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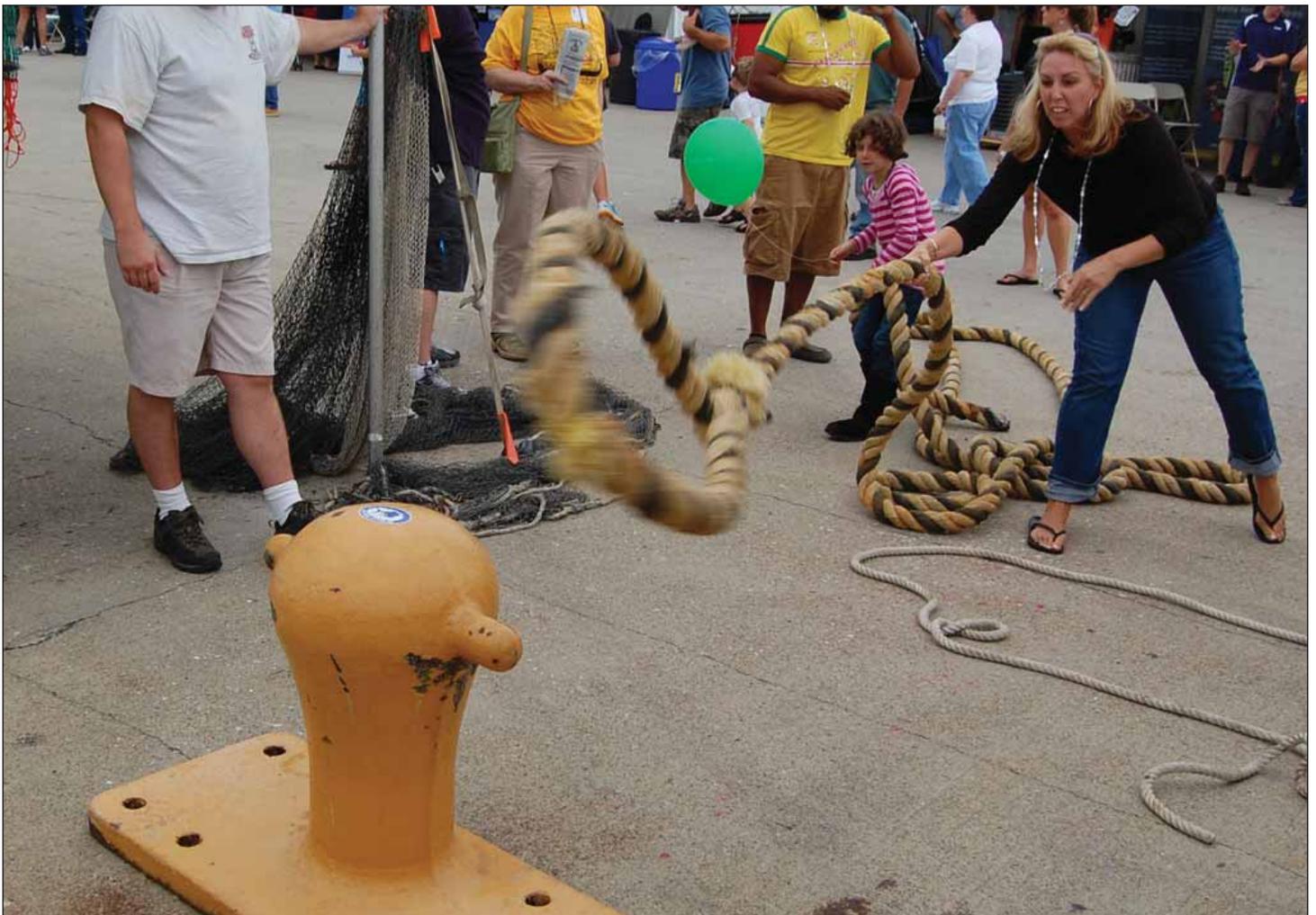


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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Festival draws crowds to the waterfront



Rebecca Collins tries her hand at the hawser toss on Steamship Pier at the Working Waterfront Festival on Sunday, 9/25. The festival was held on Saturday and Sunday on the working piers of New Bedford. Activities included contests, educational exhibits, performances, and tours of working fishing vessels. See page 16 for story. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Find us on Facebook for more photos of this and other events.

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

What fun we had this weekend! I LOVE the Working Waterfront Festival. Being a seasick person, I know it's the closest I'll ever get to deep water. What fun it is to climb all over scallopers and draggers and inside holds and pilot houses and all kinds of other places that we normally wouldn't get to see.

Did I mention that they had ice cream, too? Yummy.

If you missed it this year, I hope it wasn't because you let the weather forecasts scare you away. The weather was perfect for it. I wrote a little story on page 16, but the real fun on this one is in the pictures. Be sure to visit us on Facebook for hundreds of photos.

The festival showcases New Bedford's working fishing fleet in ways that no one ever thought possible. It's a fun time for the whole family. And, unless you want to eat or buy stuff from vendors, it's all free. All the exhibits are free, the kids' activities are free. Even the whaleboat rowing is free. So if you missed it, be sure to put it on your calendar for next year. It's the fourth full weekend in September.

This upcoming weekend is the Manjiro Festival in Fairhaven. This is fun event that is centered around one of Fairhaven's points of pride: the life of Manjiro Nakahama, who was the first Japanese person to live in the US, right here in little Fairhaven. And it was all because of a whaling captain, William Whitfield, which gets us right back to that New Bedford waterfront, doesn't it?

This year, Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara is celebrating his 100th birthday. Maybe you'll recall two years ago, just after he practically single-handedly save the house that Manjiro live in in Fairhaven, Dr. Hinohara said he would be back for his 100th birthday. And now it's here. See page 3 for details on this festival.

We have lots of meeting coverage for you this week. See page 4 for Selectboard, page 24 for Conservation Commission, page 12 for School Committee.

Speaking of School Committee, the Mass. School Building Authority was supposed to make its official acceptance of Fairhaven's school building plan just before press time.

Alas, your esteemed editor got busy and didn't make the calls to find out if it really happened. I have every reason to believe it did, though. I'm sure we'll find out about it the minute it's too late to include it in this week's issue.

Ah well.

Meanwhile, the special Town Meeting to vote on the project is set and so is the special town election.

We'll be writing and hearing more about this in the next few weeks, to be sure.

Meanwhile, be sure to notice who our advertisers are and tell them you saw their ads in the Neighb News.

Until next week then.

See ya,

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CORRECTIONS

In our article last week about the lobsterer, Raymond DeRego, trying to sell his permit, we mistakenly said that Robert "Hoppy" Hobson currently holds a conch permit. Mr. Hobson sold his permit before the moratorium was instituted. We apologize for any confusion our error caused.

Manjiro Fest offers varied entertainment options this Saturday

The 13th John Manjiro Festival will take place this **Saturday, October 1 from 10 a.m to 4 p.m., in the center of Fairhaven, Center and Walnut Streets, in front of Town Hall.**

This Japanese-American festival commemorates Manjiro Nakahama, the first Japanese person to live in America and the town's Sister City connection with Tosashimizu, Japan.

Arts and crafts, food, entertainment, Taiko drumming, tea ceremony, tours of the Manjiro Trail and more. Sponsored by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society. Free.

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.

All sponsored by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society. For more information or tickets to the dinner, contact Gerry Rooney at 508-995-1219 or e-mail at Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org

Young Manjiro was 14 years old

and from a poor fishing village when he was shipwrecked with four others on an island in the Pacific. He was found in 1841 by Captain William Whitfield of the whaleship The John Howland. Manjiro's four companions stayed in Hawaii, but he returned with the captain to Fairhaven on May 7, 1843, becoming the first Japanese person to live in the United States.

Manjiro became educated in Fairhaven, learning advanced navigation skills, higher level math and surveying.

Japan was a closed society in the 1840s; anyone who left faced execution upon his return. But return he did, because he missed his mother. Manjiro became instrumental in opening Japan to the west and earned a last name: Nakahama.

His home village, Tosashimizu, enjoys a sister-city relationship with Fairhaven-New Bedford.

The Nakahama and Whitfield families have continued their friendship, even during World War II.

Visit the festival and the Millicent Library in Fairhaven to learn more about Manjiro Nakahama and th

Whitfield family. The festival is held on alternating years in Fairhaven and Tosashimizu.

At the Millicent

The Millicent Library is pleased to announce that Margi Preus, author of the Newbery Honor book about the life of Fairhaven's own Manjiro, *Heart of a Samurai*, will be visiting Fairhaven for the Manjiro Festival on **October. 1. Ms. Preus will give a talk at 10:30 a.m.** in the Rogers Room and will be available to sign her books.

Margi Preus is the author of several books for children, including the 2011 Newbery Honor winning *Heart of a Samurai*, also a recipient of the 2011 Asian Pacific American Award for Children's Literature, among other honors.

Margi has also written hundreds of comedy sketches, a couple of comic operas, and dozens of plays for young people.

The Millicent Library is wheelchair accessible and will be open from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. for the Manjiro Festival.

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Selectboard, Planning honor Raymond Fleurent posthumously

by Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard and Planning Board both honored long-time Planning Board member Raymond Fleurent at the Selectboard meeting on Tuesday, 9/27.

Previous planning board members joined current members at the Selectboard meeting to present a plaque to Mr. Fleurent's family and to present a proclamation outlining his many contributions to the town.

Mr. Fleurent's daughter, Kathy Tripp, accepted the plaque from current Planning Board chairperson Wayne Hayward. Mr. Fleurent was a planning board member for 48 years, 36 of them as chair. He died this past May at the age of 80.

Selectboard chairperson Michael Silvia read a proclamation from the board that stated Mr. Fleurent's volunteerism made Fairhaven a better place.

Mr. Hayward said that Mr. Fleurent was not just a board member.

"He came to every meeting. He was always there," said Mr. Hayward. "I have a lot of memories."

He said over the years, he learned to appreciate that Mr. Fleurent knew so much even though he "wasn't a computer guy."

"He had it all in his head," said Mr. Hayward. "That's a valued resource that now we don't have. I'm going to miss him. Planning Board meetings will never be the same without him."

"He loved the Planning Board," said Ms. Tripp. "He loved coming to meetings."

She said growing up, it was just a given: Tuesday night was planning board night.

Former planning board member Channing Hayward said he started on the board with Mr. Fleurent for 36 years.

"I nominated him for chairman most of those years," said Chan. "He was a good chairman."

Mr. Fleurent's nephew Rene Fleurent is a current planning board member and said he knew how much his uncle loved the board and how important it was to him. He said he talked to his uncle about running for his old seat when the elder Mr. Fleurent retired just this year.

Rene said he could feel his uncle watching him sometimes.

"I can still hear him speaking in my

ear sometimes," he said.

"I served 41 years with him," said an emotional Al Borges. "I'm gonna miss him."

"He was the dean of public service in Fairhaven," said Selectboard member Brian Bowcock. "If it was something that needed to be done, Ray was there to do it."

He said Fairhaven is a better place because of Mr. Fleurent.

"He truly loved the town," said Selectboard member Charles Murphy. He stressed that it is all volunteer work and that Mr. Fleurent was also involved in other volunteer organizations.

"I'd like to thank the family for sharing Ray with us," said Selectboard chair Michael Silvia. "He was a great family man."

He said it was difficult to get people to become involved in town politics because of the time

He loved the Planning Board. He loved coming to meetings
[Kathy Tripp]

commitment.

In another matter Director of Planning and Economic Development, William Roth, appeared before the board to discuss the strategy for this year's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

He said the work from last year's grant is almost completed and included improvements from Huttleston Avenue to Washington Street on Bridge, Middle, Main, Green and Water Streets.

The area is also the target for this year's CDBG.

The last grant focused on infrastructure and housing rehabilitation. This time around, Mr. Roth is looking at focusing on the block of Main Street between Bridge Street and Huttleston Avenue, Elliot Street. The program allows spending in other areas.

"The question is should we continue the housing rehabilitation program," said Mr. Roth.

There are still several neighborhood meetings and public hearings scheduled to allow the public to contribute to the discussion.

Dr. Bowcock said the project "dovetails" with the state's work on Route 6.

"When it's done, the area will have pretty new infrastructure above and below the surface," he said.

Part of the work included installing a culvert beneath the old Park Motors property on Main and Middle Streets., which should improve drainage issues in the neighborhood.

Mr. Roth also asked the board to approve a change order for work to be done at Union Wharf.

Town Meeting approved \$100,000 to figure out how to shore up the building, which is decaying and is built partially over the water.

Mr. Roth said the advice of those who looked at the building said shoring it up is only a temporary fix, but will still be expensive.

He is suggesting that a design for a platform be created and submitted to the state for permits from Chapter 91 funds. A building could later be built on the platform.

He said the building is not stable enough to be moved to repair the pilings and no funds are available to build a new structure. Getting the platform permitting in place will allow the town the flexibility of building later. Mr. Roth said plans for the site could include a gangway with a closed system on the north side for a permanent place for the Harbor-master boats, and shoreside power for boats.

The board approved the change order for \$50,950, which brings the total to \$94,900, which is within the \$100,000 set by town meeting.

The board also discussed briefly the main article for the special Town Meeting on Oct. 25. Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch told the board that the Mass. School Building Authority was scheduled to announce its final approval of the school building project on Wednesday, 9/28. The special TM is required to approve the expenditure and proposition 2 1/2 override to borrow the \$9.66 million needed to build the new school. Voters will also have to approve the measure in a statewide

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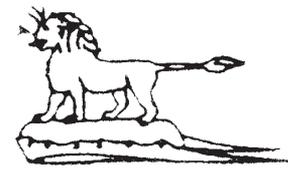
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Manjiro Festival

This Saturday. See page 3.

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

Antiques Appraisal Day

Want to know if your old items are worth hundreds or thousands of dollars? Now you can find out during the Fairhaven Antique Appraisal Day.

This Sun., Oct. 2, from 1-4 p.m.

Take your items to the Fairhaven Business Association (FBA) booth located at the Fairhaven Farmer's Market. Appraisal by an antique specialist is \$5 per item paid at the event.* Sponsored by the FBA.

*Appraisals are not obligations or guarantees by the FBA or Farmer's Market.

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.

FUN! PRIZES! Bring the whole family! \$5/Family.

For tickets or information on being a sponsor please call Charlie Murphy, IPDG at 774-930-5226 or 508-992-5978

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!!

At the Unitarian

The following events are being held at the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven.

Accessible. Call 508-992-7081, or visit www.uufairhaven.org.

Spiritual Explorers

Tuesdays, October 4 and 18 at 7 pm in the Harrop Center. In October, the Explorers will consider the thoughts of Thich Nhat Hanh in his book "Peace Is Every Step". Participants are asked to get this book — \$3.12 used on Amazon, or a library copy. For more information, contact Rev. Ann Fox at RevAnnFox@aol.com. All are welcome.

Bible Study

Tuesdays at 10:30, Oct. 4, 11, 18, and 25. We are into our third year of Bible study. Participants have found that although they thought they knew the Bible, they are now looking at it with a more mature and thoughtful perspective. We will begin this church year with the Book of Acts and the Letters of Paul, guided by video tapes of theologian Bart Ehrman. For more information, contact Rev. Ann Fox at RevAnnFox@aol.com. All are welcome.

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.

Interested residents should submit letters to the Selectmen's Office at the Town Hall. **Letters are due no later than Sept. 30.** Participants will be contacted in early October for an organizational meeting.

Essay Contest

Bill of Rights

U.S. high school students and their teachers are invited to participate in the Bill of Rights Institute's sixth annual Being an American Essay Contest.

The largest contest of its kind in the country, the Being an American Essay Contest explores the Founding principles outlined in the Constitution. The contest is administered by the Bill of Rights Institute, a non-profit educational organization in the Washington, D.C. area devoted to educating young people about the Constitution and Founding prin-

ciples. The 2011-2012 contest is sponsored by the History Channel.

Specifically, students are asked to share their thoughts on the Constitution by answering the following question: "How does the Constitution establish and maintain a culture of liberty?"

The top three student winners from each of the five geographical regions will be awarded cash prizes of \$1,000 (First Place), \$500 (Second Place), and \$250 (Third Place).

For contest details, visit www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest

Lexy's Journey F-R

Bike Run & Tent Party

A Tent Party and Bike Run will be held on the grounds of the Ice Chest Bar & Grille on Sunday, October, 9 to benefit Lexy's Journey.

Alexis Morel is currently a patient at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. In May of 2010 she was diagnosed and treated for Osteosarcoma, which is a form of bone cancer. As a result of the disease, Alexis's left lower leg, below the knee was amputated.

An energetic, athletic 14-year-old Alexis continues to fight through her journey, and we ask for your support.

The party will be held under a 5,000 square foot tent where a full stage will host multiple bands throughout the day.

This year's bands donating their services include The Neal McCarthy Problem, Johnny Barnes & The Nightcrawlers, The Relics, Johnny Edwards Power of Soul and Shipyard Wreck. Food is included in the ticket price and there will be a full Cash Bar under the tent. There will be vendors, raffles & displays.

The party kicks off as hundreds of thundering bikes depart in formation. The Bike Run will leave from the Ice Chest at noon with police escort. Registration for the run starts at 10:30. The ride will travel through several local towns on a scenic tour and return to the Ice Chest for the festivities.

A motorcycle however is not required to attend the party. Everyone is welcome. A donation of \$25.00 per person is requested with all proceeds going to Lexy's Journey.

For more info call 508-992-2337, or email: icechest@verizon.net

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, Oct. 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.

Open Studios

For the seventh consecutive year, artists across New Bedford will throw open to the public their studio doors. During the annual event, visitors can meet some of the areas most gifted artists in their workspaces, learn about the creative process, and purchase artwork. **New Bedford Open Studios will take place Sat. and Sun., Oct. 1 & 2, from 11:00AM to 5:00PM.**

A preview exhibition, featuring one piece from participating artists, will take place at the New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant St., New Bedford, on Friday, September 30, 2011, from 6:00PM-8:00PM. The exhibition will remain up through January 2012.

The Museum will also be ground zero for the event, where Open Studio tour-goers can get free maps for a self-guided tour, or board the shuttle for a Studio Muse guided tour. Pre-registration is recommended, due to limited capacity. The cost for the guided tours is \$15/person in advance or \$20 day-of. Free trolley service will also be available from that location.

For more information, visit newbedfordopenstudios.org or email nbopenstudios@gmail.com. New Bedford Open Studios is a non-for-profit organization, with a central office at 1213 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740; 508-991-3122 ext. 113.

Women's Fund

On Wednesday, October 5th from 5:30 - 7:00 PM the Women's Fund will host a community conversation at the Coalition for Buzzards Bay building, 4th floor, 114 Front Street, NB, to invite interested individuals to

learn more about the work of the Women's Fund. Accessible.

The Fund believes that all women and girls, regardless of their education, ethnicity, socio-economic status or sexual orientation deserve equal access to all of the opportunities, benefits and responsibilities of our society. Primarily a volunteer driven organization, the Women's Fund hopes to engage like-minded women and men in this important work.

The Women's Fund is a special fund of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts with a mission to fund programs that promote the education and economic advancement of women and girls in Southeastern Massachusetts. To this end, the Women's Fund has granted over \$700,000 since 2005 to local non-profits that are dedicated to supporting the social, economic, and academic needs of women and girls in our region.

For more information or to RSVP for the event please call Jeannette Doyle at 508-717-0283 or email jdoyle@cfsema.org.

At Your Theatre

"The Lepers of Penikese," a new play by New Bedford Resident Ray Veary, will inaugurate Your Theatre, Inc.'s 65th Season New Works Staged Reading Series. This is a program supported in part by a grant from the New Bedford, Fairhaven and Dartmouth Cultural Councils, local agencies supported by the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency.

Directed by YTI's Edward J. Maguire of Fairhaven, the play runs **Friday and Saturday October 7 & 8 with a matinee Sunday, October 9. Curtain time is 8 PM for all shows except the 2:30 p.m. Sun. matinee.**

"The Lepers Of Penikese" focuses on Penikese Island and the lepers' treatment facility there from 1905 - 1921. The story of that multi-ethnic community is seen through the eyes of Archie Thomas, a bright, 17-year-old high school student from Upton, Massachusetts, who, when diagnosed with leprosy, is quarantined and told he must be sent to Penikese. His widowed mother, having no other family, demands that she be permitted to go with him.

Archie, both character and narrator, builds and operates his own

wireless telegraph, linking this small group of leprosy patients to the outside world.

For non-subscribers, tickets are \$10.00. A single \$2.00 discount for each show is available to anyone who presents proof of membership in Mass. Teacher Association, New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, or Southcoast Health System's Employee Advantage Program. Discounts available for senior citizens, students, and military personnel

For more information or to make reservations call the theatre at (508)993-0772 or E-Mail your request to: ytinc@verizon.net

The Staged Readings Series is one of the programs offered by YTI's Playwrights' Original Works Service (POWS) which was established to encourage and assist authors in the creation of new works for the stage.

Headed by Edward J. Maguire, the service is open to those interested in developing and testing their ability to write one-act or full length plays. Further information about the program may be found on line at www.yourtheatre.org calling YTI e mail to pows1@verizon.net

Concert

The Pilgrim Women's Club presents the **Harpoon Harmonizers in concert October 8 at 8 p.m.** Sandra Morgan is the Director. Donation \$10.00 and children under 12 are free. Pilgrim United Church of Christ., 635 Purchase St., Downtown New Bedford. Accessible. Tickets available at the door. Visit www.puccnb.org or call 508-997-9086.

Save the Date

The Greater New Bedford Track Club is excited to announce the running of its premiere road race - the 33rd Annual Spooner 10K Run and Spooky 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, October 30, at 9 a.m. at Buttonwood Park in New Bedford.

If registered by October 10, the registration fee for 10K and 5K participants is \$20 each. The registration fee from October 11th to race day will be \$25 each

We are still looking for sponsors, donations, and gift certificates to award as prizes to the participants. If you'd like to help please email SpookySpooner@rungnbtc.com

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

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

Women's Breakfast

Fourth annual women's leadership breakfast, Thursday, Oct. 13, 8:30-10 a.m., Woodland Commons, UMass Dartmouth. By the Women's Fund. Educate a woman, strengthen the community; stories of women transforming their lives.

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The American Lung Association's 27th annual Autumn Escape Bike Trek. Over 200 cyclists have already registered to tackle the 3-day, 160 mile challenge. More than 25 teams

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Friday, September 30, to Sunday, October 2. Cyclists take off between 8-9 AM each morning, finishing between 1-3PM. **Start Line, Fri.:** Hilton Garden Inn, Four Home Depot Drive, Plymouth, 508-830-0200. **Sat. Start Line:** Camp Burgess and Hayward, 75 Stowe Road, Sandwich. **Sunday Start Line:** Cape Cod Sea Camps, 3057 Main Street, Brewster. **Finish Line:** Provincetown VFW, 3 Jerome Smith Road, Provincetown

For over 100 years, the American Lung Association has been at the forefront in the Fight for Air. All proceeds from the Trek benefit lung disease research, prevention and treatment in Mass: www.lungne.org

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Used Sports Equipment Sale: Skates, cleats, and lacross gear...it can all get pretty expensive, especially for families with more than one child. The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library are making it possible to purchase some nearly new gear for bargain prices at their **Used Sports Equipment Sale to be held at Center School, 17 Barstow Street, on Saturday, October 1 from 11 am to 1 pm.** Donors of equipment and members of the Friends can shop from 10 to 11 am. **Donations** of gently used skates, soccer equipment, lacrosse gear, skis, roller blades, baseball equipment and much more are **welcome on Friday, September 30 from 4 to 7 pm at the Center School gym.** So, turn in your stuff and come back the next day to shop for what you need for the year. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library.

ABWA meeting

Please join the members of the Southcoast Express Network of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) at their next monthly meeting on **Wed., Oct. 5, at the Country Club of New Bedford, 585 Slocum Rd., Dartmouth. Accessible.**

The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. and includes time for networking and dinner. The cost is \$25 per person.

The October speaker is Jackie Bell of "Natural Bell" and "The Women in You," and is best known for her pioneering work in Holistic Breast

Health. Since 2003, she has been lecturing on the concepts of Natural Integrative Medicine, the application of those concepts to breast health, and the use of European Thermography as an FDA-approved holistic breast health screen.

The Southcoast Express Network is a non-profit group of women from diverse occupations and stages in their professional careers. As a member of the Network you enjoy an associate membership to the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, network with local businesspeople, be a spotlight speaker, which is the opportunity to speak about you and your business at a monthly meeting and share your pamphlets and business information.

For info, contact Susan Moulton, VP of Communications, at 508-591-0814 or suem1011@aol.com.

Used Book Sale

At the Mattapoisett Library, 7 Barstow Street. Accessible. The next Friends Used Book Sale will be held **Saturday, Oct. 8 from 10 am to 1 pm** in the library's downstairs meeting room. Hundreds of books for children, young adults and adults are available for purchase at bargain prices. Donations are accepted in the library every day. The proceeds will benefit the work of the Friends, who appreciate your support.

Author event

On Thursday, October 6 at 7:00 PM, Donald Cann and John Galluzzo will visit Baker Books to read from and sign copies of, *Coast Guard in Mass*, 69 State Rd. in North Dartmouth. Visit www.bakerbooks.net or call 508-997-6700. Accessible.

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- 1 beef roast, 4 lbs (for 6 servings)
 - boneless rump, sirloin tip, or cross-rib chuck, tied
- 2 cups apple cider
- 2/3 cup salad oil
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 cup onion (1 med), chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, unpeeled, smashed, but not completely crushed
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 tsp. each: salt, thyme, whole allspice, dry mustard
- 1/2 tbsp. pepper
- 2 tbsp. cornstarch

Make about 2 dozen slits in the meat on the outside, 1 inch deep; place in glass or plastic bowl.

Combine apple cider, oil, lemon juice, onion, garlic, bay leaf, salt, thyme, allspice, mustard and pepper. Pour over meat. Cover, marinate in refrigerator for 4 hours or more.

Remove roast from marinade. Place on roasting pan. Insert meat thermometer so it reaches the thickest part. Roast at 300°F until thermometer reaches 140°F, about 2 hours for rare meat (meat continues to cook after it is out of the oven). Remove onto warm platter.

Strain marinade. Skim fat from roasting pan. Add marinade to the drippings, reserving 2 to 3 tbsps of marinade liquid to mix with cornstarch. Stir cornstarch into boiling liquid. Cook until thickened. Glaze roast with the sauce.

Cut into very thin slices to serve.

For 10 servings: 1.5 times the ingredients

Good served with potato casserole, glazed carrots, green salad, bread.

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A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neighbor News

Fairhaven High Football

Fairhaven High School Football team got their first victory of the season with a 20-09 win over NB Voke. Christian Braga passed for two touchdowns and ran for another. Kobie Edwards and Conner Flynn caught TD passes for the Blues. Outstanding on defense were Ed Ruel, Ryan Cabral, Branden Lincoln and Jordon Mendes.

FHS Volleyball

Coach Karen Arsenault's Lady Blues rolled over New Bedford High, 3-0. It was first win for Fairhaven over NB since 2007. The K sisters led the charge, Kayli Moniz, Kelsey Perron Sovik, Kay Mullen, and the amazing Kara Charette. Outstanding also was freshman Katie Leidhold.

On Friday, the Lady Blues zapped Apponequet 3-0. Kelsey Perron Sovik had perfect performance at the service line, scoring 17 straight points with six aces. Kayli Moniz was chosen ST Player of the Week.

FHS vs. Seekonk on Monday, rolled to their seventh win, 3-0.

Kathryn Olsen leads Emmanuel College

Kat Olsen is having a super season for the Saints volleyball team. The former Fairhaven High star senior Capt. Kat led the Saints to 3-0 win over Norwich with 21 digs & 22 assists.

UMassD Field Hockey

UMD Lost a heartbreaker 3-2 to Western Conn. Fairhaven's Eleanor Taylor scored both goals for UMD.

Prose on Pros

Sox falling apart
If the Sox make wildcard they can thank the New York Yankees for

beating down the Tampa Bays last Wednesday. My assistant and I took in the games at Yankee Stadium; Bronx Bombers were super.

We took the Milford, CT, commuter train into New York which was very convenient. At the stadium: \$5 for water, \$6.50 for Nathan's Hot Dog!?!? They wanted \$35.00 for Rivera Record Save T shirt. No way. We got hats and t's outside reasonably, sans "New York, New York" all the way to train stations, as Yanks locked up the 16th post season in 17 years.

Sox manager Francona chewed on bubble gum and two bags of pumpkin seeds. Maybe he should have gotten Pedro back, he was ready in DR.

Sunday, Sox beat Yanks in 14 innings. Ellsworth was super, three homers. Big games in Baltimore, Mon-Wed., for Sox. Should slide in wildcard. On Mon., Beckett got beat 6-3. Sox-Rays now tied for wildcard. Go Sox.

Pats lose to Bills

Pats were buffaloed by Bills and Harvard QB Fitzpatrick. New England defense still weak. Brady a little off; four interceptions. How about making Fat Albert tight end?

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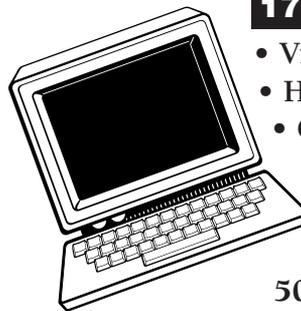
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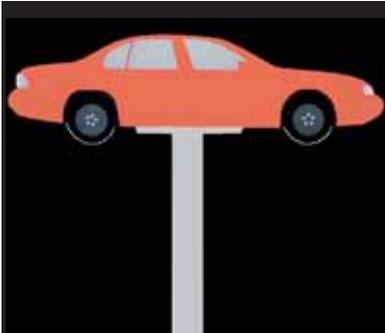
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School Committee gets update on new school proposal

By Joyce Rowley

Neighb News Correspondent

The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) has accepted the final packet submitted by the Fairhaven school district and is moving towards approving the schematic plans on September 28, according to Fairhaven Schools Superintendent Robert N. Baldwin.

With that date established, the Selectboard set a Special Town Meeting date for 7 p.m., October 25, to approve building a new model school at the Wood School site.

The board also set a general election on November 2 for voters to approve a debt exclusion, which would exclude the debt from the 2 1/2 percent cap on property tax levy increases.

At the 9/14 School Committee meeting, Dr. Baldwin told members that the final budget for the new school has been set, with a 63.05% reimbursement rate from the MSBA.

In a follow-up interview, Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch said the final maximum approved cost is \$24,655,239, with \$14,992,503 reimbursed, leaving a maximum cost to taxpayers at \$9,662,736. The discrepancy is due to some costs not being reimbursable.

Dr. Baldwin told the SC that he was willing to go wherever needed to discuss and promote the new school.

"It's time to do our job and do it well," Dr. Baldwin said.

SC Chairperson Pamela Kuechler said that architect renditions of the proposed school are online on the School Building Committee website, and full plans are available at all three elementary schools.*

Vice-chairperson Louis Kruger noted that it was the School Building Committee's responsibility to build the school, and that the SC plays a supportive role. Member Brian Monroe said that he heartily endorsed the new school, and although they are an advisory committee to the SBC, there was leeway as far as the SC promoting the schematic plan. He noted that the new school is in the School District Building Plan.

Dr. Baldwin told the committee that the district has begun working on a relocation plan for students in the event the new school is approved.

Ms. Kuechler also told the board that only one person had requested membership on the committee for the

disposition of Oxford and Rogers schools.

"I am astounded," said SC member David. Gonsalves. "After all the talk about Rogers School, and [people] have a chance to participate, and we had only one response."

The Selectboard is accepting letters of interest until September 30.

In other business, the SC received a report by Catherine Cooper, Executive Director of Southeastern Mass. Educational Collaborative (SMEC) on the State Auditor's unfavorable report.

Ms. Cooper said that the SMEC was lumped in with several other collaboratives. Of the four issues identified by the State Auditor, Susan Bump, only one fell into an area that required action, Ms. Cooper said.

The first was whether the adult services program staff should be eligible for the State retirement

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system since their clients were over 22 years old. However, SMEC is a 100% public collaborative unlike the others, and so their employees were eligible. Ms. Cooper also noted that the School District does not fund any of the Adult Services.

The second issue was whether SMEC should file a UFR report on State funding. Due to a rule change, SMEC will now have to file the reports. They did in 2010 FY2010 and are working on FY2011.

The report also claimed that "hundreds of thousands of dollars were not accounted for," a claim that Ms. Cooper said was inaccurate. In reality, SMEC's books show the administrative portion of grant funding as revenue and not an expenditure.

"When the Auditor was on site we were praised for our policies and procedures. Every bill, every receipt, every check was presented to them,"

said Ms. Cooper. Unfortunately, those comments did not make it into the report.

The fourth error cited in the report was in billing to the Department of Developmental Services. She said the SMEC billed according to the department's requirements, and got cited for it.

Both Mr. Monroe, the current SMEC liaison, and Ms. Kuechler, the past liaison, commended Ms. Cooper for her work.

In other reports, the SC heard from Rogers School principal Wendy Williams on the revisions to Kindergarten through Grade 6 English Language Arts (ELA). After a year of input from teachers and coaches, the School District has a smoother curriculum that is vertically aligned and based on the December 2010 Mass. core curriculum. Ms. Williams hopes to revise K through 6 math next.

The SC approved several modifications to the school calendar. The first was to allow a "storm day" for professional staff who started one day late due to tropical storm Irene. The day will be made up by staff on October 7.

The second set of changes was the need for two half-days for parent-student conferences. Dr. Baldwin proposed a pilot program for using the Monday and Tuesday on Thanksgiving week to perform parent-teacher conferences. The SC agreed, but was concerned that the educational curriculum be maintained. At least one member asked if 20-minute slots would be long enough.

Dr. Baldwin suggested trying it for a year.

A second pilot project will change the schedule for half days at the high school. Given that high school students need more sleep, Dr. Baldwin proposed changing the start time of half days to 10:15 a.m. After much discussion about how exactly that would work, the SC agreed to try it for the October 7 half day.

The SC also voted 5-0, with member Bernard Roderick absent, to approve FHS student travel to Annapolis, MD; to accept a flag pole donated to HMS from Richard de Mello; and to surplus a 1999 service box truck in trade for a new Ford Econovan.

*The SBC website can be accessed from a link on the School Committee's website at www.Fairhavenps.org.

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Weather holds out for Working Waterfront Festival

By Beth David
Editor

The weather held out this weekend for the annual Working Waterfront Festival held on the working piers of New Bedford on Saturday and Sunday.

The event allowed the public to tour fishing boats, hear the stories of those in the industry, listen to music, eat seafood, and participate in many other activities for children and adults, all related to the fishing industry.

The big draw of the weekend is always the scallop shucking contest, held on Sunday. New Bedford is the top money port for fish landings in the country, due largely to its scallop catch. Richie Canastra, who had been regaling the audience with various jabs at the shuckers, politicians, and conservationists, took back his jab

about crew of the fishing vessel "Westport" being all old men when Shane and Johnny of the Westport came in first and second respectively.

Activities for children included painting scallop shells and operating an ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle).

Festival goers could try their hands at throwing a hawser line, row a real whaleboat, and go on harbor tours.

Fishing panels discussed the industry as it has changed over the years, regulations, etc. Vendors sold books, photographs, scrimshaw, model boats and jewelry.

Artisans demonstrated skills using ropes and other skills related to the industry.

Food demonstrations included a seafood throwdown and filleting demonstrations.

The F/V DaranaR had just returned from a scientific trip to count fish. Crew explained each step of the way, how the fish are measured, and logged in etc.

The Alaska, a scalloper built in 2007, offered visitors a chance to see a modern fishing vessel, complete with central air conditioning.

This year a Stonington dragger, the "Little Lady," joined the festival, with third generation captain Dennis Jason, Jr. and his dad Dennis, Sr., on hand to answer questions. The 42' boat, built in 1929, was bought by Dennis Jr.'s grandfather in 1940. It is the last of the Stonington draggers.

See photos in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us on Facebook to see hundreds of photos of the Festival.

Scallop Shucking Contest



ABOVE & LEFT: Three heats of the scallop shucking contest on Steamship Pier, Sunday 9/25 at the Working Waterfront Festival held on the piers of New Bedford. Each scalloper had to shuck 100 scallops. The men with top four times then competed in the final heat (below). Photos this page by Beth David.



ABOVE Spectators watch the scallop shucking contest from a safe distance on Steamship Pier, Sunday, 9/25, at the Working Waterfront Festival held on the piers of New Bedford. LEFT: The Final Heat. Nate of the Westport, Chris of the Huntress, Justin of the Patience, Johnny of the Westport, Shane of the Westport. Shane and Johnny took first and second places respectively. Contestants had to shuck 100 scallops.

More photos from the Working Waterfront Festival



LEFT: The 42' Little Lady, built in 1929 is the last of the Stonington draggers still working today. It was at the Working Waterfront Festival on Saturday and Sunday, 9/24 & 25, for the public to view and ask questions of both current captain, Dennis Jason, Jr., and his father. Mr. Jason's grandfather bought the boat in 1940 and the family has fished it ever since. RIGHT: Signs on Steamship Pier direct people to the activities on the piers. Photos this page by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Viist us on Facebook to see more photos of this and other events.



LEFT: Amelia Bailey operates an ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) at the Working Waterfront Festival on Sunday, 9/25. MIDDLE: Mathiew Lemieux of Blue Fleet Welding, tries to demonstrate how a scallop dredge works. RIGHT: Morgan Hancock-Mendonca tries her hand at net-mending while her brother Tyler encourages her. Photos this page by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Viist us on Facebook to see more photos of this and other events.

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election scheduled for Nov. 2.

The maximum cost of the project is estimated at \$24.655 million, according to Mr. Osuch. The state will reimburse 63.05%, which is more than initially expected, because of green technology components added to the design of the building. The town's share is approximately \$9.66 million. Some portions of the project are not reimbursable by the state.

The board also welcomed film makers for "Frank the Bastard," which has been filming in the area this summer. The crew will be at the Cap Log on Water Street from 9/28 to 9/30.

During the day no traffic disruption will take place, but at night the cars on the road will have to be moved.

Board members generally supported and praised the idea of films being shot in Fairhaven, but Mr.

Silvia said that as it has been happening more and more often, it might be time to get "more professional in helping" film makers.

Mr. Osuch will talk to the office of tourism about being the liaison.

- In other business the board
- Acknowledged a letter by the Chief of Police regarding problems at the Bridge Street Station on Main Street. The board will schedule a public hearing on its the liquor license at the 10/17 meeting.
- Signed an agreement to expand the Conservation Restriction (CR) on the New Boston Road Conservation Area. The 59 acres will be added to an existing eight-acre piece formerly known as the Fitzgerald parcel. The town owns the parcels through the Conservation Commission, and the Buzzards Bay

Coalition holds the CR.

- Tabled several requests by the Harbormaster, opting to have him appear before the board to discuss the matters. Issues included raising dockage fees at Union Wharf.
- Approved a new three-year aquaculture license for Taylor Seafood.
- Approved an all-alcohol license for an outdoor fund-raising event at the Ice Chest on 10/9 to benefit "Lexy's Journey."
- Announced the Fire/Police Departments Public Safety Open House on Sunday, October 16 from 1-3 p.m.
- Met in executive session for a clerical union grievance, to discuss the digester project, tax title issues, health insurance changes, a land swap issue with Fairhaven Lumber, and Nextel cellphone issues.



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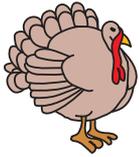
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Halloween Map

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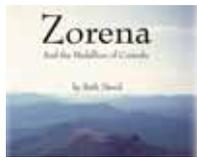
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*By M.L. Baron
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Andrea Doria lifeboats were docked in Fairhaven after collision & sinking in 1956

The 697 ft Andrea Doria had no chance against the collision with the 528 ft Stockholm which had a reinforced bow for ice breaking. This was a fatal injury to the Andrea Doria as it collided with the white cruise ship in the fog in the busy shipping lanes off Nantucket on July 25, 1956, with over 1700 passengers on board, 43 were killed.

The Andrea Doria at the time was one of the most luxurious ships afloat, boasting to be the first ship to have three swimming pools and, ironically, state-of-the-art navigational gear. The Stockholm sliced into the pride of Italy's cruise ship starboard bow like a hot knife through butter puncturing several passenger compartments and empty fuel tanks that quickly filled with sea water, causing a fatal list to this magnificent ship and sinking it.

I was there in 1973 when a diving expedition from Fairhaven with the vessel Narragansett returned to the Fairhaven Shipyard. Items yielded were some plates, bottles of perfume and other artifacts from the ship's gift shop. The ship's safes could not be accessed.

Before the stricken ship sank completely, it could have been towed into 90 feet of water, and possibly salvaged, but Italian officials refused any lines on it. By the time they changed their mind it was too late.

The story of the "miracle girl" on board the Stockholm is true. A manifest count of passengers on

board the Stockholm showed one additional passenger: 14-year-old Linda Morgan was somehow transferred from her pulverized cabin in her bed on the Andrea Doria and ended up inside the Stockholm alive.

This is considered one of the most bizarre and extraordinary sagas of survival in a sea disaster to this day.

A woman was trapped alive and went down with the ship as a priest stood by her side as long as he could and the rising water eventually drowned her.

The lifeboats couldn't be lowered on the port side because of the ships severe 40 degree list and most of them sank with it. Captain Calamai had all intentions to go down with the ship but was finally rescued minutes before his ship went to the bottom.

The Andrea Doria lies in 258 feet of water and is notorious for victims it still claims to this day from dangerous diving expeditions. It is said from a certain altitude in the right weather and sea conditions you can see the shadowy dark wreckage lying on its starboard side at the bottom.

According to former Fairhaven



The Andrea Doria in its last hours. It took close to 11 hours before the ship began to roll over and finally sink 250 feet down on July 25, 1956. Aerial photo by the US Coast Guard.

Harbormaster Gary Golas, the lifeboats ended up at the Cody and Tobin Salvage Yard in New Bedford, and were scrapped.

For more info on the Andrea Doria, visit: www.andreadoria.org

For a short video of actual footage of the sinking of the Andrea Doria, visit: <http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=andrea+sinking&mid=94D9B7A223D5A0BB8A2194D9B7A223D5A0BB8A21&view=detail&FORM=VIRE1>

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Conservation Commission

Mon., 10/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

CDBG Public Hearing

Mon., 10/3, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

CDBG Neighborhood Mtg

Wed., 10/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

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

Historical Commission

Wed., 10/5, Academy Bldg., 7:00 p.m.

School Building Committee

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

School Committee

Wed., 10/12, FHS Library, 6:30

Selectboard

Mon., 10/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

CDBG Public meeting 7:00 p.m.

(Special) Town Meeting

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Town seeking comment for Community Development Grant

By Joyce Rowley

Neighb News Correspondent

Fairhaven Director of Planning and Economic Development William Roth held the first neighborhood meeting on the Town's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, Wednesday, 9/21 at Town Hall. A series of meetings are being held to inform residents on the program and seek input on how the funding should be spent if the town is awarded the grant.

To date the Town has received \$5.3 million in CDBG monies, according to Mr. Roth. The funding comes from the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) agency through the Mass. Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to help with community development in blighted areas.

About ten years ago, the Town received \$100,000 from DHCD to survey and inventory income-eligible areas to target for funding and to develop an improvement plan for the target area.

Using 2000 Census data, the Town's study showed that the town center area bordered by Huttleston Avenue (Rte. 6), Green Street, South Street, and the waterfront met the criteria with 54% low and moderate income households. At the time, the inventory showed that there were a number of dilapidated buildings and a need to improve the streets and drainage in that area. The Town developed a plan that focused on infrastructure improvement and housing rehabilitation.

Funding is available for other programs such as for social programming and for façade and sign improvements for businesses in the center. The purpose of the public meeting was to ask whether the Town should continue to seek funding for infrastructure and housing rehabilitation or whether it should try other programs.

In the past, Fairhaven could apply for up to \$1 million in grants annually. The rules have changed and now the Town will only be able to apply for

\$1.3 million over two years. Road projects typically cost about \$600,000 and rehabilitation grants for four to five units cost about \$300,000.

Mr. Roth outlined two infrastructure projects, one of which will be submitted in the 2012 CDBG application this December.

The first would improve Main Street from Bridge Street to Huttleston Avenue with new road, curbs, sidewalks, and benches. Park Street would be rebuilt from Bridge Street to Huttleston Avenue, since this is the main pedestrian path to Cushman Park from the high school.

A second project would be to make improvements to Water Street. That project will require the endorsement of Fairhaven Shipyard, the largest property owner along the street, because it would affect the Shipyard's

Residents at the meeting supported the Main and Park street improvements and, in particular, the area near the bar on Main Street.

operations. Mr. Roth later said that he had since met with representatives of Fairhaven Shipyard who were not in support of the project.

Residents at the meeting supported the Main and Park street improvements and, in particular, the area near the bar on Main Street. Mr. Roth said that the new owner of the bar supported the project as well.

"Since it's the entrance to Town it'd be nice to have it fixed up," said Beth Luey of Middle Street who attended the meeting with her husband, Michael Luey.

Because of the public support for Main and Park street improvements, the Town will go forward with that project. Mr. Roth said that he will mail notices to residents in the vicinity for

the October 5th meeting.

At that time, neighbors will be shown maps of the area and have an opportunity to say where the issues are on the street, whether it be deteriorating sidewalks, driveways that need widening, or ponding after it rains. Following that, residents will be shown concept plans and 50% design plans on October 19th to take in final comments on the design.

The final neighborhood hearing will be held on November 9, at which time the final plans and a cost estimate will be available for comment. Mr. Roth anticipates taking the CDBG application and plans to the Selectboard on Nov. 14 for review and approval.

Residents from Washington Street were interested in the housing rehabilitation program.

"We've done roofs, windows, insulation, boilers, foundations, and electrical system upgrades," said Mr. Roth. "With multifamily, we have to meet the federal lead protocol."

He said it was well worth the cost of deleading as it increases long-term value of the housing.

Up to \$35,000 per unit is available if two-thirds of the housing meets the program income eligibility requirements.

Applications are on a first come first serve basis.

The housing rehabilitation program is a deferred interest loan to the homeowner, even if the property is not owner-occupied. For example, a three-unit building can get a \$100,000 20-year loan. Every year 5% is written off, and in 15 years, the balance is written off. If the property is sold in ten years, the remaining \$50,000 is paid at closing without interest.

"We don't look at assets, we look at income," said Mr. Roth. There must be enough value in the property to support the loan, however.

As for the support for the Town's CDBG program: "It seems like a no-brainer," said Mr. Luey. "If [the money]'s there, get it."

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Reader says “no” to new school

Fairhaven should repair and retain the Rogers and Wood elementary schools and reject the new school option that combines these two fine neighborhood schools.

As suspected, the concerns and objections by many parents during spring meetings held by the School Building Committee that the project would increase class sizes to unacceptable numbers have come to pass. Literature and studies about how small class sizes greatly benefit school children, particularly at the elementary level, were dismissed by members of the School Building Committee.

What is even more disturbing in this regard, however, are the comments made by the Fairhaven Superintendent of Schools in a recent

Sunday S-T front page article about declining enrollments (see 9/4/11).

The article provided an opportunity for Fairhaven’s superintendent to discuss declining enrollment in the district, but, as per usual, the facts about declining enrollment in Fairhaven schools was distorted so the same superintendent could promote his new elementary school plan.

The plan is a loser for Fairhaven.

The plan in Fairhaven, to demolish the Wood and leave another vacant historic school building (the Rogers School) is a bad plan for the town.

To suggest that the plan to build a new school rather than renovate and repair our existing buildings is environmentally friendly is ludicrous. Demolishing the Wood school will

vote for renovation, not destruction of our schools. Vote no on November 2nd.

The true costs of the plan to build a new elementary school in Fairhaven are being hidden by the School Administration. They refuse to discuss what is going to happen to the Rogers Elementary School building. In order to use this building for any other public use, it will require millions to renovate. This should be considered a cost of the project, yet it is being ignored in discussion promoting the project.

If we have to renovate anyway, why not keep it as it was intended — a fine educational institution. Fairhaven should say not to a new school.

We are not asking for a “perfect world,” just an opportunity to go back to the table with better solutions that are community focused instead of money-driven.

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Conservation approves Arsene St. wetlands restoration plan

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on Monday, 9/26, the Fairhaven Conservation Commission approved the restoration of wetlands on Arsene Street to mitigate the filling in of wetlands on Seaview Avenue.

In a matter that has been going on for months, Wayne and Nancy Frye have agreed to restore wetlands behind the recycling center in return for filling in a corner of their yard.

Brandon Faneuf of Ecosystem Solutions clarified some points that arose at previous meetings.

One question was about the timeline. Mr. Faneuf said the work could begin within a week of being approved and was a one day project.

The restoration of the Arsene Street wetland will require digging down to the wetland soil and replanting with wetland seed.

The other question was the amount of fill needed to raise the yard on Seaview Avenue. Mr. Faneuf said that the yard will be raised only to a level of 101, with 100 being the base.

He said the area to be filled in and raised is 5011 square feet and will require 185 cubic yards, which is about 4.5 truck loads of material.

Mr. Faneuf said the yard will still be lower than the abutters and Seaview Avenue so there should not be a problem with water runoff.

Abutter Michael Martin, who has expressed his opposition to the, said the materials he received that night "explained a lot" to him.

"It took away a lot of concerns," said Mr. Martin. "I have only one concern left. It's a wetland there. God put it there and it should be there forever."

The board also approved a request for Linda Wordell at 40 Point Street to replace a fence, remove and replace two sheds, remove a deck, install a farmer's porch and build up the elevation of the driveway, all within a flood zone and 100' buffer zone bordering vegetated wetlands (BVW).

ConCom members were mainly concerned that the work would damage the area if a cement truck is needed. Project Manager John Cusson told the board that the concrete for the posts would be hand mixed.

In another matter, the ConCom continued a hearing, pending a site visit, for the construction of a single family dwelling on Torrington Road, petitioned by Nolan and Karen Cook.

David Davignon of N. Douglas Schneider & Associates presented the plan to the ConCom, explaining that work required by an active order of conditions had been completed.

The plan is to build a home in a high velocity zone, requiring the house to be on columns 13 feet high. A series of boulders have been placed along the wetland line and a 10-foot no activity zone staked out, according to Mr. Davignon. He said the building area is focused on the upland area only. A driveway will require two retaining walls, and a small portion of wetlands will be disturbed when the sewer and water lines are put in.

"I welcome this with open arms," said abutter Jack Fournier, adding that the only people who will have a problem with it are people who have been using the area as a dump.

"And some couples will have to find other places to park," he said.

Abutter Vincenzo Angelini asked the

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[Michael Martin]

board to clarify what would be filled in and where. He said he was worried about drainage.

Mr. Davignon said there would be no filling in of the property, the house would be on columns.

"As long as it doesn't cause a problem with runoff," said Mr. Angelini. "I have no problem."

Mr. Davignon also represented Troy Tonnesson, also intending to build a house on Torrington on an adjacent lot and a garage with dwelling on another, also adjacent, lot.

The Notice of Intent (NOI) lists the project as a single family dwelling, but the plans have a house on one lot and a garage with a second-story residential space on an adjacent lot.

According to Mr. Davignon, the reason the garage has an apartment is that the town bylaws state that an accessory structure cannot be built on a separate property without dwelling space.

Mr. Davignon told the board that Mr. Tonnesson wanted to keep the properties separate because they are both buildable lots and he wanted to

retain their value.

A corner of the house will be in the flood zone, according to Mr. Davignon. The plan calls for planting along the property line for privacy.

The Cook and Tonnesson projects are separate, and include three separate lots. All three abut the same wetland areas and will require using the same boulder line and 10-foot no-activity zone, the same driveway and sewer and water lines.

Mr. Fournier also spoke on the plan, saying he made a mistake earlier in the meeting when he thought he was speaking on the Tonnesson property.

"If you lived at my house, you'd be ramming this through," he said.

The ConCom voted to continue both hearings to 10/17 and conduct site visits on 10/16.

The board continued a request for a determination by Bryant Ribeiro, 475 Bridge Street, to build a lean-to to an existing garage.

"You have a litany of violations," said Mr. Jones, explaining he looked at aerial photographs and saw work that was done and not permitted.

He and Mr. Jones went back and forth about what was there and what was not, about what had been permitted, etc. Mr. Jones said the ConCom needed to talk to Wayne Fostin, the town's building inspector and conservation agent, before deciding.

"You can't just put stuff where you want. You can't just pour concrete," said Mr. Jones. "You're in a very sensitive area. We have to take care of it. It's the back-up water supply to the town."

In a matter continued from the 9/12 meeting, the ConCom signed a Conservation Restriction (CR) on the New Boston Road Conservation Area (NBRCA). Allen Decker from the Buzzards Bay Coalition told the board that the new parcel of 59 acres will be added to an existing eight acres already protected by a CR. The ConCom owns both pieces. The BBC will hold the CR.

Mr. Decker also asked the board to agree to sign documentation reports on the NBRCA and Marsh Island South. The BBC owns the southern portion of Marsh Island, and the ConCom holds a CR on it. The documents create a baseline status report on the current conditions of the properties. The ConCom voted to give Mr. Jones authority to sign them when they were ready.

In other business the ConCom vote

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to agree to the wetland verification line on the property that includes Naughty Dawgs, Homlyke Bakery and the Huttleston Motel on Huttleston Avenue. There are no building plans filed on the property. The matter was continued from the 9/12 meeting to give the town's consultant a chance verify the line.

In a matter not on the agenda, the ConCom heard from Claudia Martin of 17 Turner Avenue, seeking advice on how to open up a water access way at the end of Farmfield Street and block a 12-foot beach access lane adjacent to Ms. Martin's house. She suggested taking the boulders that block the bottom of Farmfield and moving them to the lane next to her house.

Ms. Martin has been vocal about problems in the neighborhood centered around the access way. She and her neighbors have called the police many

times alleging blocking of the access way, harrassment and trespassing.

ConCom member Susan Morris told the board that they needed legal counsel.

"You can't block the 12-foot way," she said.

Mr. Jones reminded Ms. Martin that the ConCom deals only with wetland issues.

"We have no authority to police an easement," said ConCom member Steven Perreira. "You're talking to the wrong people."

Ms. Martin showed the board pictures of a boat in the phragmites and pressed Mr. Jones to tell her that it was a wetlands violation.

Mr. Jones said every house on the water has minor violations and the board tries to be realistic about people's use and enjoyment of their waterfront properties.

Ms. Martin asked the ConCom how

to go about getting the boulders on Farmfield moved so a boat ramp could be constructed.

Mr. Jones told her she would have to hire a consultant to prepare a Notice of Intent, but that the first step would be to get the property owner's permission. If the owner is the Town of Fairhaven, the Selectboard will have to approve it.

"This is like a seawall project, this is a big deal," said Mr. Perreira. "That wall is a retaining wall and for storm prevention."

He said the water was "slamming against those rocks" in the last storm. "Without it, Farmfield would flood. You can do it, but it has to be engineered and funded."

Ms. Martin asked if the ConCom would approach the Selectboard with the idea, but members rejected that approach, saying it is up to residents to make those kinds of requests. •••

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

NOTICE OF REVIEW BY THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Public Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP") Policy for Amending an Order of Conditions (DWW Policy 85-4, revised March 1, 1995 and updated December 14, 1998), implementing the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. c. 131, § 40, and the MassDEP Wetlands Protection Regulations, 310 CMR 10.00, that LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc. has submitted a Request for Amendment of a Superseding Order of Conditions to the MassDEP Southeast Regional Office to approve minor modifications to the locations of the two proposed wind turbines at the Town of Fairhaven property on Arsene Street. No other substantial changes to the project are proposed.

There is a 21-day public comment period on the Request for Amendment, which commences with the publication of this Notice. The comment period closes on October 19, 2011. Written comments should be submitted to:

Greg DeCesare
MA DEP
Southeast Regional Office
20 Riverside Drive
Lakeville, MA 02347;

with a copy to:

Mark L. Manganello
LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc.
36 Cordage Park Circle, Suite 312
Plymouth, MA 02360.

Copies of the Request for Amendment are being sent to the Fairhaven Conservation Commission where they may be inspected.

By: LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc.

Town of Fairhaven Notice of Public Hearing Community Development Strategy FY 12 Community Development Block Grant Application

Town of Fairhaven will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. on October 3, 2011, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA to take public comment on the Town's draft Community Development Strategy, including target areas, priority projects, housing rehabilitation program for community development activities and to prepare for the upcoming FY12 Community Development Block Grant application. Any persons or organizations will be given the opportunity to be heard.

*Michael Silvia Chairman
Fairhaven Board of Selectmen*

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

Town of Fairhaven will hold a Neighborhood Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, October 5, 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 intention to apply to

DHCD for up to \$900,000 to continue its Housing Rehabilitation Program and the reconstruction of Main Street and Park Street. If you are interested in improvements within your neighborhood, you are urged to attend the Meeting, 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.

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

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on October 17, 2011 at 6:30 P.M... In the Fairhaven Town Hall East Room (2nd floor), Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

1. Request for Determination Applicant Geraldine Delellis Location 26 Balsam Street Plot 43C Lot 28 Purpose remove old boat ramp within a VE flood zone.

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

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