at our own offices, and it's tough for the workers come winter with no running water," said Mr. Jodoin.

Another advantage of the old senior center building is an area that could be utilized as classroom space.

"There's a lot of information

coming down from the Department of Homeland Security that we can make available to the public," said Mr. Jodoin. "We can hold classes and workshops for the public.."

The selectboard approved the move, subject to the department being able to make their budget work in light of potentially higher utility and heating costs.

Mr. Osuch noted that the EMS has not had to worry about utility bills, as the school department foots the costs for heating the portables where they are currently housed.

"The budget they have now doesn't make allowances for a building needing heat," he said. "The question is who's going to pay for heating. The only options are to have an article at town meeting or to request a transfer from [the] general fund through the finance committee."

Nevertheless, the selectboard was willing to let EMS use the building at

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least for the winter until other plans fell into place.

"I don't see any commercial businesses coming into that space right now and no one's knocking down doors to rent it," said selectboard chair Michael Silvia. "For the time being I think it's a good idea to have [EMS] over there."

He also added that there might be the possibility of the building housing other government offices in the future.

The town's tree warden also brought up a number of issues, including employees' salaries, personal phone costs incurred by his workers, and the need for a new wood chipper for the department.

"The old chipper that we bought during Hurricane Bob has finally died," Mr. Medeiros informed the board.

Although the department has an 8-year-old, 14-inch chipper still in operation, a second machine for

backup was necessary, he said.

"We've got a quote for an 18-inch chipper that will run us about 60 grand, but we paid 32 grand for the 14-inch one eight years ago," he said.

He also alerted the board to homeowner complaints regarding trees at the corner of Green and Larch Avenues and on Main and Tabor Streets. Mr. Medeiros was not of the opinion that the trees needed to come down, as they were in healthy condition, but he did inform the board that at least one homeowner was intending to pursue legal action to have a tree removed.

The board did not make a decision that evening, although they did give the tree warden blanket approval to remove approximately 12 to 15 trees that were badly damaged during Tropical Storm Irene.

Mr. Medeiros reported that the post hurricane cleanup was about three-quarters done, although progress has been somewhat hampered by the fact that some residents are apparently taking unfair advantage of the situation.

Mr. Medeiros and the board of public works had announced after the storm that residents could leave fallen branches on curbsides for crew workers to pick up, but people began leaving landscaping debris and other items that were clearly not intended in the original announcement.

"A lot of the branches weren't from town trees — some homeowners dragged fallen trees that were theirs from their yards to the curbs for the town to pick up," he complained. "People took the opportunity to cut their hedges and shrubs and have the branches picked up by the town for free and it's just not fair to the cleanup crews and the taxpayers."

However, salaries and out-of-pocket expenses were the biggest grievances for Mr. Medeiros on Monday evening. Many workers for other town departments are issued cell phones but he and his crew are forced to use their personal cell phones for work and they were sometimes paying up to \$90 dollars a month for phone bills, he explained.

"I pay for my cell phone out of my own pocket, but everyone in town has my number and my phone bill is going out of sight," said Mr. Medeiros.

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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. Stop by to support the market and purchase local produce.

For more information or questions please contact Ann Richard 1-508-991-8315 or ann.richard@gmail.com

Eco Fair at the Farmers Market

This year's Eco/Energy Fair will be held in conjunction with the Fairhaven Farmers Market on **Sunday, 9/18**. Vendors will be on hand to provide information and products that can help make our community a greener place to live. For vendor information, contact Ann Richard at ann.richard@gmail.com.

The Fairhaven Business Association will have a booth at the fair with information about various businesses in Fairhaven.

Fhvn Bus. Assn. Mtg

The Fairhaven Business Association will hold a meeting at Fairhaven Town Hall on Tuesday, 9/20, at 10:30 a.m. in the Banquet Room. Fairhaven business owners, their representatives and other professionals are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Debra Perrin, FBA President, at debraperrin@attglobal.net

Rock & Roll Yard Sale

Members of The Fairhaven High School Class of 1976 are holding The Rock and Roll Yard Sale on **Saturday, September 17th at the Premium Liquors parking lot, 355 Huttleton Ave., between 9-3**. LOTS of items have been donated to benefit the class's desire to make enough money to fund their next project, a stained glass window for the school's rotunda. Come on over and enjoy the music and help out a great cause. Rain date is 9/24.

Beach Clean-up

International Coastal Cleanup on Sun., 9/18, at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven. Joining people around the world to clean up

watersheds and shorelines. Looking for volunteers to collect garbage and data on littering on the coastline.

For more information on the ICC visit <http://www.oceanconservancy.org/our-work/marine-debris/international-coastal-cleanup-11.html> or <http://www.coastsweep.umb.edu/>

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Fort Encampment

This weekend. See page 3.

Town Surplus Auction

The town of Fairhaven will hold an auction of surplus equipment, etc., on **Saturday, September 17th at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Works garage on Arsene Street**.

Items include bicycles, electronic equipment, motor vehicles, desks, filing cabinets, chairs, etc.

POW/MIA

Recognition Day

American Legion Post 166, 54 Main St., Fairhaven, has set up a "missing man" table in honor of POW/MIA Recognition Day on Fri., Sept. 16.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed on the third Friday in September. It honors those who were prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action.

The table is meant to be a silent reminder that there are still military personnel missing from many wars.

Spiritual Explorers

Spiritual Explorers is a group that has gathered at Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., Fairhaven, to explore many kinds of spiritual topics. We will meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at Harrop Center (the black and white building next to the church).

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 20 at 7 PM. All are welcome. Call or write Rev. Ann Fox for more information at 508-992-

7081, RevAnnFox@aol.com.

Manjiro Festival

The 13th John Manjiro Festival will take place on **Saturday, October 1, in the historic center of Fairhaven**. Hours of the festival are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There are no entrance fees to any of the events. There will be Japanese and American food, craft booths, all-day entertainment featuring Odaiko New England (Japanese taiko drumming). Also included will be demonstrations of martial arts Japanese tea ceremony, Japanese flower arranging (ikebana) and much more.

In conjunction with the festival there will be a Friendship Dinner at the Unitarian Church in Fairhaven at 6:30 PM on Saturday, October 1. At that time we will be honored by the presence of Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara, prime fund-raiser for the Friendship House museum, who will be celebrating his 100th birthday. Tickets are available through any committee member at \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under.

The above are sponsored by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society. For more information, contact Gerry Rooney at 508-995-1219 or through e-mail at Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org

Volunteers needed

We are seeking volunteers who can help with the festival. Anyone available to assist should get in touch with Joni Gaudiello at 508-997-4795

Cultural Council

The Fairhaven Cultural Council is accepting applications for grant funding for projects relating to the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences. The new grant application form is available on the Mass. Cultural Council website: www.massculturalcouncil.com. Completed applications must be postmarked or returned to the Fairhaven Selectmen's office **by October 15, 2011**.

Applications are also available at the Millicent Library and the Fairhaven Town Hall, Selectmen's Office. Complete requirements of the Fairhaven Cultural Council are available at <http://www.mass-culture.org/Fairhaven>. Questions may be sent via email to: artgirlkris@comcast.net.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Girl Scout Sign-up

Want to be a GIRL SCOUT...Girl scout sign up in Acushnet is **Sept 19th at 6:30-7:30 at the Acushnet Community Center 232 Middle Road Acushnet, or Fairhaven on Sept 28th at 6:30-7:30 at the Millicent Library down stairs in the back at 45 Center Street.**

For information, call Debbie Rock at 508-984-5123 or Kerri Constant at kconstant@kconstant@girlscounseasternmass.org or 774-766-6932

Last Chance Regatta

The Low Tide Yacht Club in New Bedford is holding its annual end-of-the-season pursuit race on **Saturday Sept 24**. The race is 18 to 20 nautical miles open to any boat with a current PHRF rating. The first "Low Tide" boat to finish wins the John B. O'Toole Trophy.

Skippers should contact Dick Fontaine: jamerberd2@comcast.net. For more information about the club, visit <http://frmealtyc.org/>

The Club House is located at 1000B South Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford, MA 02744, next to the Ft. Taber-Ft. Rodman Military Museum.

At Your Theatre

Auditions

Auditions for Your Theatre, Inc.'s production of Elyzabeth Gregory Wilder's *Gee's Bend*, scheduled to be staged January 19-29, will be held **Sunday, September 18, at 2:00PM in the New Bedford Whaling Museum Auditorium located at 18 Johnny Cake Hill, downtown New Bedford. Accessible.** Call backs and final casting will be held at a later date, yet to be chosen.

Director Cynthia J. Messier of Fairhaven requires four people of color to fill the following roles: three women, Alice/Asia Pettway (age 45-55), Nella Pettway (age 26-40), Sadie Pettway (age 20-30), and one man to play Macon Pettway (age 25-35).

Individuals, regardless of experience, are encouraged to attend the audition. For further information or to arrange for an alternate audition date, contact Mr. Maguire at pows1@verizon.net or call YTI at 508-993-0772. For further information about YTI's 65th season visit the theatre's web site www.yourtheatre.org

The theatre is located in St. Martin's Episcopal Church Auditorium, 136 Rivet St. (at County St.), New Bedford, MA.

Whaling Park

The following events are being held at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. Accessible. Admission is free. For more information, call 508-996-4095, or log on to www.nps.gov/nebe.

Trading Cards

Trading cards have been popular for generations, from images of sports figures to movie stars. Now, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park is offering free trading cards featuring figures of the Civil War who had ties to the city.

The ten cards available at New Bedford are part of a series of 189 cards that may be obtained at participating national parks throughout the northeastern United States while the National Park Service observes the Civil War 150th anniversary (2011-2015). Ways to "earn" a trading card include participating in a ranger-led tour or answering a question about their visit to the park.

Scrimshaw demonstration

Have you ever wondered how 19th century whalers created beautiful and useful objects from whalebone and teeth? Find out this **Saturday, September 17, when craft artist Liz LaValley demonstrates the art of scrimshaw from 12-2 PM** in the garden area of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park. In addition, Ruth and Abby, the 1850s ladies, will offer special hands-on crafts for children. These activities are free of charge, and open to all.

Save the Date

The Working Waterfront Festival, New Bedford, is coming up in just a few weeks, September 24-25. The FREE festival, a family friendly, educational celebration of New England's commercial fishing industry, features live maritime and ethnic music, fishermen's contests, fresh seafood, vessel tours, author readings, cooking demonstrations, kids' activities and more.

It all takes place in New Bedford,

MA, America's #1 fishing port. For full schedule, navigate to us at www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org, 508-993-8894.

Oper. Clean Sweep

Operation Clean Sweep will hold a neighborhood cleanup on **Saturday, September 17 in Ward 4 from 8:30 am until Noon.** The Ward 4 cleanup will be hosted by the Alec J. Viera Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the Carney Academy parking lot on Elm Street will serve as the headquarters.

Coffee, donuts, and restroom facilities will be provided for volunteers. Lunch will be provided for volunteers by Domino's Pizza, "The Official Pizza" of Operation Clean Sweep.

Operation Clean Sweep is seeking new volunteers to join the September 17th neighborhood cleanup. Volunteering is a great way to show you care about your neighborhood and to earn community service hours. S

Pre-register by visiting www.operationcleansweep.net or call 508-979-1493. Pre-registration is not required but it is preferred. Volunteers are asked to wear closed toe shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather. Tools and gloves will be provided. Walk-ups are always welcome! All volunteer names will be entered to win a covered trash barrel! Volunteers receive a Free T-Shirt and raffle ticket for prizes donated by local businesses.

Geneology Symp.

Old Dartmouth Roots, the region's first free public genealogy and local history symposium, will be offered by the Old Dartmouth Historical Society/**New Bedford Whaling Museum, September 22-24, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford. Accessible.**

This three-day event will include presentations on local genealogical resources and collections, a primer on how to do a genealogy search, a guide to regional cemeteries, walking tours, an exhibit opening, a park dedication, and more.

Old Dartmouth Roots is free and open to the public, however, pre-registration is preferred. Go to www.whalingmuseum.org/prog/old_dartmouth_roots.html to register, or call Museum Admissions: 508-997-0046, ext. 100.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Blues Fest Honors Vets

The New England Blues Festival "Supporting Our Veterans" Presents The 6th Annual Red, White & Blues National POW/MIA Recognition Day on **Friday, 9/16 Doors Open: 5:30pm - 12:00am. RIVERSIDE, 58 East Grove St., (Rte 28), Middleboro, MA 02346**

LIVE MUSIC, BBQ Buffet, Cash Bar, Raffles. Tickets Now On Sale. Visit www.nebluesfest.com for the band line-up. Find us on Facebook.

Watershed Ride

Enjoy a spectacular scenic 75-mile route from Westport to Woods Hole, while raising funds to Save Buzzards Bay. The fully supported one-day cycling event every October celebrates and builds awareness of the Buzzards Bay watershed. Choose the half-ride option that begins at the Dexter Lane Recreation Area in Rochester Center and joins the main route for a 35-mile ride to Woods Hole. Each route has a \$300 fundraising minimum requirement.

October 2: 75-Mile Route, Check-in begins at 7:30AM, ride begins at 9:00AM; 35-Mile Route: Check-in begins at 11:15AM. Half Ride begins at noon. Training Rides Available: www.savebuzzardsbay.org/trainingrides

Contact: Buzzards Bay Coalition, 114 Front St., New Bedford, MA; 508-999-6363; cbb@savebuzzardsbay.org

BBQ Fundraiser

Sponsored by the New Bedford Lions Club, Chicken or Steak and Chocolate Cake BBQ Fundraiser on **Sunday, Sept. 25, from 2-5 p.m. at the Freetown VFW, 89 Middleborough Road, E. Freetown.** Adults: \$20, chicken or steak, corn on the cob, baked potato, soda, chocolate cake. Children under 10: \$8, 1 hot dog, 1 hamburger, con on the cob, soda and chocolate cake.

For tickets call Roland Gendron, 508-995-6154; John Hoyle, 508-998-5827; or Cyd's Creative Kitchen, 508-998-6212, or any NB Lions member.

Shellfish Planting

The Department of Fish and Game's (DFG) Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), in partnership with The Nature Conservancy, will hold

public "Listening Sessions" this month to review newly proposed guidelines, solicit public comment and define the shellfish planting oversight process within the Commonwealth's coastal waters.

Shellfish planting is conducted to enhance natural shellfish resources, maintain commercial and recreational fisheries, restore historic populations no longer present, mitigate for adversely impacted stock and commercially produce shellfish by private aquaculture. To that end, DMF is developing shellfish planting guidelines for the state, outlining principles to which shellfish planting programs in Mass. should adhere.

DMF's proposed guidelines apply to all types of shellfish planting, including shellfish propagation, enhancement, restoration, mitigation, and aquaculture in state waters.

The schedule for the remaining listening sessions is: **Sept. 15, 6-8 p.m., Bourne High School Auditorium, 75 Waterhouse Road, Bourne; Sept. 20, 6-8 p.m., Barnstable Town Hall, 367 Main St. 2nd floor hearing Room, Hyannis**

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is responsible for promoting the conservation and enjoyment of the Commonwealth's natural resources: 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114-2119; 617-626-1000.

Bicycle Ride FR

Eighth Annual Devin Laubi Foundation Bike Ride on Sunday, 9/18/11. Register on line at www.mydevin.org or call 508-636-7369 for more information.

The event will be hosted by Just Beer, formerly Buzzards Bay Brewery, 98 Horseneck Rd. in Westport, MA. We hope you will be able to attend to support our work. All skill levels are welcome. Riders can choose between a 100K, 40K or 15K "family ride."

We were also awarded Livestrong bracelets from The Lance Armstrong Foundation to give out this year. They would just like a group photo with participants wearing them, so get ready to say "cheese."

Entertainment by the Throttles, kids' activities, brewery tours, raffle items, a 50/50 raffle & refreshments. Registration opens at 8:30 with the first ride leaving at 9:30. Pre-registration is \$30 and \$35 the day of the event.

We have cycling sox for registrants.

We have continually tried our best to aid as many families in need as we can, but clearly we need your help. Attendance is key in raising funds and awareness for this forgotten facet of cancer care. Kids need their parents and your support is helping that happen.

We hope you will join us this year for another great event and for what we feel is genuinely missing in cancer care for these children.

UMD Portuguese Ctr

The following events are sponsored by the Center for Portuguese Studies at UMass Dartmouth, Old Westport Road. Contact Frank Sousa, 508-999-8255 or fsousa@umassd.edu

Fado Lecture

The Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture and the Ferreira-Mendes Portuguese-American Archives announce a lecture on the Portuguese fado in the Portuguese communities in the United States, sponsored by Mr. Dennis Rezendes, a generous supporter of Portuguese studies and the Ferreira-Mendes Portuguese-American Archives. The lecture, entitled, "**Fado at a U.S. Crossroads,**" by **Prof. Kimberly DaCosta Holton, will take place on Monday, September 19, at 5:00 p.m. in the Ferreira-Mendes Portuguese-American Archives, parking lot 13, at UMass Dartmouth.**

The event — free and open to the public — will be followed by a short musical performance by well-known local fadista, Ana Vinagre, accompanied by Guitarras do Atlântico. The activities will conclude with a heavy hors d'oeuvre reception at 6:30 p.m.

Book presentation

The Department of Political Science, Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture and the Department of History at UMass Dartmouth announce a book presentation of "Carlucci Versus Kissinger: The U.S. and the Portuguese Revolution" by Bernardino Gomes and Tiago Moreira de Sá. Free and open to the public, on **Monday, Sept. 19, at 1 p.m. in the Woodland Commons, Conference Room 1, parking lot 7A.** Light refreshments will be served and the book will be available for purchase.



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1/2 tsp salt
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1 tsp vanilla
1 1/2 tbsp lemon juice
1 tsp grated lemon peel

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour bundt cake pan.

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy; add egg yolks until well blended.

Sift together flour, salt and baking powder three times; add to butter mixture, alternating with milk; mix until well blended. Add vanilla, lemon peel and lemon juice beat for two minutes.

Pour into prepared bundt pan and bake 50-60 minutes or until done.

Cool in pan 10 minutes, then place on desired plate.

By Nancy Coutinho

To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to neighbnews@comcast.net

A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neighb News

Fairhaven High Football

FHS lost their first game of the year to Mashpee 39-16. Billy Pires ran 67 yards for TD, Tanner Kisla romped 90 yards for a TD. QB Jared Antil found Kaleb Stupanki for conversion.

The Blues take on Wareham Friday in Wareham.

Fairhaven Boys Soccer

FHS tied Case 4-4 in their first game. Alec Dompierre had two goals for the Blues. Austin Cintron and Jacob Bolarinho had one apiece.

On Monday, the Blue Kickers shut out Wareham 2-0, Fote and Ferreira had goals.

Fairhaven Volleyball

In their first game of the season, the Lady Blues lost a toughy to Case 3-2. Kara Charette and Kay Mullen were outstanding for FHS.

On Monday, they beat Wareham 3-0, Kelsey Perrone-Sovik and Madison Cabral led the way.

FHS Girls Soccer

Emma Moore got a hat trick to lead the Lady Blues to a 6-1 win over Case. Kayli Berche had two goals, and Kelsey Faunce one in the big win. Berche, had six assists in 7-1 win over Wareham on Monday.

UMASS Football

UMD Corsairs lost to Bridgewater State 28-0. The Bears got great play from W.R. Jake Scott-Somerset High and RB running back Justin Fuller also from Somerset High. Freshman UMASS linebackers Alex Kershaw, and Joe Teixeira of Seekonk were

outstanding.

UMASS is home to Powerhouse Maine Maritime on Saturday afternoon.

Pros on Pros

Pats-versus Dolphins

Patriots looked good and bad in Monday nights opener. Defense is still weak, giving up too many points. Dolphins are an awful team

Brady set Patriot passing record 517 in rout of Dolphins.

Fat Albert did not play much, too hot. Does he take two seats in an airplane?!!!!

San Diego Chargers will be in town for Sunday's game. Hope that we get to see Jordan Todman.

Sox Rays at Fenway

Sox lose five in a row, three to upcoming Rays.

Tampa is in for four games at Fenway, should be very interesting.

Yankees just cruising in first place, who needs AROD.

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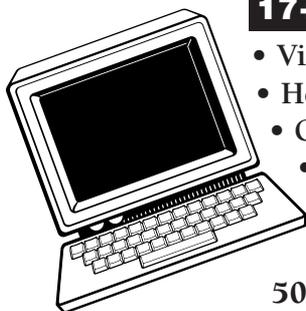
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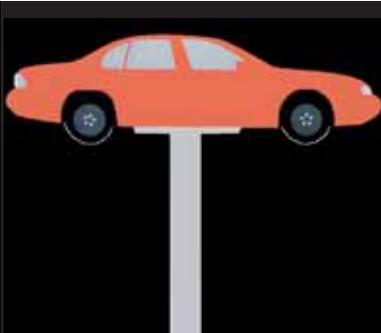
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ConCom holds off on signing land agreement, for now

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on Monday, 9/12, the Fairhaven Conservation Commission held off on signing a land agreement with the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

The BBC wants to add acreage to an existing conservation restriction on the known as "The New Boston Road Conservation Area."

The Commission had indicated at a previous meeting that it would agree to sign the agreement, in principle.

"I prefer to have the actual language when we're going to sign, on an agenda, so the public can ask questions," Chairperson Andrew Jones told the CBB's Allen Decker.

Mr. Jones said he had no problems with the conservation restriction, but felt the public did not have a chance to weigh in.

The agreement will be included on the agenda for the 9/26 meeting.

In another matter, the board reviewed wetlands delineation for 114, 116, 128 Huttleston Ave, Plot 25 Lots 240, 240B, 240C, & 243. The parcels include the Naughty Dogs building.

Scott Goddard spoke for the owners seeking to verify the wetlands line. He told the ConCom it was a "very, very straight-forward delineation."

He said the owners do not have any exact plans for building yet, but want to get the property ready to show to people for future uses.

Mr. Jones, however, noted that 57 flags were too many for the ConCom to vote on that night. He said an independent consultant would have to verify the flags.

The Commission voted to ask John Rockwell, who works for the Buzzards Bay Project, and provides services to the town at no charge. In the event that Mr. Rockwell is unavailable, the Commission will choose another consultant. The petitioners agreed to provide a \$5,000 deposit.

The Commission also gave more direction to Wayne and Nancy Frye of Seaview Avenue. The Fries started filling in their low-lying lot when the Commission stopped the work. The Fries agreed to replicate or restore a wetland area equal to the area they want to fill. The ConCom has worked out an agreement with the Fries to restore an area behind the Recycle Center, owned by the Public Works Department, that was ordered restored several years ago by the Mass. Depart-

ment of Environmental Protection. The BPW never did the restoration.

Mr. Jones said there was no place on the Frye property to create the replication, so they agreed to go somewhere else in town.

"This is unique in town," said Mr. Jones. "It's the first time it's being done."

Some ConCom members asked what would happen if Mr. Frye's work got washed away again and again. Wetlands replication/restoration is extremely expensive. Others asked if filling in the lot would make it a buildable lot.

Mr. Frye told the Commission that the piece is his back yard and will be used as a back yard.

"It's never a good thing to allow filling," said Mr. Jones, but said he understood the importance of "storm damage prevention."

The piece to be filled in is only 882 square feet, so member Joseph Taylor said they did not think it was "terribly bad," but it could set a bad precedent.

During Hurricane Bob, I watched the water rise to my yard. If he fills it in, where is that water going to go? [Janice Martin]

Because the area is so small, the state does not have jurisdiction. It is strictly a local matter.

Mr. Frye said the rest of the area was built up around him. He said the road was repaved and raised "a couple of feet," compounding his flooding woes.

"It's a man-made low spot," he said.

Neighbors Michael and Janice Martin attended the meeting to voice their opposition to the plan. Mr. Martin said he has sent letters and made it very clear he was against the project. He said the lot in question has wildlife that he enjoys seeing, and it will all be gone if Mr. Frye fills it in.

The Martins said that after Hurricane Bob the lot had 3-4 feet of water and Mallard Ducks.

"During Hurricane Bob, I watched the water rise to my yard," said Ms. Martin. "If he fills it in, where is that water going to go?"

"He wants to bring in 6500 square feet of fill," said Mr. Martin, which

would elevate the property 3-4 feet. "That's a tremendous amount of fill and will impact heavily on the houses in the area."

Mr. Jones reminded them that the area is only 882 square feet, not the whole lot, just one corner.

Ms. Martin insisted that the Fries want to fill the whole lot and wanted to know who would monitor the work. Mr. Jones assured her that Conservation Agent Wayne Fostin and the ConCom members would keep a close eye on it.

Mr. Martin reminded the board that West Island has all "McMansions" on it and has lost wetlands that will never return.

The Martins and Fries exchanged some words during the course of the meeting, with Mr. Frye ending one exchange with, "You built your yard up, and that's okay."

In the end, the Fries were instructed to give details on the restoration plans, including a timeline. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting, 9/26.

Bruce Mabbott also appeared before the board to inform them of changes to the wind turbine project. The two industrial sized wind turbines are slated to be erected off Arsene Street in Little Bay.

Mr. Mabbott said that the Falmouth wind turbine project revealed some problems with the previously accepted distances from residences.

According to news reports, neighbors as far away as 1320 feet have experienced headaches and loss of sleep due to a "low-level pulse" that is not regulated by the state.

One of the Fairhaven turbines will now be moved farther away from the closest residence. It will also eliminate the need for any wetland replication.

Mr. Mabbott said that the plan will have to be reviewed by Mass. DEP; he was just keeping the board informed of changes in the project, which should break ground by the end of this year.

Mr. Jones said the change in plans will require a new public hearing.

The project, which was opposed by neighbors and the subject of an appeal, was transformed from a public-private partnership to a 100 percent municipal project, allowing it to move forward.

In other business, the ConCom unanimously approved an amendment to the project proposed by John J. Sylvia, 7 Hickory Street, for work proposed in the 100' buffer zone to

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BPW turns down waiver; hears Balsam Street traffic woes

By Joyce Rowley

Neighb News Correspondent

The first appointment of the BPW September 6 meeting was a request to waive the sewer development fee by Linda Wordell of 40 Point Street. John Cusson of Acquisition Plus, a remodeling company, presented the request on her behalf. Ms. Wordell and her husband did not tie in when sewer became available in 1976 because they had recently installed a new septic system. At that time, the fee was \$1,500.

"We didn't tie in because we had just invested so much money in a new system," Ms. Wordell said.

However, Ms. Wordell is currently renovating her home, including an upgrade to her bathroom, and so must tie in to the existing sewer system. A \$3,000 development fee is charged at the time of tie-in.

There was some question as to whether the \$3,000 is a fine or a fee, which Chairperson Geoffrey Haworth cleared up immediately. But Mr. Cusson questioned whether it was needed since there was a federal grant for replacement of sewer line at

the time it was installed.

Vice-chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said that not only is there a fee, most people now pay \$6,000 per tie-in. Mr. Cusson said that Ms. Wordell's abutters had not been charged.

BPW member Kathleen Sturtevant said that she was involved in the Sciticut Neck Sewer extension. Originally the development fee was \$1,500 and in the past several years it was raised to \$3,000 to be comparable with other towns.

Mr. Cusson said that Ms. Wordell had been a resident for 50 years.

"That didn't make a difference," said Ms. Sturtevant. "I had three houses and paid to tie in."

BPW member Steven Riley said that the fees are in place to help support the treatment plant. Depending on what phase of construction is requested, the fees vary. About five years ago the fee doubled from \$1,500 to \$3,000.

"Years ago there was not as much development. It didn't cost as much to run the plant," Mr. Riley said in explaining the fee increase.

Member Daniel Freitas said that the problem with giving some residents a waiver over others is that it would set a precedent. Mr. Haworth agreed that although Ms. Wordell was a lifelong resident, the fee still had to be paid.

"Part of the development fee is that we still have to pay to maintain the line so it would be available to tie-ins," said Mr. Haworth. He said that the BPW can't make a payment plan, but perhaps she could contact the Town Treasurer to see if it's possible.

In the end, the Board voted 5-0 to deny the request for the waiver.

In another matter, Albert Jones of the Fisherman's Beach Association on West Island presented a request for traffic control on Balsam Street. The Association owns the beach and pays taxes on it, however, the Association was concerned about cars speeding on Balsam Street, and so requested temporary speed bumps be placed in the road. He said that he was told to start with BPW.

The board questioned whether it even had jurisdiction to place the

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Fairhaven & Acushnet make use of big flag for 9-11 anniversary

By Beth David
Editor

First responders and the public alike gathered together this weekend for a variety of events commemorating the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9/11/01.

In Fairhaven, a small crowd of approximately 75 people gathered at 12:30 p.m. in front of Fairhaven High School for the raising of the big flag. The 40x50 foot flag was used earlier that morning in Acushnet's ceremony, where the new 9-11 memorial was dedicated.

An Acushnet fire truck transported the flag to Fairhaven after a ceremony. Wayne Oliveira of the Fairhaven Fire Department told the crowd to make it a point to see the memorial, which uses a steel beam from the World Trade Center site, a concrete block from the Pentagon, and a stone from the field in Pennsylvania where Flight 93 crashed.

"It's a very moving experience," he said.

At FHS, a flag flew at half mast, as they did around the state. When the large flag was raised, it had to be put at full staff because it is simply too large to fly at half, Mr. Oliveira.

A strong breeze kept the flag unfurled against a brilliant, blue sky amid the backdrop of the magnificent Elizabethan-influenced 105-year-old building.

The short ceremony started with a prayer by Father Patrick Killilea of St. Mary's Church. The Fairhaven Militia

fired muskets and the small cannon.

The gathering included politicians and color guards from the Fairhaven Fire and Police Departments. The national anthem and taps were played, the fire truck alarms were sounded, and a national moment of silence was observed at about 1 p.m.

Selectboard chairperson Michael Silvia told the crowd that 9-11 changed the world "for all of us." He said although people knew that large scale evil existed in the world, it was

front lines, your fire and police, whether it's for a natural disaster, or, as on September 11, from some premeditated evil," said Mr. Silvia.

Fairhaven Fire Chief Timothy Francis recalled watching on TV as the Twin Towers burned on Sept. 11, 2001. He said when the second plane struck the second tower, "Then my heart sunk right through to my stomach."

He said he knew then it was a direct attack on the U.S. by "cowardly" people.

He said the first responders who died trying to save others "will never be forgotten by any of us."

Hundreds of firefighters were killed when the towers collapsed.

As a sort of exclamation mark to what he was saying, an ambulance drove by on Route 6 with the sirens blaring. The chief stopped until it passed by.

The chief said that those who have fought in the wars should be remembered, those who died in the attacks should be remembered, and that the attacks "changed everyone's life in the world."

He said we will always have to be vigilant, we can never relax because "you never know what evil is lurking around the corner."

He said we thank the government for keeping us safe so far.

"But if it does happen, your firefighters and police and EMTs will be there. Because that's what we do," said Chief Francis.

But if it does happen, your
firefighters and police
and EMTs will be there.

Because that's what we do.
[Fire Chief Timothy Francis]

"brought home to us in a horrible way."

He said the police officers and firefighters were on the "domestic front lines," and many on duty that day made the ultimate sacrifice while trying to save others.

Mr. Silvia said that while we remember and thank the military and intelligence services for keeping us safe from foreign enemies, we should also remember the local first responders.

"[Remember] those on the domestic



LEFT: The big flag fluttering in the breeze at Fairhaven High School is reflected in the windshield of an Acushnet fire truck parked in the driveway during a ceremony to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Photo by Beth David. RIGHT: The big flag is suspended between two fire truck ladders at a ceremony dedicating the 9-11 memorial at Fire Station #1 in Acushnet. Photo by Heidi Winnett. Find us on Facebook to see more photos of these and other events.

Fort Phoenix Road Race draws 208, course record broken

By Beth David
Editor

A clear sky and stiff cool breeze greeted runners and walkers at the 11th annual Fort Phoenix Road Race on Sunday, 9/11. Conditions were perfect for the brisk 5K run with concurrent non-competitive walk.

The 199 runners ranged in age from three 9-year-old girls to 82-year-old Joe Fernandez, a familiar face at local races.

Keith Fletcher, who has served in US Army in Afghanistan, Egypt, Kuwait/Iraq and Kosovo, Serbia, started the race.

First across the finish line was Joseph Koech of Chelmsford who came in at 15:35, breaking the old

record of 15:39 set by Patrick Tappy in 2008.

Second across was Benjamin Ndaya, also of Chelmsford, with 15:53; Andy Sukeforth of Middleboro came in third with 16:15.

For the women, Christine Anderson with a time of 18:36 crossed the line first, with Anne Preisig of Falmouth coming second with 18:50 and JoAnn Mathews of Dartmouth, making third place with 18:55.

For the youngsters, it was 11-year-old Chandler Goulart of Marion who won the boys division in the 1-12 age group with a time of 21:31; Ainslee Bangs, 11, of Rochester took first for the girls aged 1-12 with 26:32.

The top three overall winners

received cash prizes; male and female runners in each division received prizes, including a medal and chocolate from Dorothy Cox's.

Raffle giveaways included gift certificates to local restaurants and retail outlets.

Proceeds from the run will go to various charities and local causes; proceeds from the walk will benefit Cameron's Kids, an organization that raises funds for disabled children.

For complete race results, visit www.jbrace.com

Photos this page by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Find us on Facebook for more photos of this and other events.



LEFT: Team Cameron's Kids pose for a picture after the Ft. Phoenix Road Race on Sunday, 9/11. The race with concurrent non-competitive walk benefits local charities. Proceeds from the walk benefit Cameron's Kids, a non-profit organization providing assistance to children with disabilities and their families. RIGHT: Chandler and Jeffrey Goulart approach the finish line together. Chandler won first place in the boys division, ages 1-12, with a time of 21:31. Photos by Beth David. Find us on Facebook for more photos of this event.



ABOVE: Michael and Denise Cassara, just before their big spurt at the finish of the Ft. Phoenix Road Race on Sunday, 9/11. RIGHT: Fairhaven's Kevin Mullen has become known regionally for his barefoot running. FAR RIGHT: Joe Fernandez, 82, of Fairhaven is a familiar face at local road races, and finished first in his division, 70-99 year-olds, in 27:46.



Fire guts house on Torrington Road, leaves 5 homeless

By Beth David
Editor

Fire tore through a large one family house at 5 Torrington Road in Fairhaven on Sunday, 9/11, destroying the second and third floors, and leaving a gaping hole in the roof. Two adults and three children lived in the house, according to Fairhaven fire officials. The cause of the fire, which started in the rear bedroom on the second floor, was deemed accidental, according to officials at the scene. A young child using a lighter accidentally started the blaze about 1:30 p.m.

Inhabitants got out safely, but one cat was missing. A snake, two dogs, and one cat were saved.



According to neighbors, the smoke was so thick and widespread that they closed doors and windows for blocks.

Nate Dubreuil, 21, said his bedroom was on the third floor of the burned house. He stood in the street watching firefighters with neighbors and said that he and his family would stay with friends that night.

"All my stuff is on the third floor," he said. "Nothing survived."

Karen Rock also stood in the street with a big black pocketbook over her shoulder. A closer look revealed a bright-orange snake inside, rescued from the fire. Ms. Rock said she also had the two dogs at her house.

"That's what neighbors are for," said Ms. Rock.

In a follow-up interview, Ms. Rock told the Neighb News that the missing cat resurfaced, unharmed.

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ABOVE: a Firefighter faces flames and smoke pouring out of the roof of 5 Torrington Road in Fairhaven on Sunday, 9/11. Photo from the Fairhaven Fire Department website at www.FairhavenFire.org. LEFT: Karen Rock took temporary custody of the pet snake owned by Nate Dubreuil (right) whose bedroom on the third floor was completely destroyed. Photo by Beth David. See photos in color at www.NeighbNews.com and visit us on Facebook for more photos.

both sent fire trucks to the scene while Acushnet covered the Fairhaven station. There were no injuries, but several firefighters received oxygen on site. ●●●

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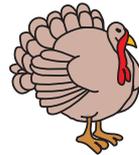
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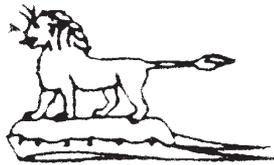
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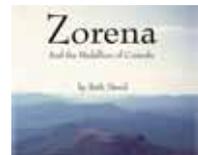
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By M.L. Baron
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On June 30, 1924 a huge pier fire lit the skies of New Bedford harbor. Bales of hay, barrels of kerosene, and other goods bound for the islands from the Steamship Dock near Pier 3 provided the fuel for a fire that ravaged out of control. This dockside conflagration lit the night sky and glowed for dozens of miles away. Onlookers watched along the shores of Fairhaven and New Bedford. The fire burned off the lines to the steamer "Sankaty" and the ship caught fire and drifted into the middle of the harbor. It was like a



Burned to the water line, the Ferry Steamer "Sankaty" lies at the bottom along side The Charles W. Morgan at Union Wharf, in Fairhaven, MA. Photo from ML Baron historic archive.

giant floating fire ball drifting slowly towards Fairhaven and eventually along side the Charles W. Morgan, that was tied up at Fairhaven Union Wharf. The Morgan's port side began to get scorched by the intense fire. Smoke and steam began to consume the historic whale ship. Through the heroic efforts of The Fairhaven Fire

Department the Charles W. Morgan was saved.

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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

Town of Fairhaven Notice of Neighborhood Forum FY 12 Community Development Block Grant Application

Town of Fairhaven will hold a Neighborhood Forum at 6:30 P.M. on September 21, 2011, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The purpose of the meeting is to take in Public input on the Town's Community Development Strategy and discuss the Town's intention to apply to DHCD for up to \$900,000 to continue its Housing Rehabilitation Program and reconstruct a Street within the Cushman Park Neighborhood Target Area. If you are interested in improvements within your neighborhood, you are urged to attend the forum, where the Town will be available to answer questions. The Town will also be taking applications for the current housing rehab

program. The rehab program is first come first served. Those unable to attend the forum may submit comments or questions to the Department of Planning & Economic Development at the Fairhaven Town Hall, broth@fairhaven-ma.gov.

*William D. Roth, Jr., Director
Planning & Economic Development
Department*

Conservation Commission The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on September 22, 2011, at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall, Purpose is for Request for Determination of the following matters as required By Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

1. Request for Determination Applicant Linda Wordel Location 40 Point Street Plot 28B Lots 119,120, 128, 129. Purpose replace existing fence, remove and replace 2 sheds, remove ground deck, build up elevation of driveway, and install farmers porch on front of house. All

within a VE flood zone and within 100' buffer zone of BVW.

2. Notice of Intent Applicant Nolan & Karen Cook Location Torrington Road Plot 29B Lot 128 Purpose construct single family dwelling within VE EL18 flood zone and within the 100' buffer zone to BVW.
3. Notice of Intent Applicant Troy Tonnessen Location Torrington Road Plot 29B Lot 171 & 172 Purpose construct single family dwelling within an VE El 18 and within the 100' buffer zone to BVW.

*Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Jones, Chairman
Fairhaven Conservation Commission*

Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

1. Robert J. Sutton 34 Walnut Street Plat 9, Lot 99 Book 8135, Page 47 198-19-B No boundary fence, wall

LEGALS: cont'd on page 23

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BVW (Bordering Vegetated Wetlands). The changes include razing the old shed and replacing it with a new one, and building a carport above the existing driveway.

The Commission also addressed problems with the town's debris management plan for storms. After Tropical Storm Irene, the recycle center filled up and residents were directed to the Long Road water basin to deposit yard debris.

Mr. Jones said the debris covers a much larger area than in the past, including along the road.

"I don't think it's the end of the world," said Mr. Jones. "It's a great place to store temporarily. The key word being temporary."

He said a larger problem would have arisen had the storm caused damage to buildings.

"It could've been roofs, houses, sheetrock," he said.

The Commission will contact the BPW about reviewing and updating the debris management plan. ●●●

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 10/4, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Board of Health

Mon., 9/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Commission on Disability

Thurs., 9/15, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Personnel Board

Tues., 9/13, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Community Block Grant

Wed., 9/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Community Preservation

Thurs., 11/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 9/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 9/15, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Neighborhood Meeting

Thurs., 9/15, SC Hospitals Cancer Center, Mill Road, 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 9/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 9/28, FHS Library, 6:30

Selectboard

Tues., 9/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Town Auction/surplus

Sat., 9/17, Arsene St. garage, 9 a.m.

(Special) Town Meeting

Tues., 10/25, HMS, 7 p.m.

Deadline to submit articles: 9/21.

Special election

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Walk, Rock & Roll event strolls through North Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

The second annual Walk, Rock & Roll event drew hundreds of people to North Fairhaven to stroll, stride or speed along a 3.1 mile route that took participants past or near 11 historic places of Poverty Point.

Participants raised money to support the hospice program of Community Nurse and Hospice in Fairhaven.

Hosted at The Royal of Fairhaven, activities for children and walkers included music by FUN107, face paint-

ing, foot massages, and giveaways. Prizes were awarded for top fund-raisers.

Animals had their special places during this event, too. A mobile rescue operation loaned a rabbit and two Bantam chickens for children to pet.

A Doggie Depot



ABOVE: Residents of the Royal Fairhaven enjoy the big doings in the parking lot during the second annual Walk, Rock & Roll event to benefit Community Nurse and Hospice on Saturday, 9/10. TOP L-R: Hunter, Debbie, and Toby Gonsalves pose for the local free rag. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us on Facebook for more photos of this event.

along the route offered doggie treats and a raffle to walkers.

"The dogs are enjoying it," said Diane Tomassett of the Baggins End Bed & Breakfast across the street.

Many participants wanted to support the hospice program because they had a personal

experience with its benefits to a loved one with cancer or other terminal illnesses.

"It's a good cause," said Jane Silvia. "You never know when you're going to need it."

Diane Price joined the walk for the first time with her daughter and granddaughter. She said she appreciated having hospice when her mother died and wanted to offer the same comfort to others, so she visits with people in the program.

She said she enjoys listening to their stories as they reminisce about the old days.

"It brings them a lot of joy." ●●●

34th Apple-Peach Festival lives up to its promise

By Diane Kozak

Special to the Neighb News

Each year, on the weekend after Labor Day, the people of Acushnet celebrate the coming fall season with a weekend of fun, food and entertainment at the Apple Peach Festival.

The event begins with the Miss Apple Peach Pageant, which is held on Friday night, where young ladies from throughout Acushnet compete for the opportunity to represent their town in community events for the coming year.

This year's lovely winner, Hannah LeBlanc, is a senior at New Bedford High School and is an active athlete with a dream of attending either the Mass. Maritime or Coast Guard Academy.

Saturday and Sunday festivities begin with a parade from the center of town to the grounds of the Long Plain Museum where vendors and craftspeople from all over await. Displayed among the booths are such

treasures as jewelry, sewn items, painted pieces, woodwork, books, and unique treasures that are sure to capture the eyes of many.

Of course, each year, the town farms are on site to entice the festival

goers with their freshly picked apples and peaches, as well as the delicious baked goods they make with them.

And then there is the food and live entertainment. Throughout the two days the event coordinators schedule performers on the stage to wow the crowds with their talent as onlookers eat, visit with friends, and relax in the shaded picnic area.

This event is always a pleasure to attend as the steady streams of visitors each year will attest to.



ABOVE: Brianne Albritton, first runner up and Hannah Le Blanc, Miss Apple Peach 2011, smile for the camera at the 34th Apple-Peach Festival in Acushnet this weekend. RIGHT: Rebecca Correia of Rochester captivates the audience with her song-writing and singing talent. Photos by Diane Kozak.



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- or hedge shall exceed 6' in height and no boundary fence, wall, hedge, or other landscape feature which obstructs vision, shall exceed 42" in height within any required front yard or within 20' of the street whichever is the lesser requirement.
- Laurel Street Trust, Daniel & Diane Tichon, Trustees 120 Laurel St Plat 10, Lot 126B Book 5172, Page 148
198-18 Short 8' of the required 10' side setback in a RA District.
 - Southcoast Hospitals Group, Inc. 206 Mill Road Plat 36, Lot 11 Book 9475, Page 129
198-16 A Special Permit is required for construction of a Hospital in a RR District.
198-18 12' over the maximum allowed height of 35' in a RR District.
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 - 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

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speedbumps in the road, citing the board's failed attempt to get speed control bumps where the bike path crosses Scoticut Neck Road at David Drown Boulevard.

"I'm a 100 percent for it, if we could legally do it," said Mr. Hobson. He said that Mattapoissett has a few, so he felt it could be done.

Mr. Haworth suggested that instead of a speed bump, a speed table be installed. Oliver Street in Fairhaven, the North Dartmouth Mall, and Buttonwood Park in New Bedford were three examples of speed tables for pedestrian crossings. He suggested that the Association approach the police department's safety officer first and then the Selectboard for approvals, and then return to the BPW for installation.

BPW Superintendent Vincent Furtado said he had contacted the police department and would continue the discussion with them. The Board recommended that Mr. Jones write a letter to the safety officer, and that he keep in touch with Mr. Furtado.

The BPW also reviewed a request to keep in place the existing grease traps at the former Cox Candy building until January 2013, at which time an exterior grease trap will be required. Mr. Riley recused himself from the discussion without explanation.

Architect Stephen Kelleher presented the request on behalf of Emma Jean's Confections at 115 Huttleston Avenue. Since there is no change in use, Sewer/Wastewater Superintendent Linda Schick, the Building Department, and the Board of Health (BOH) have all approved the master plan for the property. Health Agent Patricia Fowle has said that an exterior grease trap will be required for phase two.

The first phase includes a candy store in front, and a bakery with baking area in back. On the east side, an ice cream shop will open next spring, according to Mr. Kelleher.

If an exterior grease trap is required now, the owner would have to tear up concrete slabs to install it.

Phase two will include demolishing the slabs to create a whole new facility in January 2013.

Mr. Kelleher said that in 40 years, there has never been a problem with the existing grease trap.

Mr. Freitas and Mr. Hobson both said that a time limit would be needed if the Board allowed the existing system to stay in place. Mr. Haworth added that he'd like to see a maintenance schedule of the existing grease trap to ensure it is functioning.

"We were sending out guys all day and night to jet rod sewer because [of clogs]," said Mr. Haworth.

The Board voted 4-0, with Mr. Riley abstaining, to allow use of the existing system until January 1, 2013 on condition that maintenance reports

removed.

Ten years ago, a prior owner of the Seaport Inn had requested that some fencing be removed to help maintain his parking requirements. The new owner said that there would be a \$2,100 fine if anyone parked there.

According to Mr. Bettencourt, the current owner of the Seaport Inn wants to own the entire area, but instead Mr. Bettencourt proposed that they split the area in half. The matter has gone to Land Court in Boston, he said.

Mr. Haworth stated that until the ownership is clarified, the BPW does not have jurisdiction and could not take action on the matter.

In other matters, the Board:

- Voted to approve a request to use Livesey Park for "Blessing of the Animals" by the Church of Good Shepherd on October 2, 2011;
- Appointed Mr. Riley and Ms. Sturtevant to interview candidates for the Senior Clerk position and to appoint Mr. Hobson and Mr. Freitas to interview candidates for a Heavy Machine Equipment Operator;
- Voted 5-0 to approve a \$5,055.30 change order for Bay State Contracting and a pay requisition for \$51,532.75;
- Approved an inspection agreement for GCG Associates to inspect 342 Huttleston Avenue sewer access hole installation.

All Board members commended the BPW staff and Superintendent Furtado on the excellent service provided during Tropical Storm Irene. In particular, the Board was the clean up efforts and the availability of the Long Road site for residents' storm yard waste.

The Board voted 5-0 to convene in executive session to discuss the anaerobic digester.

The Association was concerned about cars speeding on Balsam Street, and so requested temporary speed bumps be placed in the road.

are provided to the Board every six months.

In the last appointment, a presentation on Logan Court by Jerry Bettencourt, both Mr. Riley and Mr. Freitas recused themselves. Mr. Freitas said that a family member was involved. Mr. Riley stated that he had dealings with the Seaport Inn.

Mr. Bettencourt, long-time owner of Jerry's Auto at 86-88 Middle Street, presented a map of the lots surrounding Logan Court, an area in dispute. At issue is the ownership of Logan Court, once thought to be a paper street with utilities in it. Also, chain link fencing that blocked off the area to dumping and illicit use had been

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He also said he felt that his department was greatly underpaid for the difficult work they do, particularly during the last storm.

"There were 78 calls that came into the fire station and we've already taken care of 50 of those calls plus the clean up," he said. "It was a dangerous job for my guys, being out there in the bucket in the high wind with all those electrical wires, and they only get 12 bucks an hour."

"I haven't had an increase in my salary for a long time," he continued. "You don't pay for my cell phone, you don't pay for the gas for my car or my guys' trucks. I don't get comp time, and if a call comes in, and none of my guys are available, I end up going out myself."

"I'm lucky I'm self-employed and can usually get out there, but lots of times my wife and my daughter or son will go out at night to handle emergencies with me," he said. "It makes it rough on my family, and I don't get extra for being out there. I think it's time the town pays a man what he's worth."

The selectboard and executive secretary agreed that Mr. Medeiros had raised valid issues, adding that the recent storm had demonstrated how valuable the tree department is to the town. They reminded Mr. Medeiros, however, that as an elected official, his salary is set by voters and any proposed increases would have to be approved by town meeting.

Mr. Medeiros would also have to approach the personnel board to increase pay rates.

Mr. Osuch said he was researching whether FEMA will reimburse the region for labor expenses relating to Tropical Storm Irene, but meanwhile, he advised Mr. Medeiros to see if he could get on the October special town meeting warrant to cover costs for cell phone reimbursements and the chipper he wants to purchase.

The deadline for submitting special town meeting articles will be at the end of the workday on Sept. 21. The selectboard also voted to schedule a special town election meeting on November 2nd. This general election will be necessary to approve a debt exclusion in the event that the school building project passes at the October Special TM.

Mr. Osuch issued a reminder that all Town Meeting members will be required to run for their offices next

year, regardless of when their terms are scheduled to end. This is due to substantial population fluctuations in town precincts, particularly in 2, 3, and 4, based on 2010 Census results.

In a follow up to discussions from the previous board meeting, the selectboard officially voted to sign a land management agreement with the state Department of Fish and Wildlife for the construction of a wheelchair-accessible pier and parking area at Hoppy's Landing.

Representatives from the Southcoast Health System and Southcoast Hospitals Group, Chief Operating Office Linda Bodenmann and Attorney Chris Saunders announced to the board that the group was planning to expand the new South Coast Center for Cancer Care on Mill Road to include additional services, including an urgent ambulatory care center, physical therapy, laboratory services, and a pharmacy.

"The original cancer center plans had room for expansion, and we had

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what he's worth
[Antone Medeiros]

intended to consider expansion in ten years, but changes in health care are pushing up the timetable," Ms. Bodenmann said. "There's a push to provide more preventative care and to provide alternative services, and as we try to do that we just can't do it in the more traditional hospital campuses."

Southcoast Hospitals Group plans to have a neighborhood meeting at the cancer treatment center this Thursday, 9/15 at 7 p.m., to go over the 60,000 square foot expansion plans with residents.

"We want to continue to be good neighbors and we're focused on making sure the façade is the same as with the cancer center. We're proud how the building fits into the community," said Bodenmann. "We're continuing to work with the same team, same architects, same general contractor, and landscapers, so it will fit in with what's already there. If all goes well, we hope to begin construc-

tion in late winter and be ready to open in the spring of 2013."

Selectboard member Dr. Brian Bowcock praised the plan, saying that he thought an ambulatory care center would be a good fit for Fairhaven.

"Many people aren't aware that St. Luke's Hospital has the second busiest emergency room in the Commonwealth. Some of those patients don't belong in the emergency room, they belong in ambulatory care, but they don't know where to go," he said. "This will give people an opportunity to get seen quicker, so this is a good situation not only for Fairhaven but for healthcare in the Southcoast."

Town planner Bill Roth presented his CDBG strategy for FY12, the first of eight public hearings and neighborhood meetings he will be holding prior to submitting the grant application. He warned the board that grant funding is dwindling; the state is looking to cap awards as well as limiting municipalities to applying every other year.

"If we get money in 2012 we will not be eligible for 2013," he said. "We'll move forward with an application similar to the six successful applications we've put in over the past six years. We've been applying for \$800,000 to a million dollars a year, but if they're okay with smaller applications then we need to look into that, too."

The board accepted Mr. Roth's recommendations to accept Pavo Construction as lowest bidder for the Spring Street reconstruction project, and to hire Breezeway Farm Consulting and GCG Associates for engineering projects related to the block grant.

Mr. Roth also made the announcement that NSTAR will start replacing gas mains through the Middle Street extension from Washington to Ferry streets this week, with sidewalk replacement work beginning the week after next.

A liquor license hearing for Dorothy Cox Candies was scheduled for the evening, and although no one was present to speak on behalf of the company or abutters, the board approved the application to transfer the license location.

"For those who don't know, Dorothy Cox is moving its retail location to 63 Alden Road, and it's a rather routine change of location request," said Mr. Silvia. ●●●

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