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

Encampment highlights history with a bang



The Fairhaven Village Militia and the Fairhaven Office of Tourism held the annual Fort Phoenix Encampment this weekend. The event commemorates the 1778 invasion of the village by British Redcoats during the Revolutionary War. ABOVE: As part of the activities of the annual Encampment, members of the Fairhaven Village Militia fire off all five big cannons at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven. See page 16 for story. Photo by Jim Mahaney. Find him at JimMahaneyPhotography.Smugmug.com for more photos of this event and other events in and around Fairhaven. 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

Our cover story is about one of the most fun events we have in this little burg: the Fort Phoenix Encampment. Of course, it's most fun for the Fairhaven Village Militia members who get to shoot muskets and cannons and start fires with flint and throw tomahawks.

I managed to miss getting a good shot of the cannons firing again, alas, but Jim Mahaney set up a great shot and got the perfect kaBOOM picture. Jim has a boatload of great shots on his website. Check out his portfolio, and tell him the Neighb News sent you (see cover caption for link).

We also have a great story by Joyce Rowley about a Fairhaven lobster boat owner who is having a hard time selling his business because of state regulations. Mr. DeRego can trap lobsters and conch, but if he sells his business, he can only sell the lobster permit. There's a moratorium on transferring conch permits. The thing is, the two permits generally go together. Most lobster permit holders also have conch permits (or endorsements) so they can trap conch when the lobsters are playing hard to get.

Mr. DeRego had a stroke in 2008 and can't fish anymore. His big mistake, it seems, is that he tried to get better. One of the cockamamie rules is that in order to get a medical exemption he had to have fished for four out of the last five years. In other words, if he had given up the minute he had a stroke, he would've been better off.

What's wrong with that picture?

Now, if Mr. DeRego were able to fish, he could trap conch in his pots, no problem. But because he needs to sell his business, the conch pots are suddenly going to deplete the entire stock of conchs, hence, he must be stopped.

Heaven help us all. The people who make up this stuff actually have power over people's livelihoods? See page 12 for story.

We also have a couple of police stories about some young men who were arrested for burglary, and a story about graffiti in town.

I suppose I've mentioned this before, but I think these are the perfect kinds of crimes to practice a little restorative justice. Facebook is all lit up with the bad things we should do to these 19 & 20-year-old men who, simply put, have everyone frightened and angry.

The problem with our justice system is that they will either go to jail and be severely punished for these crimes, which are relatively minor on the larger scale of things, or they will get a slap on the wrist and some silly fine that will serve no purpose whatsoever. I say they should work off every single dollar they stole; if not with the stores they stole from, then from other businesses that will tolerate them. Let them understand how much work they stole from someone, because that's what they stole, someone's work. Someone, somewhere worked for every dollar or every item that was taken.

As for the graffiti artists, when they get caught, they should be required to sandblast every wall, sand every piece of wood and paint over every single word.

It's useless to send them walking down the Neck with a pointed stick picking up garbage. That's not the kind of community service that will show them what they did. Let them see how hard it is for other people to restore what they took. Let them see how hard people work to get these things in the first place. Make them help to make it better.

Otherwise, they'll just keep doing it and keep paying the fine, until one day the scales tip the other way and they are lost in a prison system that will only teach them bigger crimes and more contempt for the rest of us.

Then, they'll get out, where you and I can run into them one day and find out what they learned in prison.

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CLARIFICATION/CORRECTION

In our coverage of the 9/12 Fairhaven Conservation Commission meeting in last week's issue, we quoted the chairperson as saying the changes to the wind turbine project will require another public meeting, however, it will require a new public comment period, not a meeting.

Working Waterfront Fest this weekend, launching book project

This year's Working Waterfront Festival has lots of new attractions, including a "Big Boats, Little Boats" section, celebrating the importance of all the boats of a working harbor.

The Festival is spread out among the working piers of New Bedford's working waterfront this weekend, Sat. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. & Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

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.

Looking for photos

Building on the success of *Voices from the Waterfront* (Bendiksen, Orleans, Starr 2010), Festival staff is beginning work on a second publication. This book will interperse community photographs with oral history excerpts from the

Festival's collection to create a pictorial history of New Bedford's commercial fishing community. Plans call for the inclusion of photographs and stories from all aspects of the industry organized into thematic sections such as: Stormy Weather, Fishing Families, Shoreside Work, Celebrations and Traditions, and Regulations and Advocacy.

This year's Festival will have a photograph scanning station in the Wharfinger Building on **Saturday, and Sunday, September from 1-4 p.m.** each day. Fishing community members are invited to take photographs from their personal collections to be considered for inclusion in the upcoming publication. Photographs will be scanned while you wait and returned to you. If you have photos you would like to offer for consideration and are not able to visit the scanning station, please contact the Festival office at 508-993-8894.

The Working Waterfront Festival is a project of the Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern MA, a non-profit organization.

Seafood Throwdown

The 2011 WWF presents Seafood Throwdowns Saturday, September 24th at 3:30 and Sunday, September 25th at 3PM. Chefs Henry Bousquet (Ice Chest) and Mike Melo (M & C Café) who tied in last year's competition will have a rematch on Saturday with the winner facing challenger Peter Diore, Area Chef for Legal Seafoods. The chefs will compete to create a winning dish using a surprise seafood ingredient and local produce. A panel of judges including fishermen and food writers will determine the winning dish.

Volunteer

What is more fun than attending the Working Waterfront Festival? Being a part of it! Volunteers help with all aspects of the Festival:

Have questions? Email Kelly Bendiksen at: volunteer@workingwaterfrontfestival.org

Schedule

For a map, full schedule and list of performers, vendors, exhibitions and children's activities, visit www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org or call 508-993-8894.

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BPW needs loan to finish digester project

By Joyce Rowley

Neighb News Correspondent

At its 9/19 meeting, Fairhaven Board of Public Works Chairperson Geoffrey Haworth announced a loan offer from the State of up to \$800,000 at 2% interest per year to pay for the balance of the anaerobic digester costs. The loan is non-competitive, and was set aside by the State at the time of the original \$7 million grant as a 10% contingency.

As proposed by Mr. Haworth, if the Town uses the loan, it would be paid off through the Sewer Retained Earnings.

Town Meeting must vote to approve the loan. A special Town Meeting is scheduled for October.

"We don't have enough to finish this project," said Mr. Haworth in proposing the loan to the Board. "If we wait until Annual Town Meeting, we'll be at the wrong end of it."

He said the item was not on the agenda because the Town found out about the loan on Friday after the agenda was posted, and the Special Town Meeting was set after the last BPW meeting.

"This is an emergency situation," said Mr. Haworth.

Mr. Haworth said that because of the tank failure, the digester issue was being perceived as a negative. But the solar panels on the building, the gas created, and the green credits will still yield revenue to the Town, even with a loan.

As an example, he said that a full \$800,000 loan at 2% over twenty years would cost about \$48,000. The Town expects a revenue stream of \$200,000, so there would still be about a \$150,000 benefit if the Town had to borrow the full amount.

Mr. Haworth also wanted to make it clear that the problem with the digester was an issue between the construction contractor and the designer — not with BPW or the Selectboard.

Public Works Superintendent Vincent Furtado also stressed the need to complete the project as intended by the original grant. If not, the grant would be converted into a loan, he said.

While most of the Board was in favor of the article to authorize the loan, member Steven Riley had some reservations.

"I see reasons to do it and reasons

not to do it," said Mr. Riley, adding that he felt getting a loan was a mistake. He said that throughout the process, change orders got out of control and that the board should look for a settlement first, and should discuss using the Reserve Fund with the Finance Committee.

Mr. Haworth said that the article would authorize the borrowing, but it would only be used if necessary. The next annual Town Meeting is not until April, and the digester completion date is estimated at 12 to 16 weeks. Mr. Haworth said that if the Town settles in March for \$300,000 or can fund it through the Sewer Enterprise Fund, then the loan will not be used.

The Board then voted 3-1, Mr. Riley opposed and member Daniel Freitas absent, in favor of proposing an article at the special TM in October authorizing the BPW to secure a loan

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of up \$800,000 at 2% interest with the state, if necessary.

In appointments that evening, the Board met in executive session with Jon Scieszka, a foreman in the Water division and 32-year BPW employee. No vote was taken in open session on that matter.

On returning 30 minutes later, the Board met with Gordon Moore, representative of Middlesex Construction. Mr. Moore requested use of Town land on Middle Street, north of the Seaport Inn, alongside Route 6, for a laydown area to complete his company's state contract for abutment work on the Route 6 bridge.

On questioning by Vice-chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson, Mr. Moore confirmed that he did not have the approval of the adjacent landowner. Mr. Hobson said that he could not support the request out of respect for the business owner.

Director of Planning and Economic Development William D. Roth, who

was present for another matter, said that he was aware of an existing lease between the Town and the hotel owner to use the property for parking.

Mr. Riley said if there were a long-term lease, it was not up to BPW to subjugate the lease. Mr. Haworth noted the map showed an easement from 1983 for the hotel.

Mr. Moore said he was concerned because he was obligated to do work on the property under the state contract. He said he had to take the whole back wall of the bridge out.

"What we're telling you is that we've got to do a little research," said Mr. Haworth. "We're going to refer this to our town counsel first and see if there's a lease, and then see if we have the right to go in and do the work."

The BPW voted to table the matter 4-0, one absent.

In another matter, Mr. Roth presented a request for \$30,000 funding for two road projects under Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). Due to changes in the grants program, he may be restricted to \$650,000 applications per year. One project is on Water Street, and the other is on Main and Park streets. He said that it was an either/or proposition. If the primary landowner on Water Street was not on board, he would shift the project to Main Street/Park Street rehabilitation. He also sought the matching funds of up to \$40,000 to \$75,000 from Chapter 90 funds.

Mr. Haworth said that the Howland Road overages were likely to consume all of the uncommitted funds — approximately \$733,000. He suggested the Board approve the \$29,310 figure in order to keep as much as possible in Chapter 90 funds.

"Those projects have gone very smoothly and enhanced the center of Town," said Mr. Riley, and that the \$30,000 would be well spent. He also supported coming up with matching funds, saying that the amount would not break the Howland Road project.

Mr. Hobson was concerned that the grants were for the center area only, while other parts of town lacked sidewalks. He noted the lack of sidewalks in the vicinity of the new school site on Scoticut Neck Road.

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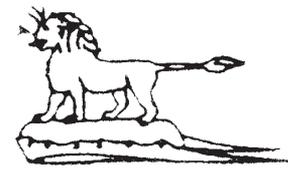
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Oxford & Rogers Committee

The Selectboard of the Town of Fairhaven and the Fairhaven School Committee are pleased to announce the formation of a building study committee to explore potential uses of the Oxford and Rogers School Buildings.

The purpose of this group will be to discuss and collect ideas for the potential future use of the buildings and a precursor to a potential feasibility process. Interested residents should submit letters to the Selectmen's Office at the Town Hall indicating their desire to participate, highlighting any specific areas of expertise that they may bring to the table for this specific project.

Letters are due no later than Sept. 30. Participants will be contacted in early October for an organizational meeting.

Book Sale for Cancer

So Many Books..So Little Time. Please stop by Alden Court Nursing Care Center, 389 Alden Road, Fairhaven for a book sale on **Thurs., September 29 from 8:30-4:00 pm.**

Gently used hard cover and paperback books will be sold. Come by and help us make a difference.

All proceeds to benefit: Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

Scout-o-rama

By Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of America from Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, New Bedford.

Boys between the ages of 6 to 17 years who are interested in getting involved in fun, educational, outdoor and community activities, we are looking for you!

Be part of a program that has lasted for over 100 years!

You are all invited to our Scout-o-rama on **Sun., Sept. 25, at Cushman Park, Fairhaven, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Enjoy some cooking demonstrations; learn how to tie some knots; learn first aid; cross a rope bridge you help make; and many, many more fun activities!

Please contact Barbara Gauthier @ 508-996-3405 to find a Pack or Troop in Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven or New Bedford area!

Girl Scout Sign-up

Want to be a GIRL SCOUT...Girl scout sign up in **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@girlscoutseasternmass.org or 774-766-6932

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 Japanese taiko drumming, martial arts, Japanese tea ceremony, Japanese flower arranging (ikebana), etc.

There will also be a Friendship Dinner at the Unitarian Church in Fairhaven at 6:30 PM on Sat., Oct. 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 e-mail at Gerry@WMFriendship House.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

Lobster Dine-Out

Thursday, Sept. 29, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., at Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center Street, Fairhaven. Accessible.

Meal includes Chowder, lobster roll, French fries, coleslaw, dessert and beverage. Tickets are \$12 and must be purchased in advance. Proceeds benefit the residents of Our Lady's Haven. For tickets, call 508-999-4561.

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

Blessing of Animals

The Trinity Lutheran Church and the Church of the Good Shepherd will hold a Community Blessing of the Animals service at **Livesey Park in North Fairhaven on Sun., October 2 at 12:30pm.** This service is held each year on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Pastor Paul Wheeler of Trinity Lutheran will give individual blessings to each pet and pets should be on a leash or in a container. Everyone is welcome!!

Mini-Golf F-R

Fairhaven Rotary's, Mini-Golf Spectacular, Sunday October 2, from 1 PM - 3 PM. Generously Donated By Cap'n Barnacle Mini-Golf, 2 David Drown Blvd., Fairhaven.

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CPC applications

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee is accepting applications for the 2012 funding round. The 2012 Community Preservation Plan and Application Forms are available on the Town's Web Site at www.fairhaven-ma.gov, click on the Community Preservation Committee's page.

Activities that can be funded are:

- Acquisition, creation and preservation of Open Space.
- Creation, preservation and support of Community Housing.
- Acquisition, creation and preservation of Historic Resources.
- Acquisition, creation and preservation of land for Recreational Use.

Deadline for applications is, Monday, November 7, 2011 by 12:00 PM.

Further information is available from the Planning and Economic Development Department at (508) 979-4082 or cpc@fairhaven-ma.gov.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Benefit Dinner

For Paul Lemieux, son of Jean Paul "JP" Lemieux of West Island, Fairhaven, and Stephanie Adesso. Paul has cancer of the brain (LMD). The Lemieux and Adesso families are asking for your help by attending a benefit dinner on Saturday, October 1, at Madeira Field, 50 Madeira Ave., New Bedford, from 5-10 p.m.

Free to attend, \$12 donation for foo. Music (DJ), raffles, 50/50 raffle, auction. Please go and show your support for Paul and have some fun, and a chance to win some cool prizes. Call JP at 774-26301417 for info.

Last Chance Regatta

The Low Tide Yacht Club in New Bedford is holding its annual end-of-the-season pursuit race on **Sat., 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: jamberd2@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.

Working Waterfront Festival

This weekend. See page 3 for details.

Church Concert

At 3p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 25, special guest recitalist, ROSALIND MOHENSE will take the bench at St. Anthony's majestic pipe organ in the first event of the 2011/2012 Music at St. Anthony's Concert Series, 1359 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford. Not accessible. After the concert, complimentary tea and cookies are served in the church hall and the musicians greet and socialize with attendees.

The concert series was organized for the renovation of the historic Casavant organ that will turn 100 years old in 2012. A freewill donation will be collected during the recital and there is an opportunity to support the organ fund with the ongoing "Adopt an Organ Part" program.

St. Anthony of Padua Church is the

most prominent building in New Bedford. The 256 foot high steeple is the tallest in New England. The pipe organ, Opus 489, was installed in September, 1912. It has been in continuous use, played almost every day for either a Mass, wedding or funeral. It is a magnificent and enormous instrument designed for the church.

The organ was damaged in the 1950's when the church was hit by lightning. The original estimate for repairs was \$300,000; donations to date have brought us nearly half-way to that total.

For information, please contact St. Anthony's rectory at 508-993-1691.

100,000 Poets

New Bedford Poets Join Historic Worldwide "100 Thousand Poets for Change" Reading. Poets in 400 cities representing 95 countries are organizing the largest poetry reading in history with over 500 individual events scheduled to take place simultaneously to promote environmental, social, and political change.

In New Bedford, Gallery X has generously donated space in their Frederick Douglass gallery to host this event, which will take place on **the afternoon of Saturday, Sept. 24th from 2-5 PM**. Local event organizer Maggie Cleveland is looking for additional readers, as well as volunteers. More information about the reading can be found at <http://whalingcityreview.wordpress.com/> or by sending an email to whalingcityreview@gmail.com.

Paul Cuffe Park

The New Bedford Whaling Museum and its partners proudly present four **free public programs Sept. 23-24, recognizing the life and accomplishments of Captain Paul Cuffe** at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, (sccessible) culminating with the dedication of a park in his honor.

Paul Cuffe (1759-1817) was the free-born son of an African father and a Native American mother. A skillful mariner, he was also a successful merchant, philanthropist, community leader, civil rights advocate and abolitionist. In 1780 he petitioned for the right to vote as a landowner and taxpayer. He established the first integrated school in America and

became an advisor to President James Madison.

Events include: Genealogy presentation on Sept. 23; "Cuffe Kitchen Gallery" exhibit; lecture, "Paul Cuffe, His Life and Times."

On Sept. 24, dedication ceremonies for Captain Paul Cuffe Park will begin at noon at Union Street and Johnny Cake Hill. Located on Whaling Museum property, the park is adjacent to the site where Cuffe operated his store, Cuffe & Howards.

Campfire at the Zoo

At the Brooklawn Park Zoo, 425 Hawthorn Street, New Bedford; www.bpzoo.org. Accessible.

Family Fall Fun Campfires: Friday, Sept. 23, 6:30PM; Friday, Sept. 30, 6:30PM. Cost: \$25/family, members. \$35/family for non-members

Take a blanket to spread on the ground and enjoy a beautiful Friday evening at the zoo. Relax around the campfire as we share an activity, a story and a snack.

Participants must pre-register and pay in advance by calling (508) 991-4556 x 18 or clicking here.

In the event of poor weather, we will call by 5:00PM to cancel.

Anti-Litter Posters

Be the Solution to Pollution is presenting a "Trash Litter" poster making workshop 6:30-8pm Thursday September 22 at the Lawler Library in New Bedford, 745 Rockdale Avenue. Accessible. Supplies will be available to make litter awareness campaign posters. Free and open to all ages. Refreshments will be served.

The workshop will give basic facts about the impact litter has on our environment and our lives.

Be the Solution to Pollution is committed to making drastic positive changes by creating needed public awareness about the serious pollution issues in our environment. We have been conducting cleanups throughout Southeastern MA and Northern RI and facilitating free educational workshops at local libraries to raise more awareness about the problems created by litter and presenting some simple solutions.

More info: www.bethesolutiontopollution.yolasite.com or freymarylou@yahoo.com. Visit Facebook

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Bird Meeting

Get ready for the Fall migration by attending the first meeting of the Nasketucket Bird Club, Thursday evening, September 22nd, at 7 p.m., the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St. Accessible.

Antil Family Benefit

Antil Family Benefit, organized by friends and neighbors of Antil's Market in order to ease the pain of the recent fire at Antil's Market on Adams Street in Fairhaven. The Antils have been so generous to so many for so long, now it's time for us to help them.

Join us for a night of music and dance on Sun., Oct. 9, from 6 p.m.–midnight at the Century House, 107 So. Main St., Acushnet. Accessible. Dj, dancing, appetizers, raffles. Donation: \$25. For tickets call Mark Kaeterle, 508-997-4225 or Butch & Sue Nielsen, 508-999-1962. For other donations, mail check payable to Antil Fire Fund, PO Box 4, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

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.

Volunteers Needed

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity needs your help at the upcoming A.D. Makepeace 8th Annual Cranberry Harvest Celebration in Wareham, October 8th and 9th. (www.cranberryharvest.org)

Makepeace is offering the affiliate a \$600 donation per day for our volunteer support! We are hoping to pull together 12 to 14 volunteers to work the event for them each day. If we are able to do so, our affiliate would receive a \$1200 donation!!! **We need to submit names by Sept. 28th!**

For the donation, volunteers are required to work from 9:30 to 4:30 on either October 8th or 9th. Some activities that the festival needs help with are staffing ticket booths, being a guest greeter and handing out pamphlets on the event, helping with children's activities and staffing food booths. Please gather your friends and email the office that you are interested in helping BBAHFH get a \$1200 donation!!!

Contact Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity, 34 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, 508.758.4517; buzzardsbayareahabitat@yahoo.com

Accessibility Conf.

The Patrick-Murray Administration announced that it will host "Products & Technologies that Change People's Lives," an all-day conference and expo, on Friday, September 23 at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston. The event will showcase the impact of new and developing technologies that make daily life easier – and in many cases possible – for people with disabilities and for the aging population.

The event will include exhibitors, panel discussions and a plenary session featuring Governor Patrick. The daylong expo of universal design and assistive technology will display new products and ideas and will include a hands-on demonstration area. **The expo is free and open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

The conference will also include a design competition. Awards will be presented to designers with less than 10 years of experience who have developed the best designs of products or technology that "change people's lives for the better." The first-place winner will receive a \$5,000 cash prize, made possible by the Perkins School for the Blind.

For more information visit: changepeopleslives.org

Fisheries Workshop

To all Commercial and Recreational Fishers and interested participants to Develop an Ocean Observatory Fisheries Community Interactive Partnership. Workshop at **Providence Marriott Downtown, 1 Orms St., Providence, RI 02904, on Monday, Sept. 26, from 8:15 to 5:30**

CONVENOR: The Mid-Atlantic Regional Association Coastal Ocean Observing System (MARACOOS) – a partnership of regional coastal ocean data providers and users – is one of eleven regional associations in the United States focused on Ocean Observing. MARACOOS invites members of the commercial and recreational fishing communities to participate in a workshop designed to be an interactive conversation for how present and future MARACOOS products and services could be of help to you.

REGISTRATION: You may register online by going to MARACOOS.ORG and click on Fisheries Workshop. **There is no registration fee for this workshop. The workshop is limited to thirty participants who register.**

To encourage fisher participation, MARACOOS will provide commercial fishers a \$100 stipend plus reimbursement for their travel, food, and lodging (when necessary on September 25). Reimbursement forms will be included with your registration packet. Should you need to stay overnight, please make your own Marriott reservations; indicating that you are with the MARACOOS Fisheries Workshop. Phone: 1-401-272-2400. Web: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pvdri-providence-marriott-downtown/>

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- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp ground coriander (optional)
- 1/4 tsp cloves
- 1 egg
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 cups chopped fresh apple

Glaze

- 1 tbsp melted butter
- 1 c powdered sugar, stirred before measuring
- 1/4 tsp maple flavoring
- 2-3 tbsp milk

Cream butter or margarine with sugar. Add salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, coriander, cloves and egg; blend well.

Stir in flour with baking soda and milk until well blended. Stir in apples.

Drop by small spoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake at 400°F for 10-12 min. or until cookies are firm when touched, but not overly browned.

Meanwhile, stir together butter, powdered sugar, maple flavoring and milk to make a smooth glaze.

Dot the top of each with about 1/2 teaspoon glaze. Cool.

Allow glaze to set before storing in an airtight container.

Makes 4 dozen cookies

To share a recipe with your neighbors

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A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neighb News

Fairhaven High Football

The Fairhaven High School football team lost a heartbreaker to Wareham Friday, 20-42. QB Christian Braga threw a 60-yard pass play to Connor Flynn. Tanner Kisla had a 19-yard touchdown. Outstanding on defense for the Blues were Devin Duarte, Nathan Nadeau and Billy Pires.

Friday, FHS grad & former assistant coach Chuck Alaire brings his NB Voc-Tech Bears to the stadium for big game.

FHS Girls Soccer

Emma Morehead had the hat trick

First-timers at Fenway: Cameron & Devin

On a warm September day, a grandfather had an opportunity to take his grandsons to their first game at Fenway, between the Red Sox and Rangers.

George, or "Peper," had purchased four super seats behind the plate for the boys and their dad, Dave.

Getting there early, the boys, Cameron and Devin Lebeau, were able to catch baseballs from players

"3 goals" to lead Lady Blues to 4-0 win over Bourne. Freshman Taylor Conastra had her first shut-out as goalie. Coach Galvam was pleased with defensive play of Amy Silvia, Ally Lima, and Cecille Pereira. Emma had three more goals in 5-3 win over Voke. Madison Shields & Jessica Marmelo had assists.

FHS Volleyball

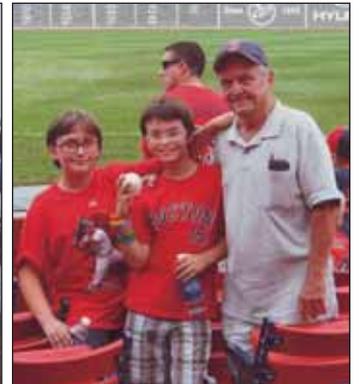
The Lady Blues shut out Bourne 3-0. The K girls were amazing again: Kelsey Perron-Sovik, Kayli Moniz and Kara Charette. FHS rolled over NB Voke 3-0 on Monday. Harleigh Becotte was outstanding.

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in pre-game.

In the third inning George had the boys' names posted on the big screen, to their surprise.

After Sox lost, the boys went on the field and ran the bases Major League style. The boys won't forget their first Major League game; and Gramps topped it off with supper at Charley Horse Restaurant in Bridgewater.



LEFT: The board at Fenway Park welcomes Fairhaven's Cameron and Devin Lebeau on the occasion of their first Major League Baseball game at Fenway Park, between the Red Sox and the Rangers this month. RIGHT: Cameron and Devin pose with their grandfather George, who arranged the special day for the boys and their dad Dave. Submitted photo.

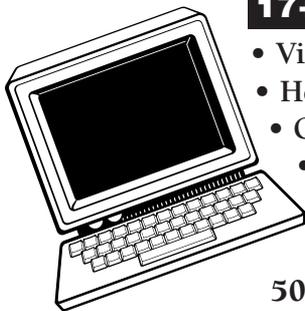
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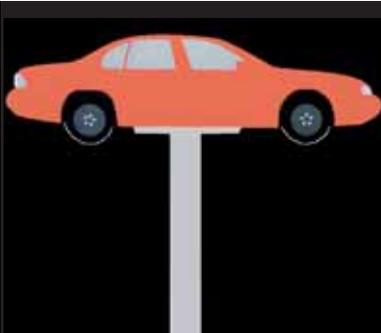
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Regulations make stormy weather for Fairhaven Lobsterer

By Joyce Rowley

Neighb News Correspondent

Long ago, she used to ride in the lobster boat's crow's nest with him on the way back from lobstering, swaying back and forth in the wind. They were married 33 years ago and now Jane and Lawrence "Larry" DeRego are fighting the crosscurrents of a medical disability that left him unable to go back to work and Massachusetts state regulations that make it difficult to sell his business and move on.

After a debilitating stroke in January, 2008, at age 55, Mr. DeRego has difficulty standing and balancing, and can not use his left arm to pull in traps — his sole means of support. The Division of Marine Fisheries put a moratorium on conch pots in 2009 and is considering a 10% reduction in lobster traps. The moratorium and reduction make it difficult — if not impossible — to sell his business.

Like many fishermen, Mr. DeRego holds a lobster permit for his boat with multiple endorsements: conch, horseshoe crab and scup, meaning he can fish for those, too, from the same boat. When lobstering is slow or prices are low, he used to set out conch traps. His business includes all of the permits and his boat — a



lifetime of work and dreams. "I wouldn't sell it if I were healthy," Mr. DeRego said. He purchased the 40-foot "Sea Horse" with a 300 HP John Deere engine in 1998 — the ultimate dream boat for him, he said. He went all the way to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, to buy it. It was paid off after years of hard work. He first got a helper's permit in 1962 at age six when he went out with his father on the "My Son and I." He's never had a violation, never been written up in all these years, he said, on any of the permits he's held: lobster, scup, conch, scallop, swordfish, dragger, or tuna fishing. He started business out of the Seaview Avenue boat ramp in Fairhaven. Nearly 50 years later, the Sea Horse is in storage at the Fairhaven Shipyard. When his father passed on, Mr. DeRego inherited his father's 790-trap lobster permit. Then he purchased the conch permit in 2001 for \$20,000. It was a business investment, he said. But even ten years ago, the state did not issue new conch permits in order to manage the fishery. Now they will not allow any transfers of existing permits in Area 2, which includes Buzzards Bay, Martha's Vineyard and Vineyard Sound. "If they're not allowing me to do this, then buy me out," said Mr. DeRego. Mr. DeRego said that everyone is conching because no one's getting lobster. He believes the lobster depletion is a result of oil spills — first in Rhode Island off Moonstone Beach, and then the one in 2003 that fouled waters from Westport to Wareham.



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Bouchard Transportation, the responsible party for the local spill, paid Mr. DeRego \$1,000 to replace his oil-covered buoys and clean his boat. But they did not replace the lobsters killed by oil.

"We all took a beating," Mr. DeRego said. "I've been fishing since the 60s. All of a sudden there's an oil spill and it's like a desert."

Daniel McKiernan, Deputy Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), agrees that the reason lobster stocks are at 50% is because of environmental reasons. That's why they are recommending a 10% reduction in lobster traps.

But with the lobster stock so depleted, McKiernan notes the pressure increased on conch. And with conch pressure on, it put the pressure on horseshoe crabs as well.

DMF froze permit transfers in 2009 in order to restore the conch stock, with a goal of reducing the growth in the conch fishery. Since it is not a migratory stock, management is more difficult, said Mr. McKiernan. In other words, once they're gone, they're gone for good.

And the horseshoe crabs are also in bad shape, since they are used as conch bait. Mr. McKiernan's division is responsible for keeping all commercial and recreational fisheries in state waters at sustainable levels.

"I struggle with this issue when someone has a permit with large lobster trap allocation and says they can't sell it," said McKiernan.

In a letter to Mr. DeRego dated September 6, 2011, he notes that Mr. DeRego's trap allocation is one of the largest in Area 2. The letter says that

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it would be a good permit for someone starting out in the lobster business. That letter turned down Mr. DeRego's request for a transfer of the conch endorsement.

And without that transfer, according to Mr. DeRego and others in the industry, the lobster permit is worth significantly less. Many would-be buyers will not even consider buying a lobster permit without a conch endorsement to go with it.

Robert "Hoppy" Hobson, who holds both lobster and conch permits, said the conch permit is worth between \$20,000 and \$30,000. He said it increases the value of the whole package.

"A lot of people would buy the whole business if it included the conch license, but they want the whole thing," he said, adding that he knows of three or four people who were interested in Mr. DeRego's business, but changed their minds when they realized they could not transfer the conch permit.

"Before they had the moratorium, he already had the stroke," said Mr. Hobson. "He should be grandfathered

in."

He said it's "kind of crazy" the way the state is treating Mr. DeRego, because he has a legitimate medical hardship.

They used to have a hardship thing...The poor guy walks with a cane...If you want to punish someone, punish someone who didn't have a stroke.

[Robert "Hoppy" Hobson]

"They used to have a hardship thing. If someone had a hardship, you could transfer it. He couldn't file a catch report because he had a stroke. The poor guy walks with a cane," said Mr. Hobson. "If you want to punish someone, punish someone who didn't have a stroke."

There is no problem transferring

the state and federal lobster permits, according to the letter. But there are no exemptions from the moratorium on transferring conch permits. Even if the moratorium were not in place, DMF's medical exemption requires that Mr. DeRego would have to have fished four out of the five previous years.

Since he has not fished since 2008, DMF has previously said that he does not qualify for the exemption.

Meanwhile, the boat storage fee is due, although the DeRegos say that Fairhaven Shipyard has been good to them.

It still costs something. And it still hurts when he can't put it in the water, can't lobster, and can't sell it.

"All I can do is just look at [my boat]. All my hard work, and for what?" Mr. DeRego said.

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Annual Ft. Phoenix encampment entertains and educates

By Beth David
Editor

So, who among us doesn't like stuff that goes BOOM? Certainly not the people who attended the annual encampment at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven this weekend. The event commemorates the British attack on fort in September of 1778, during the Revolutionary War.

According to remarks by Fairhaven Tourism Director Christopher Richard, the Redcoats launched 36 transport ships, landing 4,000 soldiers in Clark's Cove on September 5, 1778. They burned Bedford Village (New Bedford's County Street area) and overran the fort on the Fairhaven side of the river.

Eventually the local militia drove back the Redcoats and they fled back onto the water.

For the last nine years the Fairhaven Village Militia has commemorated the event with a weekend encampment that depicts life for a Revolutionary War era soldier, with authentic equipment, musket and cannon fire, cooking on an open fire, demonstrations and hands-on activities for children and adults, etc. This year, Buzzards Bay Buccaneers entertained with acoustic music while the crowd waited for dusk on Saturday.

On Saturday, before the firing of the cannons, Mr. Richard gave a special tribute to Lew Hannigan, who was the ranger at Fort Phoenix since the 1960s and died on Sept. 12

"Lew Hannigan loved this place with all of his heart," said Mr. Richard. "We're all very, very saddened by the loss. It's a big loss for Fort Phoenix and a big loss to all of us who knew Lew."

He said Mr. Hannigan volunteered at Ft. Phoenix after he retired and while he was very sick with cancer.

"He couldn't get this place out of



LEFT: Fairhaven Village Militia member Jeremiah Katz "worms the gun" with a specially designed wire rod to get one of the big cannons at Fort Phoenix ready for firing at the annual Fort Phoenix Encampment on Saturday, 9/17. RIGHT: FVM member Wayne Oliveira, loads the charge. The 18 oz. of gun powder pales in comparison to the 10 lbs that would've been used to propel the 24-lb cannon ball. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Find us on Facebook to see more photos.

his soul," Mr. Richard told the crowd.

Members of the Fairhaven Village Militia don period dress and play the parts of real or fictional characters from the Revolutionary War era.

The firing of the five big cannons is always a highlight of the weekend, drawing hundreds of people who stand on the rocks at the point and watch the cannons flare at sundown.

The process of loading and firing the cannons was explained in detail by Mr. Richard. The militia members who participate in the firing are licensed by the state.

Mr. Richard was sure to point out that the loud boom the crowd would hear was minimal compared to what they used when the cannons were used in battle. In 2011, the charge used 18 ounces of gun powder, compared to 10 pounds used to push a 24-pound cannonball. He said a cannonball could reach the Clark's Cove Lighthouse in the harbor.

Six-year-old Lizzie said she enjoys being part of the Villiage Militia and

joining the encampment, although she's not quite old enough to stay overnight yet.

"I don't know why, I just do," said Lizzie when asked why she enjoys the Militia. She said people should "try to visit the militia every time we're doing [the encampment], because it's just a nice place to be."

The militia set up on Friday and broke camp on Sunday afternoon.



L-R: Fairhaven Village Militia kids Adam, Emily and Lizzie had fun at the encampment at Ft. Phoenix this weekend.



A whole pig is roasted on a spit over an open fire at the annual Fort Phoenix Encampment on Friday, 9/16. The annual event commemorates the British invasion during the Revolutionary War, Sept. 5, 1778. Photos courtesy of Jeff Lucas.

Eco-Fair and Farmer's Market are natural companions

By Beth David
Editor

This year's Eco-Fair, sponsored by the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee, was held across the walkway from the weekly Farmer's Market, a natural combination that worked out well for both groups.

The companies that joined the fair had the full advantage of hundreds of regulars at the Farmer's Market, held every Sunday, 1-4, on the lawn of Fairhaven High School. The market-goers had a chance to talk with companies that make solar panels, use new technology in construction, and other organizations interested in sustainable choices.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition joined the fair to talk about its work to keep Buzzards Bay clean, and to promote its upcoming watershed bicycle ride.

"We definitely had some good visitors today," said Conor Gay, who staffed the BBC table. "A lot of people don't know the bay is so big, and that the watershed includes so many [places]."

The Buzzards Bay Watershed is 432 square miles of land that drains into the bay. The ride starts in Westport and ends 75 miles later in Woods Hole. Visit www.SaveBuzzardsBay.org

Two companies that install solar panels attended the fair, including one that was offering free installation and \$1,000 cash, providing customers buy the energy from them (visit <http://apsolar.biz/>

At the My Generation Energy table (MyGenerationEnergy.com), Jonathan Piers and Mike Thonus spent their time explaining how their system of solar panels works, solar energy in general, and explaining the various incentives available to help pay for the \$15,000-\$30,000 initial cost.

They said it is generally around five years for home owners to recoup their initial set-up costs. Tax credits, grant money, and state rebates are available.

Most systems tie into the main grid (NStar). When the panels do not produce enough electricity to power the house, the system pulls from the grid, the panels produce more than is necessary, the excess electricity goes to the grid and is stored as credits that the house uses when it needs it. The system is referred to as "net metering."

Another company, specializing in high efficiency/high performance green building supplies also had a



Conor Gay staffs the Buzzards Bay Coalition's table at the Fairhaven Eco Fair on Sunday, 9/18. The BBC is actively recruiting bicycle riders for its annual Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride, which starts in Westport and ends 75 miles later in Woods Hole. There is also a half-ride option that begins in Rochester. For more information on the ride, visit www.SaveBuzzardsBay.org. Photo by Beth David.

table at the event (Visit FortressGreenBuildingSupply.com)

Organizers said they wanted to connect green businesses with people in the community who want to use sustainable products on their homes.

The Marion Institute (www.MarionInstitute.org) was also there promoting the Bioneers Conference to be held in New Bedford next month.

To learn more about the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee visit www.greenfairhaven.com

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Farmers Market and Academy Building open every Sunday



You may have missed this week's Eco-Fair in Fairhaven (see above), but you can still support sustainable local farms at the weekly Farmers Market held at Fairhaven High School every Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Local produce, cooked items, and hormone-free meat are all available through the fall. While you're there, visit the Academy Building/Museum of Fairhaven History. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Historical Society, tours of this 1798 schoolhouse are available while the Farmers Market is running, from 1-4 p.m. on Sundays. The building is on the high school grounds and currently two period rooms, a rum runners exhibit, and the school room exhibit. The historical building, unfortunately, is not wheelchair accessible. LEFT: Grapes, jams and jellies were just part of the locally produced fare available at the Fairhaven Farmers Market on Sunday, 9/11/11. RIGHT: The old stove is still in the old school room, surrounded by desks in the 1798 schoolhouse known as the Academy Building in Fairhaven. Photos by Beth David.

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Mr. Roth explained that CDBG funds were appropriated based on a low-moderate income target area derived from the 2000 Census data. As new data comes out in 2010, the Town can re-evaluate it.

BPW member Kathleen Sturtevant said she had participated in the previous planning effort and agreed that the target area had the highest percentage of low-moderate income households in town.

The Board approved the request for \$30,000 4-0, one absent member.

The last appointment was with Kenneth Motta of Field Construction on behalf of Southcoast Hospitals Group. SCH is proposing a 60,000 s.f. addition with an additional 300 parking spaces on Mill Road. All utilities will be on Mill Road, and the facility will connect with existing

gravity sewer and water services.

Mr. Motta said that traffic was a concern with the neighbors when he met with them. Southcoast had hired Greenman Pederson Incorporated (GPI) to perform a traffic analysis. He asked that the town set up a development account and to hire a review consultant as they had with the first phase of the cancer center.

Ms. Sturtevant said that traffic had always been a concern in that area. Mr. Riley asked if they had considered a traffic signal at the intersection. Mr. Motta said that they will look at a signal as part of the traffic analysis.

The Board voted 4-0, one absent member to approve establishing a development account and to hire a traffic consultant for the project.

In other business, the BPW voted unanimously to pay \$15,503.05 as the

first payment for Bizko Contracting and to pay \$276,103.25 to Wes Construction. The NexAmp request for a change order and final acceptance was again tabled. Mr. Haworth said that the project might be completed by next meeting.

The BPW also voted unanimously to approve changes to the bidding procedures to avoid previous problems with bids. Although bids will not have to be typed, all bids must be readable without strikeouts or they will be rejected.

The board also voted 4-0, one absent to grant a carryover of two personal days to Jeffrey Costa. The days were scheduled but not used due to a workers' compensation injury. Mr. Costa said he discovered the error last week when he checked on his available time off. •••



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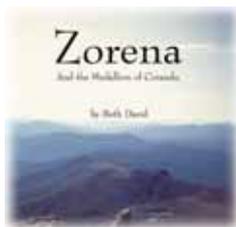


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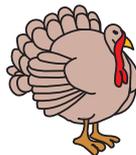
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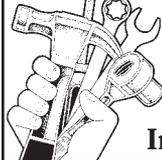
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- 2,605 boats and ships sunk
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- 275 Million trees down
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Thurs., 11/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

Finance Committee

Thurs., 9/29, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

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

School Building Committee

Thurs., 9/29, FHS Library, 6:00

School Committee

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

Selectboard

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

CDBG Public meeting 7:10 p.m.

Sustainability Committee

Mon., 9/26, Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

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Saturday	24	0537	1800	1122	----
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Monday	26	0721	1944	0046*	1308*
Tuesday	27	0810	2033	0128*	1400*
Wednesday	28	0859	2122	0212*	1452*
Thursday	29	0950	2213	0256*	1542*
Friday	30	1043	2306	0341*	1633*

	October 2011	HIGH		LOW	
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Saturday	1	1138	----	0427*	1727
Sunday	2	0003	1236	0515	1831
Monday	3	0101	1336	0609	2022
Tuesday	4	0202	1439	0722	2148
Wednesday	5	0305	1543	0946	2243
Thursday	6	0409	1645	1055	2323
Friday	7	0509	1742	1140	2350
Saturday	8	0602	1830	----	1214
Sunday	9	0648	1912	0011	1243
Monday	10	0728	1950	0035	1314
Tuesday	11	0804	2025	0106	1348

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

Alden Court is Fairhaven Little League champ for 2nd year

The Alden Court team won the championship in the Fairhaven B-league division for 7-10 year-olds with a young team that had all under-ten players.

From Coach Carlos DaSilva

It was a pleasure working with these kids all season. We practiced hard twice a week, even in some rough weather. I knew they enjoyed it and were having fun because they wanted to keep going after practices were over.



It wasn't an easy road to the Championship, the other teams were very good and very tough. We definitely took some lumps during the season but the team never gave up.

Once the playoffs started, they raised the bar — nothing was getting by them and they got the bats on the ball. They were playing like the Pros.

I know I've said this before — it is amazing to watch these kids progress from the beginning to the end of the season and bond as a team. I'm very proud of every one of my kids!

I would like to acknowledge coaches Jeff Cantara and Jeff Chace for stepping up and being a big part of the

team. Also a special Thanks to Coach Tony Couto, with his experience and knowledge of the game, I continue to learn.

I think it's this team effort that took us to our second Championship in a row!



The Alden Court team won the Fairhaven B-League championship this year. Coaches, L-R: Jeff Chase, Jeff Cantara, Carlos DaSilva, Tony Couto. Players, L-R: Kolby Tripanier, Jordan Soares, Nate Couto, Brendan DaSilva, AJ Chase, Kristian Fall, Justin Pereira, Ian Conte, Cyril Tveit, Corbin Veitch, Dylan Cantara. *Submitted photos.*

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

Town of Fairhaven Notice of Public Meeting Community Development Strategy

Town of Fairhaven will hold a Public Meeting at 7:10 P.M. on September 27, 2011, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA to hear public comment on the Town's Community Development Strategy, including potential target areas for community development activities. Any persons or organizations will be given the opportunity to be heard.

*Michael Silvia Chairman
Fairhaven Board of Selectmen*

Conservation Commission The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on September 26, 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 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.

2. 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.
3. 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.

Continued from September 6, 2011

1. 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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FinCom getting ready for Special Town Meeting

By Joyce Rowley

Neighb News Correspondent

After a summer hiatus, the Fairhaven Finance Committee met on September 15, to discuss possible articles for the October 25 Special Town Meeting, which was called to vote on the proposed new elementary school at the Wood School site.

FinCom Chairperson John Roderiques announced that articles for the STM needed to be submitted by September 21st. The committee will meet twice before STM, at 7 p.m. on September 29 and October 6.

Mr. Roderiques said it was likely that BPW will bring an article to STM for additional anaerobic digester funding, although funding may come from the sewer retained earnings account and not the general levy fund. He said that the Town's free cash had not yet been certified and admonished that the budget year was a tight one.

"You're going to need to hold on to as many pennies as you can till next spring," Mr. Roderiques said.

Finance Director John Nunes said that the new growth had not yet been certified, either.

Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch enumerated several possible articles that were likely to be brought forward, including an adjustment to the Community Preservation Act funds for Fairhaven High School renovations. The money is in the CPA account. The Housing Authority is also requesting \$6500 under the CPA.

The Social Day Care program of the Council on Aging will request an adjustment of \$12,000 for health insurance for one of their employees. The money is generated through their programs and will not come from the general levy fund.

Mr. Osuch also said that there may be an article for the Tree Warden and the Emergency Management Agency as discussed at the 9/13 Selectboard meeting. Mr. Roderiques spoke to EMA director Mark Jodoin about the need for funding utilities for the old COA building on Sconticut Neck Road. Since it will be establishing a new budget, Town Meeting must vote on a budget first. Mr. Roderiques reminded everyone that FinCom does not establish budgets.

FinCom then turned to the article for the proposed new elementary

school. Mr. Roderiques said that any borrowing has to be voted by Town Meeting, and then whole town will need to vote for a debt exclusion.

Member Jennifer Bishop asked if the amount borrowed included the cost for repairs to Oxford and Rogers School. Mr. Roderiques said that the only consideration is whether the Town wants to build a new elementary school and consolidate the Rogers and Wood schools.

New member Lisa Schroeder asked if the borrowing amount includes relocation costs incurred during construction, and, if FY13 were to be a lean year, where the money would come from. Mr. Roderiques said that the figure was all-inclusive. Mr. Osuch said that the relocation costs should be available from the project manager next week.

Member Kim Hyland stated that the majority of FinCom opposed the new school. Member Theresa Szala

to Mr. Roderiques.

Ms. Szala returned to the issue of Rogers and Oxford schools.

"Could we ask the School Committee to sell Oxford and Rogers?" she asked.

Mr. Roderiques said that they could surplus but not sell the schools. FinCom Secretary Edward "Ted" Silva said that at the SC meeting on 9/14, members discussed the committee formed to give input on the disposal of Oxford and Rogers schools.

Ms. Bishop said that even if the schools are surplus, they still present a cost to the Town.

"In my precinct, it matters to people what happens to that building," Ms. Bishop said.

The FinCom again returned to issues of enrollment and the Town's ability to maintain three elementary schools. Ms. Szala asked whether there was a saving when Oxford closed. Mr. Roderiques said there was an offset to school district increases the following year.

"You're looking at the last best chance to get 63 cents on the dollar," said Mr. Roderiques. He urged every voter to go to the polls November 2, 2011 to vote on the school.

"I know a lot of people in my precinct that are out of work," said FinCom member Kathleen Carter. "And any increase in taxes is going to get voted down."

"The issue of whether people can afford it or not is in their own hands," said Mr. Roderiques.

Mr. Quinton asked what percentage is needed to pass the debt exclusion. Mr. Roderiques said it was 50.1% at a general election — a simple majority of votes cast.

Member Antonio D. deNardis asked that the paperwork be available well in advance of the first meeting. Mr. Roderiques asked Mr. Osuch that the articles be emailed prior to the 9/29 meeting.

In other business, the FinCom took no action on the Fire Chief's request for a \$502.49 reserve fund transfer to pay for costs associated with running the emergency operations center during Tropical Storm Irene. The Fire Department's budget currently has \$52,877.65 in it and Mr. Roderiques said the request was premature. ●●●

The issue of whether people can afford it or not is in their own hands

[John Roderiques]

said that since the Town can't raise taxes over 2½%, what percentage of Town taxes will go to the new school.

Mr. Roderiques said that because the amount is over and above a 2½% increase, the borrowing will require a vote on the debt exclusion. Mr. Osuch explained that for an average tax bill of \$2,700, the effect of borrowing \$10 million will increase the tax by \$100 per household.

Mr. Roderiques pointed out that debt exclusion taxes exist only during the period of debt, then end. Also, the bond language will require that the bond be for a specific purpose and can not be increased.

"I cannot see any reason why we would not yield to the will of the electorate," said Mr. Roderiques.

Member Ron Quinton asked how many debt exclusions existed now, and when they drop off. The Town had two existing debt exclusions and they would sunset in 2017, according

Cash reward for graffiti vandals

Fairhaven Police Dept. Press Release

The Town of Fairhaven has experienced a rash of graffiti incidents throughout the past month. Private and town property throughout Fairhaven has been tagged with spray paint.

The people responsible have been spray painting the words "LOOK" and "KASH" on walls and trash dumpsters throughout Fairhaven. Parts of Fort Phoenix have also been tagged with similar styles of graffiti. A trash compactor behind Shaw's supermarket was tagged in addition to the rear of Benny's and Olympia Sports.

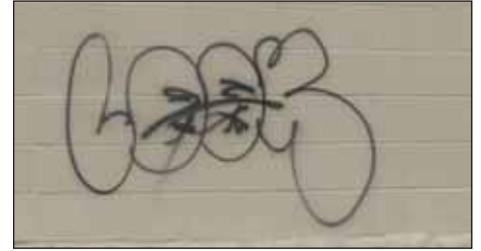
The Fairhaven Police Department is asking for the public's help in identifying those responsible for the tagging. A cash reward is being offered

to anyone who provides information leading to the arrest of the vandals.

The Bristol County Sheriffs Department Graffiti Removal Unit has agreed to remove the graffiti. Under Mass. law, the crime of defacing

property is a felony. The Fairhaven PD fully intends to arrest those responsible and prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law.

Anyone with information is asked to call Detectives at 508-997-7421.



Fairhaven police have announced a cash reward for information leading to the arrest of the individuals vandalizing property with graffiti. Anyone with information on who is responsible for the above graffiti or any others like it around town, should call Fairhaven Detectives at 508-997-7421. *Fairhaven Police photos.*

Fairhaven trio arrested in break-ins

Fairhaven Police Dept. Press Release

The Town of Fairhaven has experienced numerous residential and commercial breaks throughout the past month. There have been ten reported breaks throughout town. During the breaks, perpetrators have stolen cash, jewelry and assorted electronics. Fairhaven Police Detectives have arrested three suspects; however, they believe there are still several other suspects who remain at large.

Last week, Fairhaven Police Detectives arrested three Fairhaven residents, identified as 20-year-old Joshua Audette of 28 Winsor Street, 19-year-old Adam Shervo of 274 Scoticut Neck Road, and 19-year-old Aaron Rose of 6 McKensie Lane.

The three arrests have led to the

clearance of five of the ten breaks. The locations of the breaks these suspects are accused of committing include the car vacuum machines at the All-Pro Car Wash on Alden Road, Scuttlebutts on Main Street, and three residences.

While in custody, the suspects stated they target businesses and residences that offer easy access, such as open windows and unsecured doors. They also admitted that time of day was not a factor when deciding to commit a break and that opportunity was their only motivation.

Rose, Audette and Shervo have cashed in the stolen items at various pawn shops, and by selling them on the street. Police are advising everyone to be cautious when securing their businesses and residences and to be extra vigilant of suspicious people within their neighborhoods.●●●



L-R: Joshua Audette, Aaron Rose and Adam Shervo, all of Fairhaven, have been charged in a series of break-ins in Fairhaven. According to police, the trio admitted to breaking into businesses and residences and stealing cash, jewelry and electronics. *Fairhaven Police photos.*

Two Fairhaven men arrested in break-in

Fairhaven Police Dept. Press Release

Two Fairhaven residents were arrested for burglary by the Fairhaven Police Department and members of the Bristol County Sheriffs Department South Coast Anti Crime Task Force. The first arrest occurred Saturday, 9/17, when 19-year-old Christian Andrade of 28 Spring Street was taken into custody by Fairhaven Police and charged with larceny from a building and breaking and entering in the daytime with intent to commit a felony.

The second arrest occurred on Monday, 9/19, when 20-year-old Marcus Barros, also of 28 Spring Street, was taken into custody by Fairhaven Detectives and Agents from

the Bristol County Sheriff's Department Task Force. Barros was charged with the same crimes as Andrade.

Barros and Andrade are accused of breaking into a Fairhaven residence and stealing jewelry and assorted electronics. The total value of the property they are accused of stealing is over \$1800. With the exception of two thumb drives, all of the stolen property has been recovered and returned to the rightful owners.

The arrests of Barros and Andrade increases the total of those arrested for committing breaks in Fairhaven to five. Last week, Adam Shervo, Joshua Audette and Aaron Rose were arrested and charged with numerous breaks throughout Fairhaven. Police



L-R: Christian Andrade and Marcus Barros have been charged with larceny and Breaking & Entering for allegedly stealing jewelry & electronics. *Police photos.*

encourage the public to properly secure their houses and vehicles and to report any suspicious people and activity to 508-997-7421.

There is no evidence to suggest that these two suspects were working with the three from last week.

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