

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Okay, folks, we're getting down to the wire. Town meeting is on Tuesday for members to authorize (or not) the debt exclusion necessary for the new school being proposed. If town meeting says yes, then the matter goes to a general election vote on Nov. 2.

This weekend, the school building committee, which has recommended the new school, is hosting an open house at all three elementary schools (See page 6 for listing). Last week, I made it sound like it was some sort of pro-con meeting. I apologize for the confusion. When I said both sides would be there, I was simply stating what I knew to be true: that the other side would be there, too. Individuals who are against the consolidation of the two schools told me they would be there. It's that simple.

Sorry about the mixup.

The open house is meant to show the deficiencies in the two schools that committee members want to consolidate, and to show the advantages of the new East Fairhaven Model School. This is no secret, it's an attempt to get people to be on their side. It is open to the public, though, so the other side is free to show up and walk the halls and tell people of the assets of the two older schools.

On the same subject, we have two full pages of letters this week, and a couple waiting in the wings. See page 27 & 28 for arguments on both sides of the new school issue.

We have some good meeting coverage this week, too, of course. See Diane Kozak's story on the Acushnet Selectboard meeting on page 12; Fairhaven School Committee on page 26, Planning Board on page 24, and...oh wait, did I forget my favorite holiday?

Perish the thought.

This week is our annual Halloween issue. This year we have 18 stops on our Halloween Trail. We have one more issue before the big day, though, so if you don't see your yard on the list, let us know and we'll add it.

We put Manny's place on the cover (not the first time) because he is MR. Halloween. That movie crew has been buzzing around town looking for the best yards and we plan on pushing them in the right direction.

Now, I admit, there are a bunch of yards I haven't seen yet. I'll get there. The problem is that a lot of them are only up and running on Halloween, and I'm here scaring my own visitors on Halloween.

But, we'll see, My Pretties, we'll see. One of these days I'll surprise you.

YAHAAAAHAHAHA!!!!

Well, until next week, the...

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CORRECTIONS

Nothing this week? Really? Okay then!

Fairhaven Fire Department shows 'em how it's done

By Beth David
Editor

To commemorate National Fire Prevention Week, the Fairhaven Fire and Police Departments held their annual open house on Sunday, 10/16.

Police and fire vehicles were on display, the station houses were open for tours, free pizza and drinks were served, and firefighters performed a variety of demonstrations.

Firefighters tore apart a car demonstrating the so-called "jaws of life" tool used to free people trapped inside after accidents. Children operated and aimed the fire hose at

targets. The education trailer filled up with smoke to demonstrate to children how difficult it is to see and climb out a window.

Firefighter/Paramedic Wayne Oliveira explained the fire "triangle" to spectators: heat, fuel, oxygen. A fire needs all three to burn, he said, so eliminating any one of those three things will extinguish a fire.

Mr. Oliveira also explained the different kinds of fire extinguishers available, with an emphasis on using the right one on a fire. Using the wrong one can make a fire flare up dangerously. He demonstrated the use

of the different extinguishers on an oil fire, including how to approach: from 6-8 feet, with back to the door for a quick exit.

Firefighters then started a fire in a small building to demonstrate how quickly a fire grows after it gets started.

"After it gets started," being the operative phrase. The windy day made getting the fire going a bit of a challenge.

"We firefighters," Mr. Oliveira told the crowd. "We're not good at starting fires. We're good at putting them out."



ABOVE: Fairhaven Firefighter/Paramedic Wayne Oliveira demonstrates how a grease fire will get bigger if water is used on it at the annual Fire Prevention Week open house at the Fairhaven Fire Department on Sunday, 10/16. BELOW: Mr. Oliveira demonstrates the proper way to smother a fire and proper use of a fire extinguisher, including how to approach a fire starting from 6-8 feet away. BELOW RIGHT: Ben Shields takes the wheel of a fire truck. BOTTOM LEFT: Fairhaven Firefighters put out a fire in the parking lot of the Fire station during the open house commemorating National Fire Prevention Week on Sunday, 10/16. BOTTOM MIDDLE: Olivia Coe aims the fire hose at the target. BOTTOM RIGHT: Braxton and Shyanne pose with Sparky the Fire Dog. All photos this page by Beth David. See them in color at www.neighbnews.com. Visit us on Facebook to see more photos of this and other events.



Rasputin's put on probation; COA chair resigns

By Mali Lim

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Selectboard handled a liquor license violation hearing, the revival of the Bike Path Committee, and a restructuring of the COA board of directors on 10/17.

The selectboard granted a two-month probation period to Matthew and Ellen Cebula, owners of Rasputin's Tavern on Main Street, following a liquor license violation hearing in which police chief Michael Myers testified that officers have responded to 49 calls to the tavern in the past twelve months. In the two weeks between his hearing request and the Monday board meeting, an additional 13 calls were logged.

"That's roughly equal to the total of calls concerning all the other establishments in town combined," said the chief.

He explained that some of the calls were unfounded or minor public nuisance complaints. There were, however, several serious offenses, including service to under-aged patrons, customers taking open bottles of alcohol off premises, physical threats to bar staff, and fights. The increasing severity of the incidents prompted the request for the public hearing, said the chief.

"We don't dispute that there have been issues at the bar," said Joseph Michaud, attorney for the Cebulas. "The owners are concerned and are trying to adopt measures to make the bar safer."

Some of the steps they intend to take include implementing a scan system to be used both at the entrance and at the bar when alcohol is purchased, to eliminate the use of fake IDs; the installation of security cameras, and increasing security.

Mr. Michaud attributed the problems to growing pains, with a significant shift to a younger clientele in recent months and the new owners "trying to keep up with what's turning into a very popular establishment. They feel bad about the ways things have turned out."

"Ninety-five percent of the crowd is good," chimed in Mr. Cebula. "Most of the troublemakers are unknown to us. They just roll in and we don't know who they are."

The selectboard agreed to give the Cebulas until the end of the year to get matters under control, but stressed that they were expecting immediate

implementation of the safety plans.

"Policing starts with self-policing, and you have a responsibility as an establishment that serves alcohol to try to keep things under control," said selectboard member Brian Bowcock.

"This is your chance; we will reserve action until the chief's update," selectboard chair Michael Silvia told the Cebulas, warning them that if they were called back for another liquor violation hearing before the end of the year, the next action would be punitive.

Another hearing, this time regarding leash law violations, was scheduled for the Wednesday, November 2nd selectboard meeting at the request of town Animal Control Officer Cat Mindlin. The selectboard received several pages of call logs from Ms. Mindlin, indicating that dogs from 59 Ocean Avenue have been the subject of complaints for several years, as well as a petition signed by 15 residents on Ocean and Grandview Avenues asking

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alcohol to try to keep things
under control [Brian Bowcock]**

that the selectboard take steps to address the problem.

In another matter, the selectboard received letters from two members of the Council on Aging board of directors, Chairperson Joseph Borelli and Elaine O'Neill, announcing their intention to resign as full members due to their plans to live only part of the year in Fairhaven.

The COA board asked that Mr. Borelli and Ms. O'Neill be appointed as associate members, bringing the total of associate members up to four. The selectboard agreed, saying they would hate to lose the knowledge and years of experience that Mr. Borelli and Ms. O'Neill brought to the board. They also voted to promote associate board members Lee Cummings Allaire and Francis Cox to full board members.

Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch informed the selectboard that the town had received four bids for the replacement of the recreation center floor, including an \$84,000 bid from

O'Sullivan Flooring for a wood floor, and an \$80,500 bid for a synthetic floor from American Sports, amounts higher than what had been appropriated by town meeting.

Although the town had agreed to appropriate \$84,000 for the a new wood floor, costs for architectural consultations and legal announcement fees would add approximately \$2,000 more to the cost for a synthetic floor and \$7,000 more for a wooden one, requiring a transfer from the town's reserve fund.

The selectboard felt that residents clearly voted at town meeting to move forward with a wood floor.

The board voted to request the \$8,000 from the finance committee.

The board also discussed a range of economic development issues at the request of local resident and machinist John Pond, who asked the board for official support for manufacturing and business development in Fairhaven.

Responding to Mr. Pond's questions of why the town could not utilize the old Atlas Tack property as a potential manufacturing site, Dr. Bowcock explained that the property is currently held by the Justice Department and not the town.

Mr. Pond urged the selectboard to make a stronger effort to attract high tech manufacturing, and factories in general, to Fairhaven.

"I don't mean to diminish the importance of services, but manufacturing is the backbone of our economy," said Mr. Pond. "High tech manufacturing should be given the highest priority."

The selectboard informed Mr. Pond that the town currently has a number of business incentives in place, including TIF agreements to reduce taxes for businesses. They also cited the town's shipyards, thriving marine related businesses, Nye Lubricants, and Brahmin Leather as success stories.

"We've identified the type of economic development that we do offer," added Dr. Bowcock. "We have a viable waterfront and Fairhaven is one of the key repair facilities on the East Coast. When boats break down between Baltimore and Maine, many of them come to Fairhaven for repairs."

Fairhaven is also becoming known among filmmakers, who are drawn to the unique aspects of the town, said

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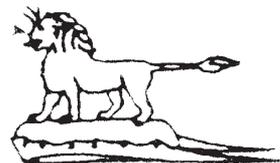
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Farmers Market Indoors

Our first weekend for the indoor market is this Sunday Oct. 23rd. We are having it once a month like last year. We are located at The Nemasket Gallery at 56 Bridge Street on the corner of Bridge and Green street in the former Tripp School. Accessible We will have wonderful vendors again this year. Please join us this weekend to continue your local shopping.

There will **FREE pumpkin decorating at 2pm during the market.**

The other dates are monthly: Nov. 20th, Dec. 18th.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Fairhaven Lions Club will hold a **Spaghetti Supper on Wednesday- Oct. 26, from 5-7pm at St. Mary's Church, Main St.,** in North Fairhaven. Not accessible.

Tickets are \$6.00/person and can be obtained by calling Victor Oliveira at (508)992-1775

Antique Swords

The Fairhaven Historical Society is presenting a special program **on Friday, Oct. 21 entitled "Antique Swords of Fairhaven."** The illustrated lecture will be held at the Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street, at 7:30 p.m. Accessible from the Walnut Street entrance. Donations appreciated. Refreshments served.

The presentation will be made by two experts in the field: Jerry Alferes and John Cook. Mr. Alferes has worked with Japanese expert Ogawa obtaining rubbings of the Japanese sword, given to the Town of Fairhaven in 1918. He can share many insights into the history of the sword and its historical significance.

John Cook will contribute his expertise in the field of American and British swords for the Revolutionary War and later. He will comment on the British sword captured by Nathaniel Pope of Fairhaven during the first naval battle of the Revolutionary War.

For more information, call Dean or Doreen Nelsen at 508-994-1098.

CPC accepting apps

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.

Elem. School Tours

The Fairhaven School Building Committee presents Elementary School Building Tours on Saturday, October 22nd from 1-3pm at all three elementary schools: East Fairhaven, Rogers and Wood. Members of the public are invited to walk around each school on **Saturday, Oct. 22, when all three elementary schools will be open from 1-3pm.**

The purpose is to allow anyone interested to view each of the schools and the educational facilities offered at each school to help make an informed decision regarding the upcoming votes on Oct. 25 (Town Meeting) & Nov. 2 (ballot question).

We look forward to seeing you tour our schools! Organized by School Building Committee.

Halloween Stories

There will be no regular Tuesday or Friday Storytimes at the Millicent Library the weeks of October 17 and 24. There will be a **special Halloween Storytime on WEDNESDAY, October 26 at 10 a.m. for all ages.** Halloween costumes are welcome.

A **Halloween crafternoon** will be held later that day, Wed., Oct. 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. Come make a craft and some holiday decorations.

The Millicent Library is located at 45 Center Street in Fairhaven. Accessible. For Further information contact Jane Murphy @ 508-992-5342 or at jmurphy@sailsinc.org

Dollar-a-bag Books

The Oxford Book Haven & Café located downstairs at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Main St., Fairhaven, will celebrate its 5th Year Anniversary with a Dollar-a-Bag Book Sale on **Thurs., Oct. 27 and Thursday Nov. 3, from 10-2 pm.** A lunch menu is available which includes home-made soup, stuffed quahogs, hot dogs and dessert. Not accessible.

Rachel's Challenge

On October 27, Fairhaven High School, with contributions from the Fairhaven Police Department, Southern Mass Credit Union, Daniel Waltz (SMCU CEO), the FHS Parent Teacher Organization, Rep. Barney Frank, the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven, and the Livesey Club of Fairhaven, is proud to announce the coming of Rachel's Challenge. Rachel's Challenge is based upon the theories and ethics of Rachel Joy Scott, the first victim of the Columbine High School massacre.

The program focuses around Rachel's own idea, "I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion then it will start a chain reaction of the same." After her death, Rachel's father, Darrell Scott, began Rachel's Challenge to try and make Rachel's dream a reality. By using Rachel's ideas, Rachel's Challenge intends to "start a chain reaction" not only in the school, but also in the entire Fairhaven community.

On October 27th, students will see a multi-media presentation led by the Rachel's Challenge organization. **At 7 P.M. that evening**, another free presentation will be held for members of the community, with the same goal: to positively impact the community. In the Performing Arts Center, rear of the High School.

Visit www.rachelschallenge.org for more information.

Save the Date! Halloween Parade

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association is holding its annual Halloween Parade on Sunday October 30 at 5 p.m. starting at the Oxford School to St. Mary's Church. Details in next week's issue, so... stay tuned.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Remembrance Day

The Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford and Spinner Publications present "A Special Day of Remembrance and Celebration" to mark the launching of Spinner's new book, *Branded on My Arm and in My Soul, A Holocaust Memoir*, by Abraham Landau, at **Tifereth Israel Synagogue, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford, Sun., Oct. 23, from 2-5 p.m.**

Enjoy an afternoon of community celebration with a book signing, jazz and traditional music, Polish food and Kkosher desserts, refreshments, photography display, guest speakers.

For info, contact The Jewish Fed. of GNB, 508-998-7471, or Spinner, 508-994-4564; www.spinnerpub.com

Dom. Violence Vigil

Join the Greater New Bedford Women's Center for the annual **CANDLELIGHT VIGIL, Tuesday, October 25, 6:00pm, at New Bedford City Hall, 133 William Street, New Bedford.** March to the First Unitarian Church. If you don't wish to march, meet us at 6:30pm at the First Unitarian, Corner of Union and 8th Streets, for the program.

Visit www.thewomenscenter.org/events.php for information.

Boo at the Zoo

October 21-23, & 28-30 · 6:00pm-9:00pm, Zoo Members: \$5/adult; \$3/child. Non-Members: \$10/adult; \$8/child at the Buttonwood Park Zoo, 425 Hawthorn Street, New Bedford. Accessible.

New Bedford's favorite zoo Halloween event! There's enough thrills and chills for everyone at Boo at the Zoo! Frights and sights! Join us at Boo at the Zoo for an evening of Halloween fun! Climb aboard for a spooooky train ride (\$2/ride) or take a bewitching carousel ride (\$2/ride)! Crafts, activities, and slightly scary fun for all ages! Keep up to date with all the latest Boo at the Zoo news at www.bpzoo.org.

Sharon's Walk

Family-friendly event to honor Sharon and Elaine Fogaren. Sharon Fogaren, the long time co-host of the "J.R. & Sharon" morning radio show on FUN 107, passed away after a brief illness in 2009 at the young age of 43.

Sharon's mother, Elaine, passed away in 2004 after a battle with breast cancer. It was Sharon's dream to host a walk to honor her mother and to help raise awareness about breast cancer and local cancer care.

The second annual "Sharon's Walk" will be held on Sunday, October 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fort Taber, 1000 Rodney French Boulevard in New Bedford. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care.

Individuals and teams can pre-register for the walk at www.southcoast.org/sharonswalk/ or at **FUN107.com through October 20.**

The pre-registration fee is \$15 per person. The day-of registration fee is \$20 per person. Registration forms can be downloaded from either website or picked up at any of the following locations: FUN 107/WBSM studios, 22 Sconticut Neck Rd. in Fairhaven, the three Southcoast hospitals' information desks. Visit www.southcoast.org/sharonswalk

Spooky Run

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

Bioneers

The 7th Annual Connecting for Change Conference, A Bioneers by the Bay Conference Presented by the Marion Institute, will be held on **Friday, 10/21—Sunday, 10/23.**

All Keynote presentations will take place at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center in downtown New Bedford, MA. Workshops and other programs will take place at various locations throughout the downtown area.

For more information or to register for the 2011 Connecting for Change conferences visit: www.connectingfor

change.org, or Marion Institute, 202 Spring Street, Marion, 508-748-0816.

Bioneers Free Events

There are numerous activities going on throughout the weekend that are FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Just outside of the Zeiterion Theater, the Butterfly Exhibition Tent will be bustling with activity from Friday–Sunday. Family Programming will be going on from 10am – 5pm on Saturday, 10/22 and from 10am – 3pm on Sunday, 10/23 in the Bee Exhibition Tent, also right outside of the Z. The Toe Jam Puppet Band will be performing on Sat. at 10am, followed by fun hands-on activities. Performances will kick off at 2pm on Saturday in the Youth Music Tent. For the artistically inclined, come by on Fri. and Sat. from 2pm – 4:30pm.

Rounding out the Free and Open to the Public events are the film screening of "The Last Mountain" on Friday evening in the Zeiterion Theater, The Farmer's Market, 11am – 4pm on Sat. and Sun. on Purchase St. and The Lexicon of Sustainability Project being featured in the U.G.L.Y. Gallery on Fri. and Sat. from 2pm – 5:30pm, and 2:00pm – 3:30 on Sunday.

DockUmentary

The Dock-U-Mentaries film series continues this month with "Last Season," a film by Oren Bendavid-Val, a portrait of the ground fish trawler Isabel S. from New Bedford, MA. Jeff, the captain, learned fishing from his father, local legend "Fearless Freddy" Hatfield. Brian, the cook, is a biker and a recovering alcoholic. Lo, the deckhand, is a refugee from Vietnam who has rediscovered Buddhism. We accompany them to the fishing areas of Georges Bank and the Nantucket Shoals, where they haul in nets, and do the backbreaking and bloody work of hand-cutting thousands of pounds of cod and other fish on a pitching trawl deck.

Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the Working Waterfront Festival. Films about the working waterfront will be screened on the third Friday of each month beginning at **7:00 PM in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, 33 William Street, New Bedford. Accessible.** Free and open to the public.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Free Workshop

Free professional development workshop for middle and high school teachers, October 22, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at Bristol Community College. **Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) building for the classroom.**

Learn how to build your own underwater ROV. Learn how to incorporate ROV's into your classroom. Leave the workshop with a fully functioning ROV.

For more information, contact Meghan Abella-Bowen, SAGE Director, email meghan.abella-bowen@bristol.cc.edu, or call 508-678-2811, Ext. 2576.

Crafters Needed

Smith Mills Christian Congregational Church and Smith Mills Nursery and Kindergarten are having their annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 19, from 9 am-3 pm. We are looking for crafters to rent tables. The cost of the 8 foot table is \$25.00 and we ask that the crafter donate an item to be auctioned, the cost of the table and auction proceeds benefit the church and school.

For information, please call Diane at 508-971-5211.

Bruins Tickets FR

"Night at the Bruins," Raffle Package to benefit Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity. Saturday, January 7, at 1:00 p.m. Offering (2) Tickets to Bruins vs. Vancouver Canucks, TD Garden Loge 4, Row 11 (\$600 value). Deluxe Water View Room at the Fairmont Battery Wharf in Boston (\$400 value), \$150 Gift Card for Breakfast & Dinner at the, Aragosta Bar + Bistro, Round Trip Limo Transportation by Access Express (\$200 value)

Tickets: \$25.00 / 5 for \$100.00. (Only 500 tickets to be sold!!!) Winner's name will be drawn 12/13.

Reserve tickets on our website: BuzzardsBayHabitat.org, or by calling our office: 508-758-4517

Fisheries Workshop

The New England Fishery Management Council will host a "lessons learned" workshop following a year of sector operations under the regulations initiated by the Council in

Amendment 16 to the Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) Plan.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 25 and 26, Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, ME

Topics will include what elements of sector management have worked, or not, over the past year; sector annual reports, science reports, goals and objectives.

The workshop will include Council members, NEFMC Scientific and Statistical Committee, Groundfish Advisors and Plan Development Team members, sector representatives and any other interested parties from the fishing community or public.

For additional information, contact Anne Hawkins at the Council office, ahawkins@nefmc.org or 978-465-0492, ext. 111. Workshop materials will be posted on the Council's website, www.nefmc.org, "What's New," as they become available.

Road Race for Cancer

The FLY (Financial Lift for Young Adults with Cancer) Foundation in partnership with BankFive is sponsoring a **5K Road Race & Walk on Sunday, October 23, at 10AM.**

The FLY Foundation is a registered non-profit organization in Mass., providing support to young adults in Mass. and Rhode Island who have been diagnosed with cancer. The organization was founded by Bristol, RI residents Julia & Peter Saulino, following Julia's lymphoma diagnosis at age twenty-nine.

To date, The FLY Foundation has provided financial support to five local young adults undergoing cancer treatment.

The 5K will begin at BankFive, 79 North Main Street, Fall River, MA and finish at The Tap House Grill 159 South Main Street, Fall River, MA, and will be held rain or shine.

Registration Details: \$28 registration fee. Checks can be made payable to "The FLY Foundation" and mailed to the FLY Foundation 5K Road Race & Walk, c/o BankFive attention: Stephanie Melo Terra, 79 North Main Street, Fall River, MA 02720. Race day registration from 8:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. at BankFive, 79 North Main Street. Pre-race number pickup on Saturday, October 22, 2011

11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at Tap House Grill, 159 South Main Street, Fall River.

Visit www.theFLYfoundation.org or by contacting race directors, Stephanie Melo Terra (508) 642-7967 and Nelson Terra (508) 989-9680.

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For more information about this program or others offered by New Bedford Ballet and the Schwartz Center for Children, contact the New Bedford Ballet at 508-993-1387 or visit their website www.newbedfordballet.org, or contact the Schwartz Center for Children at 508-996-3391, www.schwartzcenter.org.

At the Library

The following events are being held at the Mattapoisett Library, 7 Barstow St., 508-758-4171; www.mattapoisettlibrary.org/ Accessible.

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Support the work of the Junior Friends of the Library by recycling your deposit cans and bottles with them at the library on Saturday, October 29th from 9 to 10 am. The Junior Friends will have their can and bottle drive on the last Saturday of each month from now on, so please help out by saving your recyclable items for them.



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1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 1/2 cups peeled and shredded pear
1/2 cup Craisins
1/4 teaspoon lemon zest
1 large egg
1/4 cup oil
1 tablespoon sugar for topping

Preheat oven to 375°. Coat muffin tins with cooking spray.

In a large bowl mix together the flour, sugar, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, lemon zest, egg and oil until well blended.

Stir in shredded pear and Craisins.

Fill muffin tins 3/4 full. Bake for 18-20 minutes or until done.

Remove from muffin tins and top with sugar.

By Andrea Moniz

Oatmeal Fruit & Nut Cookies

1 cup flour
1 1/2 cups old fashioned oats
1/3 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 tablespoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 cup oil
1/2 cup honey
1/2 cup peeled and grated apples
1 large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup raisins or Craisins
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

In large bowl mix together flour, old fashioned oats, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg, oil, honey, egg and vanilla, until well blended. Stir in apples, walnuts and raisins. Refrigerate for 20 minutes.

Preheat oven to 325°. Coat cookie sheet lightly with oil or cooking spray; drop dough by teaspoonful and flatten slightly. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until bottoms are a golden brown. Cool on a wire rack.

By Flo Mendonca

A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neighb News

Fairhaven High Volleyball

The Lady Blues rolled over Wareham 3-0 last Wednesday. Kelsey Perron-Sovik, Courtney Tavares and Madison Cabral were great on defense. Last Friday the girls in blue rolled over Old Rochester HS 3-0. Kara Charette was 39 for 47 with 17 kills and 21 digs. Jackie Schroeder was outstanding for OR.

FHS Boys Soccer

Andrew Ferreira had two goals for Fairhaven High School, and Alex Silva shut out Old Colony 3-0. Coach Brian Munce's Blue Kickers got great play from Kyle Everett, Alec Dompierre, Eric Morra, Tim Hopp, Dylan Tichon and Andy Espindola.

Jacob Bolarinho got the game's only goal as FHS rolled over Wareham 1-0. Goalie Alex got his third shut-out, and Joey Fotte was outstanding on defense.

FHS Girls Soccer

The Lady Blues Booters rolled all over Wareham 5-0 last week. Emma Morehead had "the hat trick," 3 goals. Kayli Berche and Hannah Abrantes had goals. Taylor Canastra got her fourth shut-out in goal with help from Amy Silvia and Caitlyn Thatcher.

UMassD Football

The UMass Football team defeated Nichols College Saturday 21-6. Linebacker John Cordasco scored his 3rd TD with interception in last 3 games. Must be some kind of record, 3 defensive TDs in a row. The defense was outstanding, led by Cordasco with 12 tackles; also John Perry, Joe Teixeira and James Green.

This week away at undefeated Endicott College.

UMassD Field Hockey

Fairhaven's Eleanor Taylor broke a 2-2 tie with a game winning goal to defeat Bridgewater last Saturday.

Prose on Pros

Pats Get By Cowboys: Pats got a scare from Cowboys, but Tom Brady was able to take team down to winning TD with pass to Hernandez for 20-16 win. Off this week.

Sox still searching for manager. Owner John Henry should stay in his boat.

Epstein still here, maybe he will change his mind again. All my teams did not make World Series. Will be poor World Series: Cards-Rangers.

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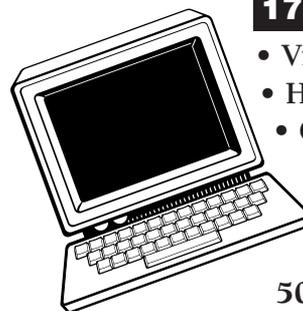
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Postmaster to hold meeting in Acushnet about closing post office

By Diane Kozak

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Friday, October 14th, Acushnet Selectboard members Kevin Gaspar and Leslie Dakin voted to approve two new roads in Forestdale Estates: Elderberry and Blueberry Drive. selectboard member David Wojnar was not present.

The measure will be brought to the October 24th town meeting for approval. Mr. Gaspar noted that town hall employees did a fantastic job obtaining all the signatures from the residents that were needed to make this approval possible. Mr. Dakin displayed a street map of the estates with the new roads highlighted so board members could clearly see exactly what they were voting on.

Town Administrator Alan Coutinho requested that the funds needed to pay the surveying expenses pertaining to the project be taken from the property's escrow account, which was also approved by the board.

In another matter, Mr. Gaspar addressed the situation regarding the possible closing of the only post office in Acushnet. He reported that the Postmaster cited that one of reasons for the potential action was related to the decreasing volumes of mail handled each year at the Acushnet facility.

Other factors being considered were how close the Acushnet office is located to other post office branches, and that the facility is currently estimated to be handling less than two hours of workload each day.

To allow the public to voice their opinions and concerns about the matter, a meeting with the Postmaster will be held on Monday, November 7, at 7 p.m. at the Ford Middle School.

The selectboard and Mr. Coutinho

also discussed different options regarding the purchase of town vehicles. Included in this purchase would be two new police cruisers and a fire department cruiser. Mr. Coutinho reported that he and the town's Director of Finance, Cathy Doane, analyzed the differences between financing the estimated \$75,000 of needed funds or making the purchases in cash. Using a 5-year financing term it was clearly advan-

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tageous to make a cash purchase, Mr. Coutinho told the board. The selectboard approved this option.

In other financing matters Mr. Coutinho reported that he had reached an agreement regarding the terms on the lease/purchase agreements for some new golf course equipment and that the trade-in and delivery process is set to begin.

He also reported that the town has received notification of an \$18,653.00 conservation grant for the LaPalme Farm project. The grant is from the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program. Teh Conservation Commission will hold the Conservation Restriction.

Mr. Coutinho also told the board that the BPW received the state's Chapter 90 reimbursement for the

Gammons Road project.

In other business the board:

- Voted in favor of the proposed resolution House Bill 1972 (H1972) which is being sent to all state city and town clerks for consideration. This bill will push the primary election dates in the state to the first Tuesday in June which will make it the same as that of the federal primary election day. This measure is expected to ensure that more votes from the military troops serving overseas will be counted in the elections. Mr. Gaspar noted that this change will save the town approximately \$4,000 per election. State Representative Robert M. Koczera will be notified of the selectboard's approval.
- Heard from Mr. Coutinho that according to State Senator Mark C. Montigny's office, the state's plans for the 2011 fiscal surplus may lead to the town receiving approximately \$90,000 in additional revenue. No plans for these funds will be considered until they are received.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Public Works

Mon., 10/31, BPW bldg., 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 10/26, Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 10/24, Town Hall, 4:00 p.m.

Special Town Meeting

Mon., 10/24, Ford Middle Sch, 7 p.m.

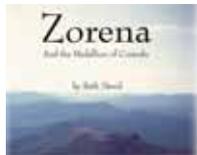
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8: 57 Fort Street.
They're cooking again at Richard and Matt Brodeur's "Hannibal's Delectables" restaurant. Pull up a chair and order from their special menu. They've got a witch's brew and body parts on the grill, ogres and other scary stuff. Dusk till 9:30 pm. Donations accepted for Shriners's Hospitals. (#6 on map) *File photo by Beth David.*

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9: 4 Maple Ave.
NEW this year! Just head south from Hannibal's Delectables until you hit Maple and hang a left. This display gets bigger each year. The self-



professed "Halloween fanatics" are very proud of their obsession and of the display (especially the little cutie in the front). They have as much fun driving around looking at other yards as they do decorating their own. This year, expect zombies. Should be up and running by 10/21. Drive by, walk by anytime. (Not on the map)

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10: Grove St.
First haunted yard on Scoticut Neck. Look who's going to greet you at the door, er...roof. Home-made props. No specific hours. (#8 on map)



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11: Day St. Also on the Neck, just a skip from Grove Street. No hours specified. I don't know about you, but I sure hope they keep this guy behind bars (Not on map)

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12: 15 Holiday Drive.
People travel from all over to experience the sick.... er, wonderful Halloween spirit of the Botelho family. You never know what will be lurking around this house. As you linger on the lawn amid the undead, some of them may, quite possibly, reach up and grab you.



Expect anything at this house! Just driving by will scare you.

They set up a big tunnel and you have to walk through it in order to get your candy on the big night. Don't ask what's in the tunnel.... scaarrrryyy! Claustrophobes probably should avoid it.

YARDS: cont'd on next page

 **YAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH** 

They're running a little behind this year, but they hope to be up this weekend. Definitely will be up for Halloween weekend. The tunnel will only be up on Halloween night, though, so get there early to get your spot! **From dusk until around 9:00.** (#9 on map)

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12: 59 Ocean Ave. Just two blocks south and to the left you'll find a unique yard that is **NEW THIS YEAR.** Brand new display featuring doggie themed decorations. We're not sure what it's about, but we can't wait to see it. (Not on the map yet)



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14: 38 Briercliffe Road. Just a tad south along the Neck and on the right you'll visit Tammy Webber and Tammy Silva (if you can recognize them).

They set up on Halloween day and break down on Halloween night. You're invited to swing by during the day to watch them set up shop. It's a neighborhood event and lots of fun (Not

on the map yet). *Submitted photo.*

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15: 770 Sconticut Neck Road. Now it's time to head for West Island. But, just before you take the left on Goulart, stop by the Yard at 770 Sconticut Neck Road. Don't worry, you can't miss it, the lights and flying things will definitely catch your attention. Halloween night only (#10 on the map).

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16: 166 Dogwood St. After you visit Victor, take that left onto Goulart and head for my place on West Island. I should be set up for this Sunday night, 0/23.

One of my resident gnomes told me that the Screaming Banshees are planning on hanging out at my place this year, so if you're fainthearted, you'd better skip this place.

We can promise dead things, noises in the fog, and a cauldron full of boiling candy. You'll also have to be brave enough to scoop your candy out of the cauldron yourself. Yahahahahahah (#11 on the map). *Beth David photo.*



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17: 10 Bluepoint. After my place, take a left. I haven't talked to them, but I have every reason to believe they will be ready for you. No specified hours. (#12 on the map). While you're at it, just cruise around West Island. I'm sure there are lots of other yards decorated around here, although the island can be spooky enough without even trying!



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Well, that's it. If your spooky yard isn't here, feel free to send us a picture. There's still one more week before the big day. And be sure to let us know about your yard for next year. Have a spooky one! ...



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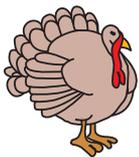
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Fire Inspection Brought Atlas Tack Giant to its Knees

When Fairhaven Fire Chief Donald Bernard abruptly came into my office at Fairhaven Public Access TV Channel Cable 2 (Nov 1987) and wanted me to come with full camera gear, I had no idea what we were headed for. We pulled up in the chief's car to the abandoned Atlas Tack factory on Pleasant Street in Fairhaven. The Atlas Tack was built by Henry Huttleston Rogers in 1902 replacing the older building at Fairhaven Shipyard. This factory at one time was the largest employer in town. During World War II the factory ran 24/7.

The Atlas Tack shut down in 1985 without warning. According to a long time employee, the late Mary Reed, company officials came into the factory in 1985 while everyone was busy working and told them to go home. Workers were fired on the spot and lost their pensions and all other benefits at once. The factory was left abandoned. Everything left



TOP & LEFT: These classic Atlas Tack signs were salvaged from the remains of the factory in 1987. RIGHT: The Atlas Tack product charge. From the ML Baron Historic Archives

in place.

Atlas Tack then proceeded to torment the town with this hazardous materials site thereafter. The factory used extremely dangerous chemicals to process tacks, eyelets and nails, including cyanide and naphtha. There was also a cyanide pool out back that if any living thing went into it, they never came back out. Bernard had inches thick reports on this site that went virtually ignored by the Atlas Corp.

That day was judgement day, as the Chief finally had enough.

We went up to the abandoned factory's door and he kicked it in with me by his side.

I said to Don, "What the hell are you doing?"

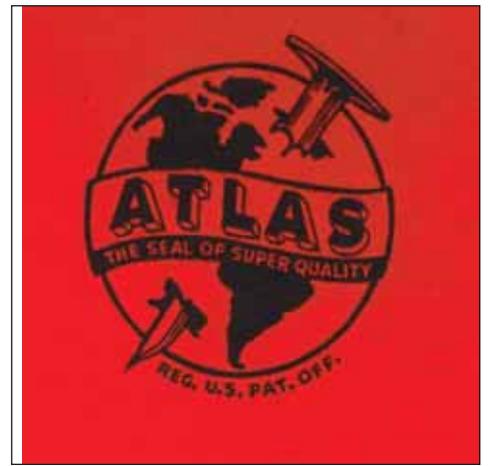
He said "fire inspection!"

He actually had the legal right to do this. I followed along with my camera running during his narration of the inspection.

Going in was as close to going inside a shipwreck could be. Everything was like frozen in time — workers' projects were still in place, including office machines and file cabinets. The place was ransacked by vandals and there was debris scattered about the building. There were chemical tubs labeled cyanide. Other dangerous chemicals that were discovered included naphtha.

The Atlas Tack proximity to the Rogers School, just a 150 feet away, and in a dense neighborhood was a cause of great concern to the fire chief and other town officials.

Apparent attempts to burn the huge building down were discovered in the factory's main manufacturing corridors. Pieces of burned cardboard and paper either illuminated the passing of an intruder in the night or the failed attempt of an arsonist.



The factory, if fully involved in fire, would have required mutual aid from as far away as Norton and require tapping into the Acushnet River down the street for water to extinguish the blaze, according to Bernard.

An angry Atlas Tack official called me and asked what we had been doing in their building. I told him I was video taping a fire inspection with the town's fire chief. He demanded a copy of the tape. I advised him he was the second party that day to request a copy.

He asked who was the first, and then I told him the first request came from The United States Environmental Protection Agency. There was silence on the phone after that and he hung up. The EPA went after Atlas Tack with a vengeance. The documentary I produced on Atlas Tack was used as evidence against the Atlas Tack Corporation in trial and received a First Place Award from the Massachusetts Cable TV Commission. The video can be seen on YouTube.

The Atlas Tack property has finally been neutralized from hazardous materials and the administration building is all that remains of the world's once largest producer of tacks and nails. The main section of the 900 foot long factory was torn down in 2008. The high quality bricks were salvaged for use elsewhere.

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Board of Appeals

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Board of Public Works

Thurs., 10/25, HMS, 6:15 p.m.

Mon. 11/7, Arsene St., 6:00 p.m.

CDBG Neighborhood Mtg

Eed., 10/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Community Preservation

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

Conservation Commission

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

Finance Committee

Thurs., 10/20, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 11/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 10/26, FHS Library, 6:30

School Building Committee

Thurs., 10/20, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

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

Tues., 10/25, HMS, 6:00 p.m.

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Press Release

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The inspiration behind this business endeavor, according to Cathy Melanson, was the unexpected loss of her granddaughter Emma Jean, her youngest daughter Samantha's daughter.

On June 29, 2010 Samantha, pregnant with Emma, went in for a routine checkup, but something was wrong when the doctor went to listen to Emma's heartbeat; she was unable to find it. Samantha was sent for an emergency ultrasound to see if maybe they could find her heartbeat that way. However, they could not find it; Emma's heart had stopped beating and our worst fears were realized.

Emma was gone. Emma was born on June 30, 2010 at 11:17 p.m. The time we had with Emma was precious and limited so we wanted in many ways to "bring to life" a life that was extremely short, but one that had a major impact on us.

Through this we are trying to do more and would like help raising awareness about healthy pregnancy and premature birth as this tragic ending has not only touched our family deeply, but our close friends as well. On January 19, 2011, Peter and Melissa DeTerra's daughter Kayleigh lost her daughter Kaydance.

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Legal Notices/Public Hearings

Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

1. Sheldon Hill for Francisca Zucchero 19 Fishermans Road Plat 43A, Lot 252 Certificate #11673
198-18 Short 11' of the required 30' front setback, short 10' on the east side and 2' on the west side of the required 20' side setback and 3% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 15% all in a RR District.
2. Bernard J. Ristuccia 24 Nelson Avenue Plat 43, Lots 37-38 Book 9498, Page 120
198-18 Short 15' of the required 30' rear setback, 7% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 15% and 4% over the maximum allowed lot coverage of 25% all within a RR District.
Special Permit A Special Permit is required for expansion of use of a non-conforming lot.
3. Sharon Bates, Ruth Street Realty Trust 4 Ruth Street Plat 43, Lots 140, 141, 142 Book 6846, Page 56
Special Permit A Special Permit is required for expansion of use of a non-conforming lot.
4. Antonio F & Valentina L. DaCunha 8 Windward Way Plat 29, Lot 2C

Book 7806, Page 277

198-18 Short 10' of the required 20' North side setback in a RR District.

Continued:

1. 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.
Very Truly, Peter DeTerra, Chairman

Fairhaven Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on November 8, 2011**, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following application. 1) **Special Permit**, the applicant, Waterstone Retail Development, is requesting Special Permit approval, for a new 15,015 SF retail building with associated parking and landscaping. The location of the property is, 114-116 Huttleston Avenue, Map 25, Lots 240 & 240B.

A copy of the application is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m.

to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082.

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on November 07, 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: Notice of Intent Applicant South coast Hospitals Group Inc. Location 206 Mill Road Plot 36 Lot 11 Purpose construct a 60,000 sq ft ambulatory care center within the 100' buffer zone to BVW.
- 2: Notice of Intent Applicant Doug Richardson Waterstone Retail Development 114-116 Huttleston Ave Plot 25 Lots 240/240B Purpose construct a retail building within the 100' buffer zone to BVW.
3. Request for Determination Applicant Michael Ristuccia Location Bass Creek Road Plot 43C Lots 409-414 Purpose verify wetland line within a VE flood zone.

*Respectfully submitted,
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Planning board releases covenant on Wigwam Beach property

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

In a 4-1 majority vote, the Fairhaven Planning Board approved the release of a covenant for a 1997 subdivision during a board meeting on October 11.

A contract for the sale of a Wigwam Beach Road property hit a snag when it was discovered that this particular lot had a pre-existing covenant requiring construction and improvements to the private roadway serving the property.

An attorney involved with the closing of the lot located in the Cedar Knoll Subdivision, owned by Barbara McCoy, discovered that a covenant for the 1997 subdivision had never been fully released. The lot in question was lot 16F, a lot with an existing house now under agreement to be sold. Lot 16F was not mentioned in the covenant release endorsed on Sept. 29, 1997.

Attending the meeting was Vince Craig, representing the lender of the mortgage. Mr. Craig was concerned that, without the covenant release, the property title would not be clear and the sale would not go through. He said that the lender would not release the loan if the encumbrance was not lifted from the title.

The property closing was scheduled for three days later on 10/14.

The requirements of the covenant consisted of improvements to the privately owned Wigwam Beach Road. A letter dated September 25, 1997, to former Town Planner, Daniel Fortier, confirmed that Ms. McCoy had completed the construction of the

roadway and drainage system as per the approved Subdivision Plan. A catch basin was also added to the south side of the road and the system was reported as working and acceptable.

The board's discussion of the matter soon gave rise to questions concerning the specific lots mentioned in the covenant and if a decision to release the covenant might possibly alter a 2007 Application for a Definitive Subdivision Plan for the same property. The 2007 plan included requirements for further improvements to Wigwam Beach Road and, although the petition was approved, it was never endorsed by the board. Further submission of documentation was required of Ms. McCoy which was never followed through.

Requesting further clarification, Chairperson Wayne Hayward ordered the Assessor's map pulled out for review. Board member Jaime DeSousa argued that more time was needed to study the details of both the 1997 covenant and the 2007 plan, and further discussion was necessary before a sound decision could be reached.

Bill Roth, Planning and Economic Development Director, reassured the board that a release of the 1997 covenant would have no effect on the unendorsed 2007 plan.

"I think I'm okay with this," said Mr. Hayward. "The covenant is complete and it should be released."

The board approved the vote in favor of releasing the covenant, 4-1. After the vote, Mr. Craig excused

himself from the meeting, but the board continued discussing the 2007 subdivision plan, entertaining the possibility of rescinding it in the near future.

According to Mr. Roth, a future decision to rescind would result from the passing of over four years in which no one has made an attempt to meet the conditions of the approval. No one has come forward to present the board with a plan that could be signed. If the 2007 plan is rescinded, there will be notification and a public hearing shall be held.

Also on the agenda for the meeting was a Security Release of \$15,000 to John Roderiques for required road improvements to Rivard Road, serving the Rivard Subdivision. Department of Public Works has inspected the road and found it to be satisfactorily completed. The board voted unanimously to approve the release.

The board also passed a motion to pay a bill totaling \$134.24 to Mr. Roderiques which was for the remaining balance of a separate account for road security.

In addition, the board approved the payment of a different bill totaling \$30 to Boardmember Rene Fleurent, Jr. The bill was originally for \$60, the cost of attending two classes with the Massachusetts Citizen Planner Training Collaborative in Brockton. Mr. Fleurent only attended one of the CPTC classes, so the motion to accept and pay \$30 plus mileage costs to Mr. Fleurent was approved. ●●●

Frank holds Town Hall in NB to push for military spending cuts

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Representative Barney Frank hosted a Town Hall meeting in New Bedford on Saturday, October 15, addressing a packed room to discuss the United States budget crisis and the effects it may have on Massachusetts. His message: The government's military budget is disproportionate and wasteful and should be significantly reduced to avoid economic devastation of states, including Mass.

A bipartisan Congressional "super-committee" has until November 23 to suggest \$1.5 trillion in spending cuts spread over ten years to balance the budget. If the 12-member panel is unsuccessful, or if President Obama vetoes the proposed measures, it will

trigger \$1.2 trillion in automatic spending cuts in January of 2013. That, warned Rep. Frank, spells even more cuts to important areas such as education and infrastructure.

"Massachusetts would be decimated economically," cautioned Rep. Frank. Eliciting gasps from the crowd, Rep. Frank regretted that he may not be able to deliver to the South Coast proposed initiatives such as the commuter rail linking New Bedford to Fall River and Boston. He added that the already slow efforts to clean up Buzzards Bay could essentially be halted completely in the absence of funding.

Other vital services would also be affected.

"Here in New England, when the snow hits, we may have a problem,"

added Rep. Frank, pointing out just how deeply affected everyday life would be if Congress refuses to reassess military spending. "Because we are spending so much overseas we cannot fund our own domestic policemen."

Rep. Frank insisted there is no more room for further cuts to Social Security and Medicare, education, or any other areas of the budget. A cut in military spending is the only option left, he said.

"I don't want to see the age for Social Security raised because our funds are being spent elsewhere."

He displayed instructional boards featuring pie charts and line graphs presenting data on military spending over the years. One titled, "2010 Military Spending as a Percentage of

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SC reviews plans, MCAS Scores; all juniors have Kindles

By Joyce Rowley

Neighb News Correspondent

At the 10/12 Fairhaven School Committee meeting, Superintendent Robert Baldwin presented additional information on the new Wood elementary school costs. Since the previous meeting, Selectboard Executive Secretary and School Building Committee member Jeffrey Osuch prepared a 20-year declining debt repayment chart that Dr. Baldwin reviewed with the SC.

Dr. Baldwin explained that the average increase in taxes assessed per year over 20 years for an average \$270,000 home for each of four interest rates ranging from 2.5% to 4.0% would not vary by more than \$10 per year. At the low end, a 2.5% interest rate on the \$9.7 million borrowed would increase the home's assessment by an average of \$70.55 annually over the life of the loan. At the upper end, a 4.0% interest rate would increase the assessment by \$79.35 annually. The first years will cost more and the amount will decrease each year of the loan, averaging out to the above numbers.

Dr. Baldwin pointed out that there were two existing school debts. The 1998 Fairhaven High School debt will be paid off in 2017 and the East Fairhaven Elementary School will be paid off by 2027. The tax assessment on the \$270,000 home from those two schools now totals \$180.70. So in 2018, when the FHS debt is retired, the tax debt would be \$165.50 for East Fairhaven and the new Wood school.

Member Brian Monroe asked if that meant the effective tax rate will be lower in four years than it is today, and whether the 2.5% interest rate could be locked in. Dr. Baldwin said that the tax rate would be lower in the future since [FHS] would drop off. The interest rate is set at the time a loan is issued. But he said this is a time of historically low interest rates.

There is a link on the SC website to the School Building Committee website with the latest information.

Dr. Baldwin announced that the open houses of East Fairhaven, Rogers, and Wood schools had been set for Saturday, October 22, between 1 and 3 p.m. Principals and staff of each school will be available for questions. He said SC members were welcome to attend.

Dr. Baldwin also announced that

"Rachel's Challenge" would be held at 7 p.m., October 27 at FHS. The multimedia presentation was created by the parents of Rachel Joy Scott, the first victim of the Columbine shootings. The presentation aims to show that small acts of compassion can change the world.

In new business, Dr. Baldwin presented the updated results of the Mass. Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test. He told the board that science and technology scores were above the state average in all three grades tested. English language arts (ELA) scores overall were above the state but had shown deficiencies in Grades 7, 8, and 10. Of particular concern were the math scores for Grades 6, 7, and 8. Dr. Baldwin said that math scores rebounded in grade 10. Grade 8 math scores were 15 points behind the

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Hastings Middle School Principal Wayne Miller and Fairhaven High School Principal Tara Kohler presented annual improvement plans for their respective schools. At HMS, Mr. Miller said that a new response to intervention (RTI) program was instituted that was conducted during enrichment periods in the normal school day as opposed to after school. The 3 to 5 week intervention sessions were based on data for students with deficiencies. The remediation was mandatory.

Mr. Miller said the first RTI tier was classroom instruction. A math coach had been hired to work with teachers after reviewing the students' data to recommend curriculum. In tier 2 RTI, the teacher met with small groups of students to improve their skills. In tier 3, the teachers met with groups of less than five students. A student may get RTI up to four times for up to a

half school year.

Ms. Powers asked how the family was informed of the RTI decision and what type of work the students did under RTI. Mr. Miller said it was done by the classroom teacher with alignment to the MCAS work. He said the teachers have endorsed the program, which should take five years to fully implement.

Ms. Kohler went through the FHS plan highlighting recent improvements. All juniors now take PSATS as part of the attainment goals. A Rachel's Challenge program was initiated to help personalize the educational experience. And a team competition for freshman year survival was initiated that emphasized attendance, academics, and behavior.

Ms. Kohler said that some of the literacy goals were not making the gains she thought were possible. However, strides were made to provide more time for physical education, music and the arts similar to other classes.

One of the new programs that surprised some SC members was that all juniors received Kindles for ELA. Since the device cost the same as textbooks, and the junior reading was available on Kindle for free, Kindles were chosen instead of textbooks.

Mr. Gonsalves asked if every member of the junior class had received the electronic reader. Ms. Kohler said that they had. The devices had a bar code on them to ensure that they were returned.

Mr. Gonsalves asked what would happen if they were lost or damaged. Ms. Kohler said it was the same as with a book — the student would have to pay for it, in this case \$28. And the electronic device could be used for multiple years, she said.

Mr. Gonsalves said that he did not recall signing for them or talking about the program last spring. He said the science teachers came to the SC to change the textbooks to workbooks.

"I have no problem implementing new technologies...I want to look closer at the policies," said Mr. Gonsalves. "When I have to deal with an already difficult Town Meeting member, it would have been nice to know about [the change]."

The SC reconvened in executive session to discuss collective bargaining issues. ●●●

Readers give their opinions on the proposed new school

Don't "throw away" our old schools

I grew up in North Fairhaven, went to East Fairhaven School and now reside "down the Neck." As an advocate for children and families I have spent many hours conducting independent research to determine if this Wood/Rogers consolidation project is in the best interest of all the children of Fairhaven. All data indicates that doubling our school size, increasing our class size and increasing the time that young children spend on a bus only leads to decreased performance, decreased attendance, increased behavior difficulties and increased drop-out rates. Is this what we want for our children?

The proposed elementary school will not be another East Fairhaven Elementary. Let there be no mistake, East was built far larger than its enrollment. In fact, it was built large enough to close another neighborhood school. If this second consolidation goes through, the numbers are sure to grow in every class and in every school.

It is well known in academia that the optimal class size at the elementary level is 13-17. Research has shown that even a class size of 21, with an aide, will not produce the same performance results. Yet, Fairhaven's teacher/student ratio remain higher than the state average and we continue to have current class sizes above our projected goals.

Currently our Wood School is ranked 12th in the state for MCAS scores. It should come as no surprise that this was accomplished in our smallest class sizes. Our Roger's School is one of the few "walking schools" left. Why would we want to start busing these children when family-time is so few and precious, and childhood obesity is on the rise in our nation?

Currently East has some of the largest class sizes, yet we are told that they are underutilized and can squeeze more in. Why wouldn't we want to preserve what works?

Both Wood and Rogers schools were ranked a Level One on the Building Conditions Report (on a 1-5 scale where one equals the least expensive and least amount of work to repair) for renovation, yet we seem determined to destroy a school which is less than 50 years old. Our center's

historical school, donated from our benefactor will be vacated after 110 years of educating children. In moving towards sustain, recycle and renew...is "throw away" what we want to teach our children?

I understand that our country and state support such efforts but does this make it right? As a School Counselor at a high school and a child/family therapist I see the real stakes involved. I see first hand what happens to children and adolescents that do not connect in a meaningful way. On a given month, I can conduct numerous risk assessments. I hear the blame on the school and the blame on the family. To me it doesn't matter. Perhaps we are all to blame.

What matters is fostering relationships as a community so that the burden is not placed upon any child. I can tell you first hand this is best done in a small, intimate setting. Talk with the counselors and see for yourself just how our youth are doing. It really does take a community to raise a child.

I have participated in the local discussions and my questions continue to go unanswered and/or are deferred to members who have not answered the question. Instead, we have been told by Fairhaven Superintendent "No is not an option people...there is no plan B." Why was that statement made when the MSBA's policies and procedures clearly state that in the case of a "no" vote, the town has 120 days to respond to MSBA why the vote failed and a plan to remedy. If our current leaders continue to minimize and dismiss the voices of our concerned families and fail to recognize this natural inequity of power, how will they ever instill and promote our new anti-bullying laws?

If something feels wrong on so many levels we must ask why. Why was our Rogers School so poorly maintained as to put our children in unsafe conditions? Why did MSBA state in writing that our town was asking for a consolidation long before involving the public? Why were open meeting documents unavailable to the public prior to the elimination of renovation options? Why did our town fail to include parents and community members on the school Building Committee even though MSBA encouraged our involvement?

Why is there no "plan B"? Are we really going to throw in the towel on our children when the vote fails?

I do not support the proposed plan that will increase drop-out rates, has excluded families in the decision making process, pitted our community against one another, neglected the maintenance of our buildings, abused its political power and blatantly miscommunicated information to the public. I will vote NO on November 2nd.

*Sharon Andersen, Fairhaven
LICSW, School Adjustment Counselor*

Resident had change of heart

In the early 1980's I was a member of the Save the Neighborhood Schools group when the Tripp and Anthony schools were the subject of closing. All of our members were proponents of small neighborhood schools because we believed that smaller schools were better for our children's education and neighborhoods were a safer environment as well. The town, however, could not afford to operate all of the neighborhood schools, and, as a result, Tripp and Anthony were closed.

We were devastated but got involved. We joined the P.T.A.'s of the larger schools, we volunteered for school activities, we attended school functions and we got to know the faculty. Our children were happy to meet new friends, to be in a new environment, to have their parents involved and as a result, they flourished educationally. It was a chance to move forward.

We have that chance once again but an even greater one. A chance to provide a state-of-the-art model elementary school to all of our children. Think about it. Who could say no!!!!

Ray Sylvia, Fairhaven

Maintenance issues were avoidable

There has been a lot of talk lately by the Fairhaven schools superintendent and by Fairhaven school committee member Brian Monroe about how Henry Huttleston Rogers consolidated some smaller schools into one larger school, the Rogers School. Curiously enough, neither the superintendent nor Brian Monroe, has mentioned that Henry Huttleston

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Rogers also put a large sum of money into a trust for the upkeep of that school. As recently as the year 2007, over half a million dollars remained in that trust. Yet since that time, pathetically little of that entrusted money has been used for the upkeep of our town benefactor's very first gift to Fairhaven — the Rogers School.

Meanwhile, according to our superintendent, the Rogers school will have to be closed if nothing is done to reverse its state of disrepair. However, it is obvious that no serious effort has been made by the school administration to seek any funds to maintain Rogers or any other of the historic elementary schools in town over the last several years.

In response to both the superintendent's and school committee's comments that Rogers school is unsafe for our kids, I say why should we trust the same school governance with a brand new school when it can't take care of some of the ones it has so far been entrusted with?

Like some of the characters in a classic Mark Twain novel, don't you find it ironically comical that the very people that have neglected the appropriate repair and maintenance of a building now point at their mess and say it's everyone else's fault if we don't clean it up?

Mark Twain has an excellent quote for this particular occasion in Fairhaven, "In the first place God made idiots. This was for practice. Then he made school boards." Please look it up if you don't believe me.

Trey H. Whalley, Fairhaven

Larger class sizes call for 'no' vote

This fall, town meeting and Fairhaven residents have the responsibility to either approve the new school design or vote the design down for reconsideration. At the center of the decision are enrollment, class size and the design of the buildings to be used for early education.

Fairhaven's class size goals recognize that at an early age good teachers in front of small class sizes are the cornerstone of a good education. The target class sizes are 17 for kindergarten, 19 for first through third and 24 for fourth and fifth. These goals are used for the new school project, as the MSBA says "class size goals and teacher staffing levels are decisions that rest entirely

with the local school district."

The MSBA has projected that K-5 enrollment will go from 847 this year to an average of 805. For the project design, the MSBA states that the "K-5 enrollment of 805 students is reduced for the purposes of the design enrollment recommendation in order to reflect the 435 students which will be assumed to be accommodated at the East Fairhaven Elementary."

For East Fairhaven, this is a big increase over the current enrollment of 382. Any plan to put 435 K-5 students in East Fairhaven, increasing 1st through 5th class size from 21 to 25 (435-54 Kindergarten)/15 1st through 5th classrooms), goes against sound educational judgement. Unless Fairhaven abandons quality education, East Fairhaven will never have this high of an enrollment.

For estimating class size, it's more accurate to take the total enrollment and balance it across the available classrooms of all schools. An enrollment of 805 divided by 6 grades is 134 students per grade. The one school option, with 3 classes per grade at East and 3 at Wood, would result in an average of 22 students per classroom, exceeding Fairhaven's 1st through 3rd class size goals (depending on where the two extra classrooms are used). The two school option, with 2 classes per grade at Rogers and Wood, and 3 at East, would average 19 students per classroom, hitting Fairhaven's 1st through 3rd grade target.

Is 19 a good class size or is 22? Twenty two students is a 16% increase in students over 19. It's a 16% dilution of teacher to student attention. Ultimately, voters need to make their own value judgement on class size and balance that against their expectation of future enrollment. This decision must be made thoughtfully, reviewing all available information to make the right choice for the future of Fairhaven.

Pat Elliott, Fairhaven

Let common sense, not emotions prevail

The town of Fairhaven is preparing for a crucial vote at the special town meeting and then, hopefully, on November 2nd in a town-wide vote. There are many emotional feelings regarding the decision to combine the future Wood and Rogers Elementary students into one new school placed at the Wood School site.

As a Wood School graduate and a parent of both Oxford and Rogers School graduates, I have mixed emotions myself. The history of our town is part of its charm, and the advantages to the very small school setting are innumerable. I was unsure what was the right decision, however; after much research and consideration I realized I was focusing on my emotions instead of my common sense.

The Rogers and Wood School families need to make sure we think long and hard about what conditions we want our children educated in, what memories of school we want our children to have. Do we want them to remember the fear of attending class in dark basements, ducking around leaking ceilings, faulty internet access, and trudging through rain & snow to go to art; or a clean, bright space where all students have access to 21st century amenities? Do we want, and expect, our children to receive the same educational opportunities that children in the East Fairhaven school district receive?

The fact is our children are learning in an unacceptable environment at the Rogers School and at the Wood School. When I looked at just the facts: spend more money to "fix" two schools to reach an inequitable learning environment OR build one, brand new school, on the largest site and have a "model" school — there really wasn't a debate at all.

I love our town and I love the history in it. Building a new school doesn't destroy our history; it builds our future!

It is important for this community to come together now and do what is best for our children, what is best for our educational system, and what is best for our town. I understand sadness over the loss of our Rogers School, and I feel it too. However, the fact is that the Rogers building is no longer fit to be used as a school to educate our future generations. Our town values the Rogers building, so it isn't going anywhere!

The people of Fairhaven must work together to ensure a fantastic new school be built AND the Rogers building be put to another valuable use ensuring it remains an important part of our legacy.

Sheri Tripanier, Rogers School Parent

GDP,” showed European countries and NATO allies spending 1.7%, with the U.S. spending 5.4%.

The areas of military spending where Rep. Frank would most like to see cut are military bases in Europe and Asia, with the exception of South Korea, and a reduction in the disproportionate number of nuclear weapons that are stored and costly to maintain. In addition, Rep. Frank would like the U.S. to have less of a military presence abroad executing the role of “global policeman.”

“We’re everywhere, and it’s a great expense to us,” he said.

Rep. Frank said the U.S. military’s presence in countries like Germany and Japan are unnecessary and wasteful, and absent are any real threats to national security since the end of the Cold War.

Rep. Frank said he is currently working with other members of Congress, including Rep. Ron Paul, to propose ways of reducing the military budget that Republican members of Congress would support, and said that Republicans view military spending as their preferred avenue for stimulating the economy.

“They treat the military budget as job creation.”

The crowd cheered at Rep. Frank’s suggestion that instead of spending billions on products and weapons that we do not use or even need, we could be using those resources to create products that the country actually could use.

Some in the crowd voiced concerns about how cuts in military spending would affect the troops and their families. Rep. Frank asserted that his proposed cuts to military spending were aimed at “cutting the fat” and not intended to reduce pay or benefits to service members.

Responding to a question about how cutting military spending would affect our safety here at home, Rep. Frank clarified that proposed cuts to the military budget do not apply to the Department of Homeland Security, a completely separate budget line.

One man, describing himself as an activist and “gun-toting redneck,” affirmed that he strongly disagrees with what liberals believe, and in regards to the current impasse between the two political parties, he asked the simple question, “What are we gonna do?”

Rep. Frank emphasized that he has

not given up on finding common ground with the Republicans.

“Where you disagree, you debate it,” he said, and look for an agreement where possible.

Some citizens attending the meeting seemed poised and ready to ignite into heated debate, many clearly in support of the new Occupy Wall Street movement wearing signs and donning buttons that read, “We are the 99%.” That subject was only discussed briefly, and the dialog about finance reform was limited to citing the financial deregulation of banks under the Bush administration as a major issue leading to the economic crisis.

Rep. Frank serves as Chairperson on the Congressional Financial Committee. He believes his proposal to cut back on military spending is the most viable solution to the budget crisis. Rep. Frank reminded the crowd that America is still the strongest country in the world.

“We’re not talking about not being strong. We are talking about America being the strongest in the world, but by less...” he said.

Rep. Frank is schedule to hold another Town Hall meeting at the First Parish Church in Taunton on Sunday, October 23, from 2-4 p.m.

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board member Charles Murphy.

“We’re getting to be known as a scenic community. We’ve always known that, but now it’s getting to be known nationwide.”

“We like the fact that movies are being made here,” said Mr. Silvia. “There’s an economic component to that that brings money into the town. ...I’d like to thank Mr. Pond for bringing his message forward. Without economic growth or economic activity, there wouldn’t be the resources necessary to support the town.”

The selectboard gave the town treasurer some time to publicly explain the status of tax title issues and the \$2.3 million dollars in back taxes that was recently reported in a local newspaper.

“Everyone is much aware of the article a couple of weeks ago and we end up having to come back with the board and explain what’s going on,” said Mr. Nunes. “Unfortunately, it takes money to collect money, and it [costs] \$1,400 bucks minimum to take a case to foreclosure.”

According to Mr. Nunes, monies collected each year in principals, interests and foreclosures can range from \$381,00 to \$838,000 and is

deposited into surplus revenue.

“The Standard Times said there were \$2.3 million dollars in back taxes owed to the town, but that’s about \$1.46 million in principal, \$859,000 in interest charges, and the rest is fees including any legal fees that we’ve incurred at this point in time. This also includes water, sewer and CPA funds,” he continued. “Out of the \$1.46 million dollars that’s open principal, a large percentage of that is Atlas Tack, and unfortunately that’s something the town can’t collect on, but we need to keep open in the books.”

Mr. Nunes also said there are 39 parcels in town which have had liens added with owners currently on payment plans and there are 35 parcels that are getting ready to go to the tax title attorney to start the foreclosure process. An additional 22 parcels are currently making their way through land court.

In other business:

- Mr. Osuch reported that Travelers Insurance agents conducted a seminar on workplace harassment and advised officials that the selectboard should adopt an anti-harassment policy to be distributed in writing to town employees.

- Requests to use the town hall auditorium were tabled, due to conflicting times among the proposed activities.
- Betsy Lebeau was appointed a deputy shellfish constable and Harbormaster David Darmofal notified the board that Shellfish Warden Tim Cox will be handling his duties while Mr. Darmofal is on leave from October 18 to November 15th. The selectboard also approved a lease agreement with Michael Botelho to use Hoppy’s Landing for storage of commercial fishing equipment.
- At the request of resident Ken Pottel, the board voted to revive the Bike Path Planning Committee. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact the selectboard’s office.
- The board reconvened in executive session to discuss issues the CCI wind turbine project, MDES wastewater treatment plant permits, issues with UMass Dartmouth, a clerical union grievance, and matters pertaining to the West Island Improvement Association, and Cushman Park.

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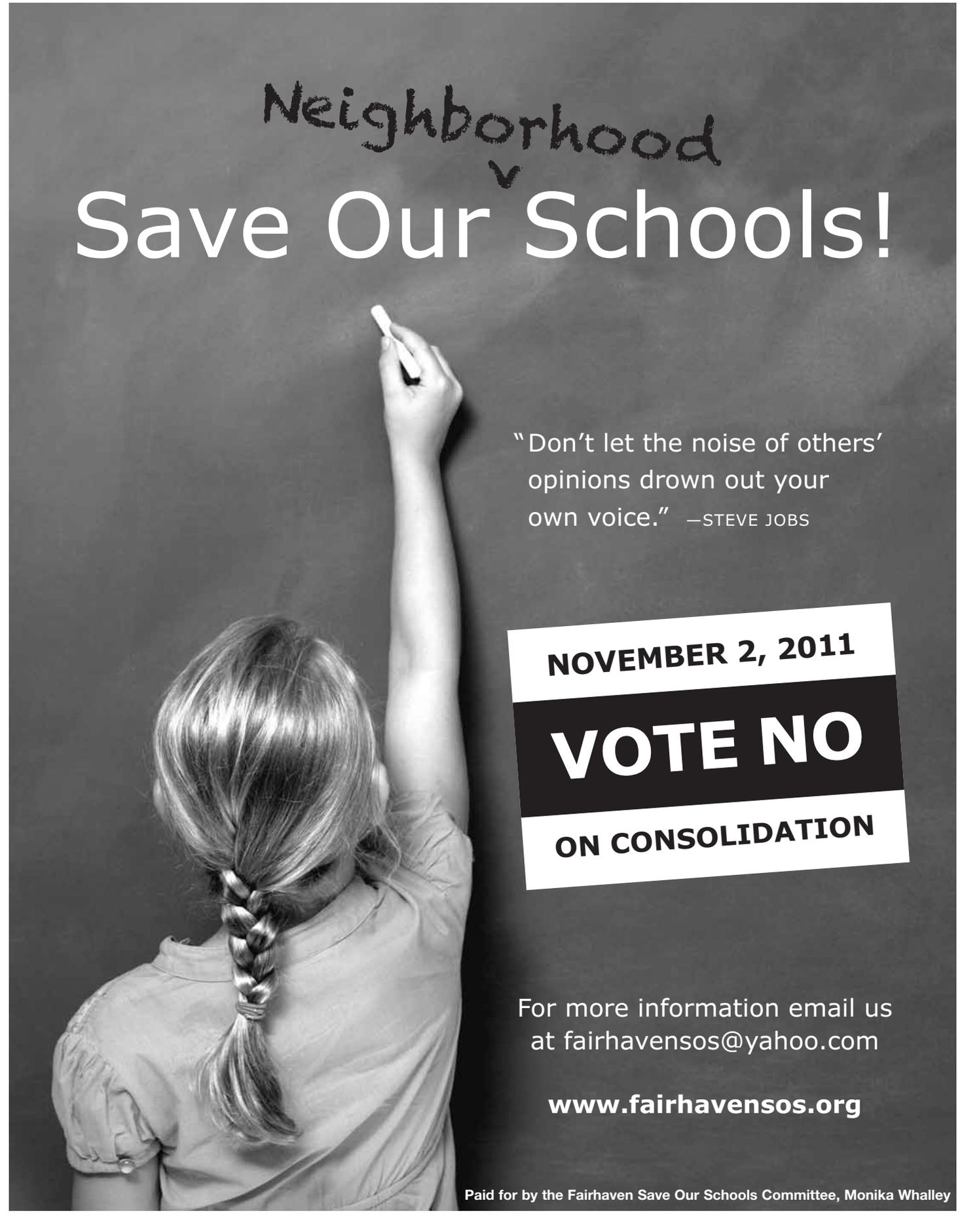
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