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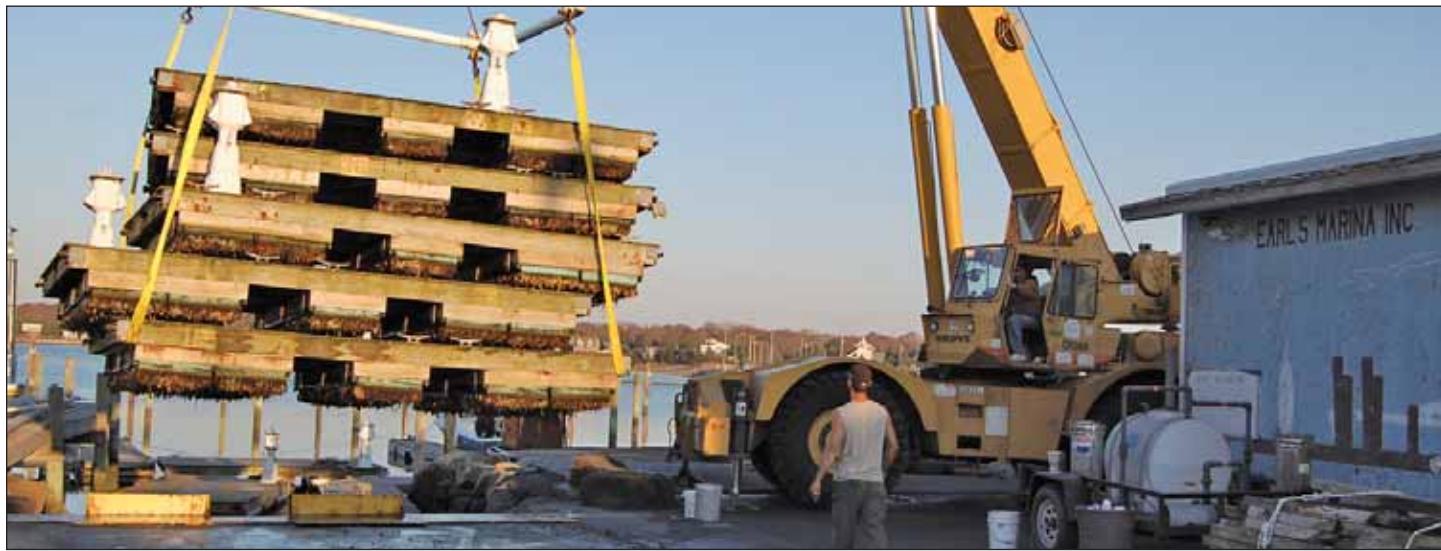


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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Bye-bye, Summer...see you next year!



Despite the summer-like weather on Tuesday, 11/8, the signs of the end of boating season were everywhere. Boats being hauled out of the water, and, last, but not least, the docks being pulled for the winter. TOP: They move the floating docks five at a time at Earl's Marina on Causeway Road in Fairhaven. Nick Medeiros is in the foreground, Marina owner David Hebert is at the controls of the crane. ABOVE LEFT: Nick Medeiros jumps down from a pile of floating docks after getting the top one in position. ABOVE RIGHT: Tim Price (left) and Nick Medeiros position the pile of floating docks on land, where they will stay for the winter. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Find us on Facebook to see more photos of this and other events.

Also Inside:

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*Fixes typo from previous version

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

One of the best parts about this job is meeting people. It provides an opportunity to meet more people than any other job I can imagine myself doing. And, it's a lot of fun. This job is just a blast.

Fairhaven is a small town, though. And that means that when something tragic happens, there's a good chance I will know someone connected to the tragedy.

That happened this week, and the heartbreak from it has weighed more and more heavily on my psyche as I worked to get this paper done so that those of you who did not know Katie Brienz, can learn about her.

When I first heard that a pedestrian was hit on Sconticut Neck Road on Tuesday afternoon, and that it did not look good for her, my heart sank. When I learned it was Katie Brienz, I knew the world had just gotten darker for a lot of people.*

Katie was truly a light in the lives of all who knew her, however peripherally, however superficially, however briefly.

Katie had "limitations," or challenges, or developmental...whatevers.

So, what's normal I ask you? It didn't take a genius to figure out in about two seconds that Katie had all the same emotions as all humans. Sure, her abilities were different than some, but that's true of everyone. Her limitations were just a little more obvious, but, more importantly than anything, her limitations did not define her.

Her smile defined her.

She was, in a word, alive; just so very, very alive.

We all do some things better than other people, and for Katie, I'd venture to say that thing was smiling. She smiled easily, often and big. Every time I put a camera in front of Katie Brienz, her smile stretched across the whole lens in one second flat. Sometimes, I marveled that the camera could fit it all in.

Maybe we would all do better with some more limitations — of the Katie kind; if it leads to more of us smiling more easily, more often, and bigger.

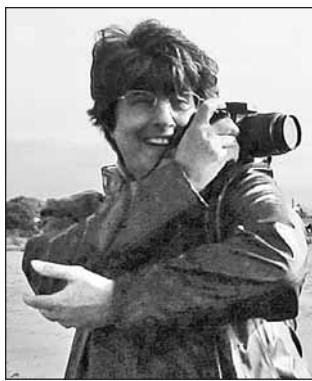
What a different world this would be.

There's a big hole in the heart of this small town because of a small woman with a big smile who will no longer grace us with her presence.

See page 9 for the story.

When I found out Katie was the woman killed, I jumped right to her Facebook page. The posts on her wall were already a half-hour old and growing by the minute. I used only a few from the hundreds I saw, and, yes, I confess, I added some punctuation. I know we are not supposed to mess with those things, but... There was no way on God's Green Earth that I was going to leave the "ur's" and lower case "i's", and period-free paragraphs.*

Until next week then....



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS

- In our issue two weeks ago (10/27/11), we misidentified some people in the flu clinic photos. They were Bert Diggins and his son Jarrod.
- In last week's issue we misidentified the photo of the speaker at Acushnet's Special Town Meeting. He was Norman Fredette.
- In our editorial last week, we used he wrong percentage for the Fairhaven's April election. It was 15%.

*Fixes typos from previous versions

Area plans Veteran's Day Events

Fairhaven Parade

Fairhaven's 6th annual Veterans Day Parade will take place on Fri., Nov. 11th. All Active military personnel and veterans, from near and far, are cordially invited to march proudly behind their respective branch flags. The dedicated veterans who work to promote this parade would like people to come and show support for those who will be marching that day.

Among those marching will be several color guards, a National Guard detachment, High School bands and the Fairhaven Militia. We also hope to have a military aircraft fly-over in honor of the veterans and spectators who are present.

Marchers should meet behind Oxford School in North Fairhaven, in Livesey Park by 9:15 AM. The parade will start at 10 AM and will proceed down Main Street to Fairhaven High School where there will be a short dedication.

The keynote speaker this year will be decorated Korean War U.S. Army veteran Jim Leal.

For those veterans who cannot march the parade route for any

reason, transportation will be provided. We are also asking homeowners and spectators along the parade route to display the American flag to show support for the marchers.

For further information, please call Gerry at 508-237-4282.

Raising of the Flag at Fort Phoenix

Chief Peter F. Barcellos will be remembered at a flag raising on **Veteran's Day, Nov. 11th**. Scouts from Troop 52 of St Mary's Church and Troop 55 of the First Congregational from Fairhaven will perform the **7:00 a.m.** ceremony under the direction of scout leaders Pauline Parker & Scott Fernandes, with a bugler providing reveille. The reversal will occur in the evening at **5 p.m.** with the flag being lowered and "taps" being played.

This project began last May when North Fairhaven Improvement Association member John Medeiros organized the event for Memorial Day in tribute to W.W. II veteran and long time N.F.I.A. member Manny Sylvia.

All are welcome to join in this event to honor the memory of Chief Barcellos at the Fort. Fred Raphael

will be coordinating the observance.

Veterans' Dance

The Fairhaven Improvement Association is sponsoring the **Veterans Dinner Dance on Nov. 12th, at the Fairhaven Town Hall from 630-11 PM.** Cash bar. Dinner catered by Mac's Soda Bar, music by The Nu-Sounds. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased by contacting Barbara Acksen at 508-993-0317, Jim Leal at 508-993-1064 and Tony Lopes at 508-993-7378.

New Bedford Parade

The City of New Bedford Veteran's Day Parade will step off from **Buttonwood Park at Rockdale Avenue and Court St. at 10 a.m. on Fri., Nov. 11.** The parade will proceed east on Union St. to the reviewing stand in front of Wings Court, below Purchase Street in Downtown New Bedford.

War Memorial Dedication

New Bedford will rededicate the City's World War I memorial which has recently been relocated to Fort Taber Park. The ceremony will commence at **1:30pm on Fri., Nov. 11, just outside the Ft. Taber-Ft. Rodman Military Museum.**



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Also available at:

Joe Cerrito of the Nu-Sounds • Veteran's Office, Fairhaven Town Hall. Please make checks payable to F.I.A. and mail to PO Box 684, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

An invitation to all veterans and those who support veterans

Please join the Fairhaven Veterans Day Parade on Friday, Nov. 11.

Show your support for our troops fighting in foreign lands, and those here at home.



*All gave
some, and some
gave all.*

Veterans are asked to gather at Livesey Park behind Oxford School, 347 Main Street, Fairhaven, by 9:15 a.m. Parade steps off at 10 and marches along Main Street to Fairhaven High School where the big flag will be raised. Transportation provided for veterans who cannot march. Call Gerry at 508-237-4282 for transportation or other information.

Homeowners along the route are asked to display the US Flag. Spectators are asked to line the route and go to the High School to show their support.

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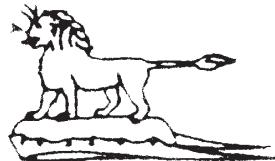
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Vets Day Events

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Craft sale

Start your Christmas Shopping at Atrial! Atria Senior Living, 391 Alden Road, Fairhaven, invites you to Pretty Things Jewelry Handbags & Accessories on Wednesday Nov. 16, from 11:00am to 2:30pm. Great Gifts for your Christmas Stockings!

Local Art Show

Flanagan Fine Arts Show, at The Nemasket Gallery, 56 Bridge Street, Fairhaven, showcasing the art of James Flanagan. **Opening: Friday, Nov. 11 from 5-10 p.m. Viewing: Sat., November 12 from 12-5 p.m.**

Food and drinks served at the opening reception; raffles, silent auction, and children's activities.

Visit www.flanaganarts.com for information on this Fairhaven artist, or call the Nemasket Gallery, 508-999-4436; or James Flanagan, 774-328-1537.

Vets Documentary

A special Veteran's Day documentary is scheduled to premiere on Friday, Nov. 11 on Fairhaven's BD-TV, Education Access Channel 9.

The documentary-style program is entitled "Our Heroes' Tree: A Living History." Co-founder Stephanie Pickup is the host of the 1 1/2 hour special with interviews from Major Barbara Webster (U.S. Army), Spc. 4 Gerry Payette (U.S. Army), Sgt. Brian Messier (Army National Guard), and MSG Antone Lopes (Retired U.S. Army).

Pickup is the author of "The Soldier's Tree," a book for military children, and is the co-founder of "Our Heroes' Tree," a national initiative which honors the service and sacrifice of our nation's military and their families.

This series was produced by FHS advanced media students Jamaul Jones and Alyssa Do Couto. It profiles local area veterans as they reflect upon their service during Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Iraq.

In honor of Veteran's Day, this program will be shown at the Fairhaven High School Performing Arts Center on the big screen immediately following the short

dedication ceremony in front of the school around 11:15 a.m. **It will also air on Channel 9 every day at 8 a.m., 1, 6 and 10 p.m. starting on Friday, Nov. 11 for two weeks.** Refreshments will be available for the veterans prior to the movie.

Reading Group

Anyone who has read, or will read the book, "The Help" by Katherine Stockett, is welcome to join in a one-hour discussion of the book at the **Millicent Library on Thursday, November 17th, 10:00 a.m.**

The story, set in Stockett's native Jackson, MS, in the early 1960's, tells us about the complicated relationships of blacks and whites living in the segregated South. A century after the Emancipation Proclamation, black maids raised white children, and ran households, but were poorly paid. This first novel portrays the spirit and dignity of this sisterhood of women who looked out for one another, as they caringly raised white children.

The book is available at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. The meeting room is on the Walnut Street side of the Library and is accessible.

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.

Saturday, November 19th from 10AM - 2PM, Alternative Gift Fair. Are you looking for the Perfect Gift to Simplify Your Holidays, to Give a Present to the World?

Come to the **ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR!** Choose gifts that inspire change, such as \$10 plants 12 trees to be planted in Haiti \$25 help gives a family of four food for one week \$28 for a Solar Cooker in Africa and Many More Also, shop for Fair Trade Products! Sponsored by the Women's Alliance of Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven.

Scouting For Food

Scouting For Food is an annual campaign that the Boy Scouts of America hold to provide food for the local food pantry. Troop 52 will

be leaving empty "Scouting For Food" bags at your front doors, **on Saturday, Nov. 12 starting at 9:00 AM in the North Fairhaven area.**

We are looking for non-perishable foods, canned goods, preferably foods for Thanksgiving dinner. (No glass.)

Troop 52 will be picking up those filled bags the following Saturday, November 19 starting at 9:00 AM. The Scouts will take the bags to the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet and help with stocking the shelves. This is a great community service project for the young men and it helps them appreciate all that they have in their lives! For further information, please contact Pauline Parker, Troop Committee Chair, 508-997-1092.

Aluminum Drive

On Saturday November 19th from 10am-2pm, there will be an aluminum drive to benefit The Baby Project, which provides local, needy families with essential items, like diapers.

Please take any clean and dry, used aluminum to the collection center on the lawn of the Unitarian Church, 102 Green St., at the corner of Walnut Street, in Fairhaven. ALL types of aluminum are being collected, (cans and, old pots and pans, old cookies sheets/metal ice cube trays, window or door frames, or aluminum siding).

Please note that donations from construction materials, such as doors or windows, must be the aluminum only and free of glass or other materials. Cans (and plastic bottles) with a deposit will also gladly be accepted, but please keep those separate. Donations of all sizes are accepted.

For more information on The Baby Project, call 508-994-8421 or visit <http://thebabypointinnewbedford.blogspot.com/>.

Crafters Wanted

Get a table at our Holiday Craft fair/Bake sale Saturday December 3rd 9-2pm in the gym of East Fairhaven Elementary school. **Deadline is November 21st**, table cost is \$40 for one table \$70 for two tables. We ask that all vendors donate one item for the raffle Maximum table size is 8 feet. Contact Becky Fleurent elf217@comcast.net or 508-951-2807

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Vets Day Events

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Vets Cable Show

In honor of New Bedford veterans the New Bedford Cable Network will air an original production as part of its continuing series entitled "Heroes Among Us." The 40-minute television show will feature interviews with two of New Bedford's Korean War Veterans who will recount their experiences in North Korea in the early 1950s.

Joseph Barbero served in the 57th Field Artillery, US Army 7th Division in Pusan 1950 and Roland Gendron served in the 7th Marines, 1st Division US Marines Corps in 1950 (Chosin Reservoir).

New Bedford Cable Network will broadcast this special program on Channel 17, the Educational Channel, at various times throughout the week including on Veteran's Day Nov. 11th. This show was filmed and produced by Sue Richard.

During the week of Nov. 21st, New Bedford Cable Network Channel 17 will feature a special tour of the Mayflower II, hosted by New Bedford Mayor Scott Lang. The show was produced by videographer Dana DeBarros earlier this year when the historic ship was in dry-dock in Fairhaven. The half-hour show will air throughout the week, and on the morning of Wednesday, 11/23, to allow educators and students the opportunity to hear about the story of the Pilgrims coming to New Bedford in 1620.

Lebanese Church Christmas bazaar

Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar this Sat., 11/12, from 10-6:30 and Sun., 11/13 from 10-2, at St. Mary's School Gym, 115 Illinois St., New Bedford. Free parking in the church lot across the street.

Enjoy this rare opportunity to enjoy delicious Lebanese food and pastry. FREE admission, hourly door prizes, raffles, caravan auction, Sittoo's attic children's table, games, crafts, handmade items for babies and children, Lebanese market table, and other fun tables and activities

that will provide fun for both children and adults.

Donations of new items for the caravan auction are still being accepted. Call Fr. Jack at the rectory, 508-996-8934, or Smitty David, 992-2391, or Sharon Tripp, 774-202-3429.

Moby Partnership

The next event in the Moby Partnership ongoing program is being held at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 19 Johnny Cake Hill, NB, 508-997-0046. Accessible. Visit www.whalingmuseum.org for information.

• **Monday, Nov. 14:** Moby-Dick Marathon Reader Call-in Day. Anyone may call in to request an 8-10 minute reading slot, beginning at 12:01 a.m. Be sure to give us three alternative times when you could read. Call 508-997-0046 x151. The Marathon will be held on January 7, 2012.

Volunteers Needed

Adult Ed Program

If you have a minimum of a high school diploma and a maximum amount of interest in helping others learn and improve their lives, you could be a perfect candidate to become an adult literacy volunteer.

The New Bedford Public Schools Division of Adult and Continuing Education is currently seeking volunteers to help teach adult learners. Volunteers are needed to assist in Adult Basic Education as well as English for Speakers of Other Languages classes.

Classroom teachers and a volunteer facilitator are there to provide tutors with direction, guidance and training.

Call Dr. Michael Gauthier at 508-997-4511, ext. 2419, for more info.

Whale Park B-day

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park warmly invites the public to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the creation of the park in 1996 on Saturday, November 12, when the park will hold a birthday party from 12 noon to 4:00 PM.

The party will include music by Toe Jam Puppet Band, a specially made birthday cake, refreshments, storytelling with Karen Chace and crafts and games with Ruth and Abby,

the 1850s ladies, and Minute Memories, a video collection of stories and reminiscences about the park will play on a continuous loop in the theater.

For schedule visit www.nps.gov, or visit the park's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNH>

Admission is free for all events, 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. Accessible. For more information, call 508-996-4095.

Your Theatre

Your Theatre, Inc. presents the second major production of its 65th season of award-winning plays, Paula Vogel's How I Learned to Drive, which opens November 10 at 8:00 p.m. and runs **Thursdays through Saturdays November 10-12 and 17-19 with Sunday matinees on November 13 and 20.** Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. for all performances except for 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinees.

Juli Parker, a Swansea resident and Director of Center for Women, Gender & Sexuality at UMass Dartmouth, directs the play which won the 1998 Pulitzer Prize for Drama as well as the 1997 Obie and Drama Desk awards for Outstanding Play.

Stage manager for the production is Elena Murphy of Wareham.

How I Learned To Drive is an unconventional coming of age drama which takes a critical look at a woman's (L'il Bit) troubled life in rural Maryland through a series of flashbacks that detail an illicit relationship with her aunt's husband and the effects it has had on her life. L'il Bit's memories are shaped through the driving lessons that she had from her Uncle Peck. She reflects upon both what he took from her and what he gave her in return: namely, the freedom and independence of being behind the wheel.

Despite its dark subject matter, the play is humorous. How I Learned to Drive is a wildly funny, surprising and devastating tale of survival.

The YTI Playhouse is located in St Martin's Church Hall at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.) New Bedford. Parking and entrance to the playhouse are at the rear of the church/hall complex entrance on County St.

For information call 508-993 0772, email ytinc@verizon.net or visit www.yourtheatre.org

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Grand Opening

Life in Balance Yoga & Healing Arts, new studio at 76 County Road, Mattapoisett. Two-day Grand Opening Celebration. Come and learn about the center and the beautiful new space, meet the extraordinary team and discover how you can use the practice of Yoga and various healing arts to bring balance to your life. Demos, food, drink and raffles.

Saturday 7 Sunday, Nov. 12 & 13, Noon-4 p.m. Mini classes; Yoga, CardioFlow, Nutrition, Tai Ji Plus, Pilates, Reflexology, Asian Healing Arts/Cupping Therapy, Chi Gong, Massage, Hypnotherapy, Neurolinguistics, Cranial Sacral Therapy, Dance Meditation.

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Decemberfest 2011

Celebrating a Coastal Christmas

Decemberfest, a holiday sale and fundraiser presented by the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library will be held on Sat. Dec. 3 from 9am-3pm in the library meeting room at 88 Main St., Acushnet. The sale features decorated and plain holiday wreaths, table arrangements and large bundles of fresh greens, baked goods and gift items. **Pre-sale order forms for wreaths and greens are available at the library and online, and must be returned no later than Nov. 19th. Greens available only by pre-order.**

For more information, call the library at 508-998-0270 or visit www.sailsinc.org/acushnet

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.

CD Release Party

Maureen Curran wrote, sang, and has produced her second CD. Her CD Release Party will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the Mattapoisett Chowder House at 6:45 P.M. Part of the proceeds will benefit the Pilgrim United Church of Christ in New Bedford, which has a scholarship program. Tickets may purchased at Dorothy Cox's Chocolates in Fairhaven, from Joan Williams, member of Pilgrim United Church of Christ, or by calling 508-999-0964, and may also be purchased at the door. General Admission is \$16, and includes a complimentary CD. Students and Seniors 55+ half price/\$8, and may purchase the CD half price for \$5.

Ms. Curran's first CD was called "Bright Lights," the second one is "Sparking Rays of Sunshine." Not only did she write all words and music, she plays the only instrument and does all the singing.

Remembrance Serv.

Southcoast Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) will be holding its Annual **Interfaith Remembrance Service on Tues., Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. at Notre Dame Church, 529 Eastern Ave. in Fall River.** The service is free and open to the public and will include a special blessing read in several languages, a children's story and a candle lighting.

The service, organized by staff and volunteers from Southcoast VNA's Hospice & Palliative Care program, celebrates the lives of those who have passed and provides comfort for all who are grieving a loved one during the upcoming holiday season. An informal gathering with refreshments will follow the service.

For additional information, call Southcoast VNA at 800-698-6877.

Planning Meeting Relay for Life

Relay For Life of the Tri Town will join over 5,200 other Relay events across the nation in celebrating the ones that have survived, remembering those that we have lost and fighting back against cancer. The Relay For Life of the Tri-Town will begin the **planning stages of this event on Nov. 15, at Old Rochester Regional High School Library on**

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For more information please call Heather at 774-634-9301 or email the event at tritownrelay@comcast.net. You can also follow us on Facebook or Twitter at TRITOWNRELAY. Our website is www.relayforlife.org/tritownma.

Diabetes Fair

Southcoast Hospitals Group celebrates Diabetes Awareness Month with the Southcoast Hospital's Diabetes Fair. **The free event will take place on Wed., November 16, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Niagara/Maplewood Senior Center, 550 Tucker Street in Fall River.**

A team of Southcoast clinicians from Southcoast Diabetes Management, Cardiac Prevention, Optifast Weight Loss Program, Southeast Rehabilitation Center and Southcoast Wound Care Center will provide education on nutrition, weight management, vascular disease, skin and wound care, eye health and rehabilitation services.

Free health risk assessments will be provided through screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol and foot checks.

For information call Southcoast Wound Care Center at 508-679-7447.

Study Abroad pics

The Adams Gallery at Suffolk University presents a student exhibit of international photographs as more than 100 countries prepare to celebrate International Education Week Nov. 14-18.

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The exhibit includes written comments from the students on their favorite photos. An online slide show samples the work.

Learn more at www.suffolk.edu

Hit-and-run accident kills well-known Fairhaven woman

By Beth David
Editor

A hit and run accident killed one of Fairhaven's well-known and beloved figures on Tuesday, 11/8, at about 5:30 p.m. Katelyn "Katie" Brienzzo, 29, and her boyfriend, Ellery Reynolds, were crossing the street near 150 Sconticut Neck Road when they were hit by a vehicle traveling northbound.

Police would not reveal the identities of the victims, but by 9 p.m., Ms. Brienzzo's Facebook page was filled with condolence messages by friends who had found out from family members. It was clear from those posts that Ms. Brienzzo was the fatality and that Mr. Reynolds, 38, was the man med-flighted to RI Hospital.

Although she faced a special set of challenges, Katie overcame those challenges and immersed herself in town life. She was active in many events and activities associated with MO LIFE, where she was a client.

Many knew her by her wide, full-body smile, and her willingness to pitch in wherever necessary.

One of her more visible volunteer posts in Fairhaven was helping out each year in the malassadas kitchen at the Our Lady of Angels Feast. She attended and volunteered at many of the town's street festivals and feasts.

She was also a member of the Fairhaven Commission on Disability.

On her Facebook page*, nearly everyone mentioned her bright smile and cheery disposition. The word

"angel" appeared often.

"There is another angel in Heaven, and her name is Katie," wrote Carol Gallagher Kobza.

The first post, just before 9 p.m. on Tuesday, was from Erin Murphy: "I can't believe you're really gone, everyone's a mess here without you baby. Remember...the time you found out we both worked at Market Basket together and you were so excited? Or whenever I'd make fun of you for being so short;). You've always been family to me...it's so hard to know you're not here anymore."

"It seems like just yesterday you were over my house and we were playing dolls with me and my brother. I can't believe you are gone. I will miss you so much," wrote Meaghan Fostin.

"Heaven has gained an angel tonight and we lost one," wrote Mike Moniz. "My whole family is saddened...we will always love you and the smiles that you gave us!"

"I can't believe this tragedy happened to such a sweet angel!" wrote Victoria Ambrose.

"You always had a smile and something to laugh about. You will ALWAYS be remembered in that way," posted Elizabeth R. De Sousa.

Jonathan Donnelly wrote, "We had some laughs together. That's what I'm going to hold onto."

By Wednesday morning there were hundreds of posts on her Facebook page.

According to the Bristol County District Attorney's office, the car was driven by 35-year-old Renee Andrews of Fairhaven** who drove to the



Photo of Katie Brienzzo from her Facebook page.

police station to report the accident.

"The facts as we know them at this point show that she did not attempt to elude police," said DA spokesperson Gregg Miliote.**

He said she was cited and summonsed into court to be charged with motor vehicle homicide and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. An arraignment date will be set by the court.

According to Mr. Miliote, there was no sign of alcohol or drug use or distracting behaviors such as texting.**

After the accident, Ms. Brienzzo was taken to St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford where she was pronounced dead. At press time, Mr. Reynolds was in fair condition.

The case is under investigation by the Fairhaven Police Department, the Mass. State Police and the Bristol County District Attorney's Office.

Katie graduated from Fairhaven High School and worked at Market Basket in New Bedford. Her mother, Karen Fostin, works at Stop & Shop in Fairhaven, where Katie also worked for many years.**

*Editor's note: We fixed typos and punctuation from the Facebook posts to make them more readable.

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6 whole cloves
2 small cinnamon sticks (3" long)
Cranberry Raspberry Sauce
(below)
12 fresh sprigs of mint for garnish
Peel pears carefully. Leave stems on. Place cran-apple juice, lemon juice, cloves and cinnamon sticks in a large, heavy nonreactive pot on top of stove. Add pears and bring to a boil over medium heat.

When liquid boils, reduce heat and simmer pears gently for one hour. Remove from heat; cool in liquid. Refrigerate pears overnight, covered by the liquid.

To serve, remove pears from liquid. Spoon some Cranberry Raspberry Sauce to cover the bottom of a large shallow serving bowl. Stand the pears upright in the sauce (cut off a thin slice from pear bottoms so they stand flat). Drizzle 1 tbsp of sauce over each pear. Garnish with mint. Pass any remaining sauce in a small pitcher.

Serves 12. Per pear (without sauce): 220 calories, 1.1g fat, no cholesterol.

Cranberry Raspberry Sauce

Defrost 2 cups frozen raspberries. Meanwhile, combine 1 1/2 cups fresh cranberries, 1 cup granulated sugar and 1/2 cup fresh orange juice in a medium-sized saucepan; stir well. Cook over medium heat until cranberries pop open, about 10 mins.

Remove from heat; cool. Mix cranberries with raspberries. Puree in blender or food processor until smooth; pour through sieve into a bowl, pressing down to remove any seeds. Stir in 2 tsp lemon juice. Reserve for poached pears.

Yield: 3 cups. per 1/4 cup service, 85 calories, .2g fat, no cholesterol.

A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neighb News FHS Volleyball in State Tourney

The Lady Blues rolled over Coyle-Cassidy 3-0 Saturday in the first game of State Tourney. The K Sisters were outstanding. Kara Charette, Kelsey Sovik, and Kayli Moniz. Little sister Katie Leidhold only a Freshman, was outstanding.

On Tuesday the Blues beat Bourne, 3-0. Go to semis on Thursday, 7 p.m., against NB Voke, a team the Blues beat twice.

FHS Football

Fairhaven High Blues suffered a hard defeat at the hands of D-R 41-6. QB Chris Braga threw a 55-yard TD pass to Billy Pires. At home Friday night to Bourne and home for Turkey Day Game versus Dartmouth.

FHS Girls Soccer

The Blue Kickers lost the last season game to Southcoast Champ OR 6-2. Madison Shields and Ashley Pereira had goals for FHS. Lady Blues made the State Tourney and lost to Carver last Sunday 4-1. Emma Moorehead had FHS goal, and Taylor Canastrra had eleven saves.

FHS Field Hockey

The Lady Blues concluded their season with a big 1-0 win over Westport. Jane Lamarre DeJesus got winning goal, assisted by Jessica McKenna.

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Congratulations to Jane, who set new school record for goals with 17. Alicia Rego got her fourth shutout of the year.

UMD Football

UMD concluded their 2011 season with 28-18 loss to undefeated Western New England at home last Saturday. UMD got TD's from Darrius Wood, and Darrien Furr. John Cordasco had 14 tackles and Joe Teixeira had eight tackles to lead Corsair defense.

UMD Tennis

Fairhaven alum Alison Furtado was named second team ALL LEC at number four singles after posting an 8-3 record. Coach Ralph Perry's girls had another outstanding year.

UMD Hockey

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Prose on Pros

Mr Hobbs is under the weather due to awful loss the Patriots had against the Giants.

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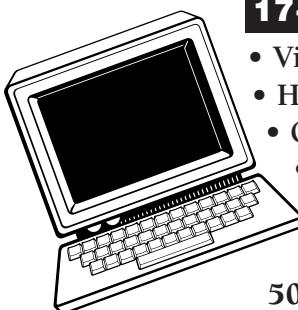
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Acushnet COA & Police team up for seniors

By Diane Kozak

Neighb News Correspondent

Heather Sylvia, Director of the Acushnet Council on Aging, wants to remind all home-bound Acushnet residents that the BINGO outreach program offers them a variety of free services. The program, which stands for Benefiting Individual Needs, Goals, Objectives, is a collaborative effort of the COA and the Police Department which provides help to home-bound seniors and adults with disabilities.

BINGO focuses on helping these individuals to lead successful, fulfilling and safe lives in the housing of their choice. Ms. Sylvia reports that there are currently 30 families benefiting from the program and that anyone interesting in services for themselves or someone they know can contact the COA at 508-998-0280.

Ms. Sylvia attributes the success of the BINGO program on the unique relationship that the Acushnet COA and the Police Department share.

"Police Chief Micheal Alves has been an amazing advocate for the seniors in our town," said Ms. Sylvia. "Without his department and especially the dedication of Family Resource Officer LouAnne Jenkinson BINGO would never have been possible."

She explained the on-going nature of the police department's support which includes assigning Officer Jenkinson to work with the COA for one full shift per month and how the Police Association routinely helps the council with fundraising efforts.

Ms. Sylvia also said that the summer Lincoln Park themed event raised about \$1,200 and the October Holistic and Psychic Fair raised another \$900. She estimated about

\$3,000 has been raised through special events.

Although no formal tracking system exists for counting people who use the COA center Ms. Sylvia said about 300 people use the building for at least one program in a typical week.

"Mondays and Tuesdays are our busiest days," she said. "We see over 125 seniors on each of these days for various programs such as

c r i b b a g e , mahjong, BINGO etc."

The center also coordinates day trips. She said she expected 110 seniors on two buses for a trip to Twin River Casino on November 9.

The center serves seniors with a range of needs.

"There are the older people and the younger seniors who want to stay young," said Ms. Sylvia. "We have programs for both groups."

She also noted that not all the people who use the center are from Acushnet,

"There are no residency requirements to participate in a Council on Aging program," she aid said. "In fact, 60% of the seniors we serve are from Acushnet, but the other 40% are from neighboring communities, predominately New Bedford and Fairhaven."

She said that even though people move to different cities or towns, they do not necessarily change the senior

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Jerry Tanguay, Heather Sylvia (BACK ROW, L-R) and Linda Guilbeault, LouAnne Jenkinson, Marion Gadomski at the Holistic and Psychic Fair held at the Acushnet senior center on October 2. Photo by Diane Kozak. See it in color at www.neighbnews.com

center they go to. In fact, she says that seniors often frequent the centers where they have long standing friendships rather than those that are geographically located near their homes.

Ms. Sylvia said the Acushnet COA does not pool resources with any of the other COAs, nor does she compare the numbers of people the Acushnet COA serves to others.

She explained that each COA location is unique and offers different programming.

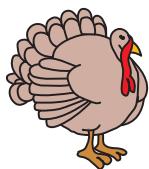
Acushnet has about 10,160 residents and Ms. Sylvia said she believes that an average of 300 different people each week is a healthy level of activity.

In comparison, Anne Silvia, the Director of the Council on Aging in Fairhaven, reports that they serve about 350 different people each week of which 70% are from Fairhaven. The town of Fairhaven has about 16,100 residents. •••



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SBC sets pace for new school construction

By Joyce Rowley

Neighb News Correspondent

Within 24 hours of securing approval in the general election for a debt exclusion to build the new Wood School on Sconticut Neck Road, the full nine-member Fairhaven School Building Committee met on 11/3 to flesh out the steps leading to breaking ground by June 2012.

"We're now in the design development phase," said Christopher Bunnell, SBC chairperson. The next step, he said, was to execute a project planning agreement with the Mass. School Building Authority, which will require a certified copy of the general election vote.

That starts the flow of money and will allow the town to receive reimbursement within 15 days of invoicing work. First the school district must award a contract with the architect and construction manager.

Mr. Bunnell asked that the SBC vote to authorize him and Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch to enter into the contract with Daedalus, Inc. as project manager and HMFH, Inc as architect. The architect's fee is above what MSBA guidelines allow and discussions have already taken place with HMFH to reduce their fees. One option will be to replace the landscape architect as Mr. Osuch and Phillip "Pip" Lewis of HMFH have done much of that work.

Member David Gonsalves asked if the overage was caused by the SBC's thoroughness in complying with requests for multiple designs of the new school. Mr. Bunnell said that the problem lay in the fixed 4% contingency fee allowed by MSBA regardless of the type of school or the complexity of the site. HMFH is at 6½ to 7%. Mr. Bunnell said that they are also looking for savings by using an existing model school design.

School Superintendent Robert N. Baldwin asked if the same clerk of the works could be used as at East Fairhaven elementary school. Mr. Osuch said they could if he were still available.

Member and SC chairperson Pamela Kuechler asked that the communications component of the contract with the project manager include stronger language.

"The communications problem hasn't corrected itself," she said.

Mr. Bunnell said they needed more communication with the Committee.

Mr. Bunnell also suggested that the committee meet every two weeks on Thursdays, starting on 11/17. He said that after the contracts with the architect and project managers were in place, they would prepare the timeline and the project funding agreement. They agreed to meet on Thursdays through December 2011.

Mr. Osuch asked that the two principals, Amy Hartley-Matteson from the Wood School and Wendy Williams from the Rogers School, meet with Mr. Lewis at EFS to look at the structure and the layout of classrooms prior to the next meeting.

EFS is a model school, and the new

It's imperative that we reach out and make [those who voted no] feel included. The Town is moving forward. We want them to get on board and get them included [Brian Bowcock]

Wood School will be based on the model school design.

The exterior design was discussed, with member Paul Kitchen suggesting that the Oxford School bell be used in the new school. Mr. Bunnell agreed that a bell tower might be more appropriate than the current façade. He said the tower could also carry additional lighting.

The timeline, which Mr. Osuch said would be posted online, had to be worked backwards from a June 2012 start date. Bids would be awarded two weeks prior to that, or sometime in May, 2012. Dr. Baldwin asked if

there was anything that they could do to help the project finish sooner. Mr. Osuch suggested that perhaps some of the site work could begin in a part of the Wood school property where it would not affect the children.

The EFS was a 15-month-long project, according to Mr. Bunnell, but Mr. Osuch said that because it had been done once the second time should go faster. Changes to structural steel or duct work location would not be repeated.

"Those changes should be made in these drawings so we don't make the same mistakes," said Mr. Osuch.

He said the process could be slowed down if bidders have dozens of questions.

Ms. Hartley-Matteson asked about the entrance to the school, and whether the administration's offices could be made more visible. She was concerned that the office was shut off to visitors when they first entered. Possible corrections included adding a window to the office wall and/or adding a receptionist area.

Mr. Bunnell asked if any member of the public present wanted to ask questions or offer comment. Denise Washko of Sconticut Neck Road spoke in support of the SBC.

"I want to commend everybody on the building committee, especially Mr. Bunnell who volunteers his time. Thank you for your service," Ms. Washko said.

Member and Selectboard member Brian Bowcock added a postscript on the election. He asked that they remember that 1,600 people voted against the new school.

"It's imperative that we reach out and make them feel included," said Dr. Bowcock. "The Town is moving forward. We want them to get on board and get them included."***

Debt exclusion vote by precinct

On Wednesday, Nov. 2, Fairhaven voters approved a ballot question to allow the town to borrow the money to build a new school at the Wood School site on Sconticut Neck Road. The new school will combine the student populations of the Rogers School in the center of town and the Wood School.

The debt exclusion vote allows the town to exclude the debt from its Proposition 2 1/2 limits on property

taxes. The total vote was: Yes, 1746; No, 1600.

Here is a breakdown of the vote by precinct.

Precinct One: Yes, 208; No, 395

Precinct Two: Yes, 332; No, 228

Precinct Three: Yes, 239; No, 146

Precinct Four: Yes, 249; No, 307

Precinct Five: Yes, 369; No, 316

Precinct Six: Yes, 349; No, 208

Total: 3346; 31% of 10,709 registered voters.

Selectboard warns dog owner

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Selectboard held a Dog Hearing on 11/2 to address a list of complaints made against dog owner Susan Staffon of 59 Ocean Ave. Ms. Staffon has had 70 complaints made against her within the past 18 months for allowing her dogs to run freely through the neighborhood, violating Fairhaven's Leash Law.

Animal Control Officer Cat Mindlin and a roomful of Ms. Staffon's neighbors attended the meeting to plea for a resolution to the ongoing problem.

Ms. Mindlin gave an overview of the situation, stating that Ms. Staffon owns three dogs that are frequently running free. Ms. Mindlin, has answered a number of calls regarding the dogs defecating on neighbors' properties, aggressively approaching pedestrians in the street, barking, and growling. She told the board that in addition to causing a public nuisance, the dogs have subsequently become a safety hazard.

Ms. Mindlin said she has repeatedly offered suggestions to Ms. Staffon, such as installing child safety gates at entrances to the house to prevent the dogs from escaping. Leash-walking the dogs more often during the day, better communication between the people who live in the house, and expanding the fenced-in area of the property were also recommended, in addition to dog obedience classes to train the dogs to stay. According to Ms. Mindlin, Ms. Staffon always promises to cooperate but within a couple of months more complaints are called in.

The complaints are limited to Ms. Staffon's Ocean Avenue residence and not her business on Alden Road. The dogs are often taken to work with Ms. Staffon where they roam unleashed without any reported problem.

Neighbor Janice Dexter of Grandview Avenue described the dogs as menacing and scary, and commented that the dogs habitually leave their mess on her lawn. She also recalled the time when one of Ms. Staffon's dogs defecated on her neighbor's freshly cemented driveway.

"It's ridiculous!" said Ms. Dexter.

Ms. Staffon defended herself against the allegations, although she

admitted, "There's been a little bit of trouble with my dogs but I feel my dogs are very nice dogs...but they do get loose."

"How many times do you have one person walk by your house in one day? How many times is normal?" asked Ms. Staffon.

The board looked on as Ms. Staffon walked the floor and implied that her dogs might be victims of harassment since the same neighbors repeatedly walk up and down the street several times a day as if to antagonize the dogs. She said she believed neighbors did so hoping the gate was open and they could entice the dogs to run loose into the street.

Meandering across the floor, Ms. Staffon again the board, "How many times a day is normal? What is normal? Ten? Five? Three times?"

Mr. Silvia cautioned Ms. Staffon that this was her last chance and if another hearing is held in the future the board will go to the next step and the dogs will be banned from the town, put up for adoption, or even euthanized.

The board deemed the question inappropriate for the board to answer and asked her if there was anything else she would like to add.

Ms. Staffon continued, declaring that both parties must work together to solve this problem.

"You can't expect one person to give their utmost," she paused. "...Trying to control their dogs...if someone is continually harassing."

Ms. Staffon then took out a folded piece of paper with what she claimed were names of neighbors willing to vouch that Ms. Staffon's dogs were not a nuisance but the list was not discussed in detail.

Still pacing the floor, Ms. Staffon held up a letter she received from the Town which explained the offenses against her and the measures the Town could legally enforce should she continue to violate the Town's Leash Law.

An emotional Ms. Staffon then

asked, "I have a question about the letter I received...the wording. Could you please explain 'disposal?' You mean you're gonna put them to sleep?"

"No," replied Selectboard Chairperson Michael Silvia.

Before returning to her seat, Ms. Staffon again asked the board, "What is 'disposal'?"

"In my three years as a Selectman never has this been an issue," stated Mr. Silvia referring to the definition of "disposal."

He said the meeting was about first establishing the facts of the case before any punitive actions would be taken. Mr. Silvia then opened the floor to any neighbors who wished to rebut Ms. Staffon's allegations.

"I do not want to see her dogs disposed of," responded Simone Bourgeois of Grandview Avenue.

"I want to see your dogs maintained in your yard. I want to be able to put food out for my cats without having to worry that your dogs will start running back and forth with the plates in their mouths."

She told the board she encountered a dead dog fetus in her yard that she claims came from one of Ms. Staffon's dogs which has produced two litters of puppies. As for the allegations of harassing the dogs, Ms. Bourgeois admitted that she does indeed walk up and down the block with her young grandson, just as any other mother or grandmother might do outside with young children.

"You love your animals..." added Ms. Bourgeois. "We do not want to see you lose your animals. They are healthy, well-fed, and fat...we're here to please ask you to hold onto your animals. We don't want to take away your dogs."

"I appreciate you coming," said Ms. Staffon. "I appreciate everything."

Ms. Mindlin stated that she had done all she could. She said Although she did not believe the dogs were inherently violent, Ms. Staffon has an animal management problem which needs a plan in order to protect the neighbors.

Board member Brian Bowcock described the dog hearing as one of the more "distasteful" issues he has to contend with as a board member.

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Selectboard starts hiring process; Acushnet PO still on close list

By Diane Kozak

Neighb News Correspondent

At the Nov. 7 Acushnet Selectboard meeting, members discussed the next steps towards filling the town's open Building Maintenance position.

Board chairperson Kevin Gaspar reported that 47 people applied for the job. He suggested that because Town Administrator Alan Coutinho and Building Inspector James Marot will be overseeing the employee, that they should screen the applicants and select the top six to eight candidates for the Board to review.

Selectboard member Leslie Dakin stated that he would prefer to review all the applicant information personally. Selectboard member David Wojnar stated that he had been contacted by many people about the position and he would rather keep the selectboard at "arm's length" in the screening process.

The Board decided to form a committee, which will include Mr. Dakin, Mr. Coutinho and Mr. Marot, to screen the applicants.

In another matter, Mr. Gaspar presented proposed changes from Mr. Marot pertaining to how the Planning Board currently works with developers and buyers in residential housing developments.

Mr. Gaspar said he believed the need for changes became clear with the amount of trouble and work the town had with the Forestdale Estates. He stated that to avoid similar problems with future developments, a "red flag" should be put on each deed regarding the easements that people get when they buy a lot.

He also noted that he did not want to bring the proposed changes to the Planning Board until the matter of requiring developers to carry performance bonds can also be considered.

Mr. Dakin stated that he wanted any changes to be reviewed with Town Counsel before being presented to the Planning Board.

The board voted to create a committee to explore possible changes to Planning Board procedures regarding residential development properties. The committee will include Mr. Gaspar, Mr. Marot and Town Planner Henry Young.

Mercy Cover, Outreach Coordinator for SouthCoast Energy Challenge, made a presentation to the

Board about the organization's efforts to promote energy efficiency in town.

Ms. Cover explained that the SCEC is a brand new initiative that hopes to get 15% of households to take action to cut back on energy usage by 15%. The initiative includes a free home inspection by an energy expert.

"I am happy to say that I took the challenge and may have an annual savings of \$200 to \$300 per year," said Mr. Wojnar, adding that his whole family is taking part in the effort. "My two young boys are running around the house saying, 'light on, light off.'"

The Board voted unanimously to publicly support the initiative.

Paul Pelletier, Finance Committee Chairperson, requested that Associate/alternate members be appointed to the FinCom so interested people have an opportunity to learn about what the committee does and how it operates before agreeing to become members. The Board agreed with the recommendation.

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on the list of sites to be reviewed
for possible closing...A community
meeting will be scheduled ...when
the results of a study are compiled.

Mr. Pelletier also requested that a by-law change be made to allow the annual Town Meeting, held in April, to be moved to a later date. He stated that, even though the meeting is often rescheduled for later in the year, he would like to see a later date made permanent so the FinCom "knows how much more time they have to come up with a realistic budget."

Mr. Coutinho stated that he believed the date of the annual TM is set in the town charter and cannot be changed through the by-laws. The Board took no action on the matter.

Mr. Pelletier also announced that he would be stepping down from the FinCom after the next meeting. The Board discussed who is likely to replace him as Chairperson and thanked him for a job well done.

In another matter, Mr. Gaspar read a letter from Karen Kucharczyk, Manager of Consumer and Industry Contact of the Connecticut Valley

District of the U.S. Postal Service. The letter is dated November 1st and is in response to the letter Mr. Coutinho sent in July regarding the possible closing of the Acushnet Post Office.

The letter states that a previous letter sent to the town from a postmaster, "was not accurate in reflecting our schedule for studies in the region."

It further stated that the Acushnet Post Office remains on the list of sites to be reviewed for possible closing, however, no formal fact finding study has begun. A community meeting will be scheduled by the post office when the results of a study are compiled.

Kristin Flynn, school department Business Manager, was asked by Mr. Gaspar what her recommendations were in regard to integrating the payroll clerk position, that the district is currently hiring, into the town's payroll department.

Ms. Flynn stated that she would not recommend it as the responsibilities of the position include more than processing payroll. Because the school department has more than 160 employees with various contracts, five unions and multiple funding sources she said she felt it was more efficient to keep the position under the direction of the school department.

Mr. Wojnar questioned whether or not the disparity in pay with the town hall employees may encourage a "mass exodus" to the school department.

"Our intent is not to take away any valued town employees," responded Ms. Flynn.

The job pays between \$35,000 and \$38,000 per year and is not a union position.

"We do think we can do it more cost effectively than the school department," said Mr. Coutinho.

Ms. Flynn ended the discussion by reminding the board of the many cost saving initiatives the district has implemented in recent years.

In other business, the selectboard voted not to exercise the town's right of first refusal to purchase the Ventura property on Main Street.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Gaspar announced that the town received \$92,726 in additional local aid from the state in a supplemental budget for cities and towns. The Board voted to make the funds available for FY 2012.

Reader wishes to set the record straight

Editor's Note: see our 10/27/11 issue, page 24 for the article referred to here.

When you inquire about building a house in Fairhaven, you have to go around to all departments and get signatures to authorize the building. When I went to the Department of Public Works, they told me that when I was to dig up the sidewalk that DPW would not allow a patch. If I was going to dig up the sidewalk to tap into the water main, the whole apron was to be replaced.

I got two prices to do the whole job, one from Medeiros and one from Joe August. Joe agreed to run 1/4" plastic water line plus bury the electric cable in the same trench, and to re-do the whole apron for \$5938. My driveway curves, and I told Joe to follow the side of my driveway because of the curve. In the middle of digging the hole, he said it took more digging and more pipe, so I agreed to pay an extra \$600. I said "no problem."

So I have paid him \$2,000 up front and \$600 for extra. After Joe had finished running the water line he told me that he needed more mone for his work and to pay an asphalt company to come and re-do the apron.

I paid Joe the balance, which was \$4538. I told him "no problem," as long as he gave me something that would say the apron will be taken care of. He did (see statement in sidebar).

I came home from work a few days later and Joe's piece of iron that had been covering the hole in the sidewalk had been removed. Only the hole was

covered with asphalt, and the apron was not fixed.

I called Joe and he said it was for safety reasons and the asphalt company would be there when they had a chance. I said "no problem." Joe has always been a family friend and I thought no way would he stick me.

It is now the dead of winter and I am ready to move into my house, but the DPW will not sign off because the apron I paid in full to get done was never completed. Now the town wants me to pay again for what I already paid Joe to do.

Yes, I did call Joe and say that I was going to go to the town and tell everybody what a thieving bastard he was. Joe called me back an hour later and said he pulled the permit that he had forgotten to pull, but the town told him that because there were two houses on the same driveway it had to be a little wider and it was going to cost \$2500 more. And when I told him I would be crazy to give him \$2500 more for him not to show up after already giving him \$6538 for a year and a half, his suggestion was to ask my sister to help pay because she shares the driveway. That driveway was fine for 10 years before being patched by Joe.

So here we are in October. Joe pulled the permit and told the town he would repair the apron that he had the summer of 2010 and 2011 to do the work on. Here we are in October. Now the town, that did not want the patch, used Joe's deposit to repair the apron. Joe shows up at a town

(BPW) meeting asking for money back for a job he was paid in full to do, but did not complete and calling honest people "scoundrels."

When I went to the DPW to ask if I could do the apron myself, because I have a backhoe, roller, and my father delivers asphalt for a living, they said you have to be bonded with the town.

I really hope the same town officials who said they would write Joe a letter saying I should have done the permit are not the same people who told me I had to get someone bonded. *Jamie Pease, Fairhaven*

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DATE	CHARGES AND CREDITS	BALANCE
WORK DONE	BALANCE FORWARD	
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Rotary Clubs seek professionals for international exchange

Team will travel to India in January 2012

Press Release

The Rotary Clubs throughout District 7950 (covering all of Rhode Island and parts of Southeastern Massachusetts) seek applicants for the upcoming 2012 Group Study Exchange Program.

Selected team members will travel to northern India (District 3070) from January 27, 2012 to February 26, 2012 including parts of the states of Punjab and Himachal and the entire states of Jammu and Kashmir.

All expenses for the team will be paid by The Rotary Foundation. **Deadline for applications is Saturday, November 19, 2011**, with in-person interviews to be held beginning the first week of December.

The Group Study Exchange (GSE),

a program of The Rotary Foundation, is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business-people and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries.

For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

In a typical four-week tour, applicants participate in five full days of vocational visits, 15 to 20 Rotary Club presentations, 10 to 15 formal

visits and social events, two to three days at the Rotary District Conference, three to four hours per day of cultural and site tours, and three to four hours per day of free time with host families.

Group Study Exchange candidates cannot be related to a Rotary Club member. For more information, visit www.rotary.org under the "Service and Fellowship" tab, or contact Caryn Smith, Assistant District Governor/GSE Co-Chair for Rotary District 7950, email: caryncornr@aol.com; work phone 617-770-0536.

For more information about Rotary, visit www.rotary7950.com or contact Rotary District 7950 Governor Bill Vangel, Jr. at vangeljr@aol.com

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ML's Eye on the Weather



A weekly weather report from ML Baron of the West Island Weather Station: westislandweather.com

By M.L.Baron
westislandweather.com

The Great Blackout of 1965

On Tuesday, November 9th, 1965 a Fairhaven boy was celebrating his eighth birthday. When he blew out the candles on his birthday cake the lights flickered, then went completely out at 5:27 p.m. — over the entire northeast. It was the beginning of the largest widespread power blackout in US history.

They relit the candles to see in the darkened dining room with about 15 fellow kids attending the party. The boy's parents thought the house just blew a fuse and later realized the magnitude of the outage via a battery powered radio.

Over 30 million people were affected, including some provinces in Canada. Everything went dark. Patients were in the middle of surgery, people in subways were trapped in darkness from New York to Canada and most states in between.

A plane was getting ready to land when the runway disappeared. The plane aborted the landing and diverted to a lit New Jersey Airport with 60 passengers. Seventeen hundred passengers from a powerless subway train were rescued from a bridge in

New York. The only light source was from the full moon and vehicles.

There was panic and concern of a possible Soviet attack. This was considered one of the greatest threats to national security since we were just getting over the brink of nuclear war with The Soviet Union and The Cuban Missile Crisis a couple years back and our president was assassinated. National paranoia was at a peak.

The war in Vietnam was escalating. The nation was in turmoil with racial riots. Nuclear missile silo crews were on full alert shortly after the outage. The intercontinental ballistic missiles were fired up and the rockets steaming ready to go. They were raised on the launch pads from their concrete bunkers.

We were at DEFCON1: The highest defense condition for the US military.

The bulk of these nuclear missiles had pre-determined targets deep inside The Soviet Union, including Moscow. The launch keys were in

Everything went dark. Patients were in the middle of surgery, people in subways were trapped ...from New York to Canada.

place. It took two keys to launch in a particular silo by two different crew members and send us into Armageddon.

The fact was that we didn't know who we were going to shoot at. We weren't sure what was going on. Chaos was rampant as the darkness grew from minutes to hours.

In Massachusetts a full scale riot in a maximum security prison in Walpole ensued. Over 300 prisoners

went on a two-hour rampage requiring State Troopers from over 16 barracks across the state to quell the riots.

The Statue of Liberty stayed lit through the entire ordeal while Manhattan was totally in the dark along with nine states and three Canadian provinces. The power for the torch came from New Jersey which, for the most part, wasn't affected by the outage because they were on a different power grid.

The outage was blamed on a massive power failure in Ontario, Canada and spread to the Northeast. It lasted about 11 hours, but it was never proven as to the exact cause. The rumors abounded of sabotage because of the widespread outage where 42 power plants across the Northeast were knocked out simultaneously.

One can just imagine how a power outage of this magnitude (80,000 square miles) would affect us today, with our Internet and computer systems knocked out.

The boy told his mother that he never wanted candles on his birthday cakes again.

That young boy was me.

For more information on this story read "The Night The Lights Went Out" Published by The New York Times 1965. A rare Signet paperback book

Weather Week Ahead

Seasonal temperatures continue with no significant storms in sight. Overall, a great weather week with a possibility of some showers Thursday. Temperatures in the upper 50's to low 60's. Mostly sunny skies. Possible morning frost later in the week. Beautiful yard raking weather ahead. The full moon tonight for November is known as the Snow or Beaver Moon.

The island's ocean temperature is 53 degrees.

The Winter Solstice is in 40 days.

Mail carrier douses fire

in the neighborhood.

He grabbed a garden hose and was able to darken the fire on the outside of the home before firefighters arrived. Fire had extended into the cellar and filled the house with smoke. Cause of the fire is from an outside outlet that had shorted out on the back deck. Damage is estimated to be at approximately \$15,000. No injuries were reported and no one

was home at the time of the fire.

The house is owned by Bruce Bessett of the same address.

According to Firefighter Wayne Oliveira, Public information officer for the Fairhaven Fire Department, firefighters were on scene for approximately two hours extinguishing, investigating and overhauling the scene. The home owner was able to remain in the home after the fire.***

Fairhaven Fire Dept. Press Release

At about 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, 11/3, a 9-1-1 call was received by the Fairhaven Fire Department reporting a house fire at 36 Magnolia Avenue. Two engines and a Ladder truck responded. Once on scene firefighters found a fire outside the rear of the home that had been extinguished by an alert mail carrier, Karl Sovik, who spotted the fire while delivering mail

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Fairhaven Curbside Leaf Collection

Nov. 1 - Nov. 26

Regular	Leaf
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Monday	Tuesday
Tuesday	Wednesday
Wednesday	Thursday
Thursday	Friday

After a holiday, collection will be one day later.

NO PLASTIC BAGS.

Place leaves in boxes, barrels, or paper leaf bags. After a holiday, collection will be one day later.

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Fairhaven Snow Parking Ban

No vehicles shall be permitted to remain on the hydrant side of all streets in Fairhaven from December 1 to March 31 from midnight to 8:00 am and also during the time of any snowfall or snow removal operations.

On streets with no hydrants, NO vehicles shall be permitted to remain either on the east side of streets running north and south or on the north side of streets running east and west. The only exception is the block on Centre Street from Pleasant Street to Chestnut Street where parking is permitted on the north side of the street.

The Fairhaven Police Department will strictly enforce this Parking Ban. Violators will be towed and/or ticketed.

By Order of: FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS — GEOFFREY A. HAWORTH, CHAIRMAN

The shortest distance between two people is a smile.

Anonymous

Fairhaven Meetings

Bicentennial Committee

Sat., 11/19, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

Board of Health

Mon., 11/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon. 11/17, Arsene St., 6:00 p.m.

CDBG

Wed., 11/14, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Commission on Disability

Tuhs., 11/17, Arsene St., 7:00 p.m.

Community Preservation

DATE CORRECTION

Thurs., 11/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 11/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Mon., 11/14, Sr. Center, 9:30 a.m.

Finance Committee

Mon. 11/17, Arsene St., 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 11/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Building Committee

Wed., 11/9, FHS Library, 6:30

School Committee

Wed., 11/30, FHS Library, 6:30

Selectboard

Mon., 11/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Mon., 12/6, Comm. Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Health

Mon., 12/6, Parting Ways Sch, 6:30 p.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/21, BPW Bldg, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 11/21, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers

Cape Cod Canal/Wing's Neck

November	HIGH	LOW
2011	a.m. p.m.	a.m. p.m.
Saturday 10	0719 1944	0022* 1328
Sunday 11	0756 2024	0104* 1407
Monday 12	0835 2106	0144* 1443
Tuesday 13	0917 2151	0225* 1518
Wednesday 14	1003 2239	0307* 1554
Thursday 15	1052 2330	0352 1632
Friday 16	1145 ----	0442 1717
Saturday 17	0022 1239	0542 1812
Sunday 18	0118 1337	0656 1916
Monday 19	0216 1438	0822 2022*
Tuesday 20	0318 1543	0936 2123*
Wednesday 21	0421 1646	1037* 2218*

* = Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft

**Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

Cancer Center expansion continued by Appeals board

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on 11/1, the Fairhaven Board of Appeals continued the hearing on the plan by Southcoast Hospitals Group to expand the cancer treatment center on Mill Road. Attorney Chris Saunders, accompanied by Project Manager Mike Quinlin, presented a total of five building plans to the board, none of which were approved.

Residents gathered to voice their concerns and hear the latest proposals that would address the issue of visually shielding the building and parking lot from their view.

Mr. Saunders changed the plan to lessen the impact on the surrounding neighborhood of Shady Drive, starting with the height of the penthouse conforming to zoning restrictions. The penthouse has been removed from the plans which lowered the height of the 47-foot building by five feet to a total of 42 feet. Once a definitive landscaping plan is in place, Mr. Saunders stated that the only part of the building that would remain visible to the neighbors would be a five-foot high section of a screened-in section of the roof.

A four-foot high berm was proposed for the rear perimeter of the property to try to obscure the neighbors' view of the building. The raised planting area would run along Shady Drive, and Mr. Saunders claimed that the parking lot and cars will also be shielded from view once a number of 10 foot Leyland Cypress trees are planted. The trees were chosen for their rapid growth and evergreen foliage that will block the view of the property year round.

Resident Barbara Nunes attended the meeting to view the plans and present her concerns to the board. Those working on the project have been meeting with residents, visiting their properties, and surveying the views of the construction site from their homes. Ms. Nunes said she does not want to see the front entrance to the building from her home and wants as much of the parking lot and car traffic shielded from sight.

Mr. Saunders acknowledged that the Nunes property will be affected the most by the new building plans, but he assured the board that they would try to accommodate her.

"It just seems so close to us,"

objected Ms. Nunes, adding that she already has to look at one building, why does she have to look at two.

The new plans also included a new nature trail intending to lead foot traffic away from the neighboring streets and along the Southcoast Hospitals Group property.

The board debated whether or not the nature trail would effectively tempt enough employees and clients of the center to make a difference in the foot traffic throughout the abutting neighborhood.

The Board of Health has ordered that a sidewalk be installed along Shady Drive for safety reasons, but resident Herb Souza spoke out against it.

"First of all, no one came out to my house to see my view," said Mr. Souza.

Mr. Saunders told Mr. Souza that at the last meeting he gave his business card to the attending residents and

"It just seems so close to us," objected Ms. Nunes, adding that she already has to look at one building, why does she have to look at two.

apologized that he had not had the opportunity to see his home. Mr. Souza questioned if Mr. Saunders truly believed that pedestrians would actually use the proposed sidewalk. He claimed they do not currently use the sidewalk on Mill Road.

"I think it will only encourage more people to walk down our street...we already have enough cockroaches walking around out here," said Mr. Souza. "This was country at one point. You add a sidewalk it becomes more like a city. I miss the cows...Add a sidewalk and more people will walk down the street."

"It's a safety issue," responded Board Chairperson Peter Deterra.

The board asked the representatives of the project if they really needed 300 parking spaces. They told the board that they pondered the question, but agreed that during peak hours they would not want to see patients parking in the street.

Mr. Deterra recommended that they drop 50 spaces and if it becomes

an issue in the future they could request more.

"You have five plans here. Come back with an exact proposal we can all agree upon," said board member Rene Fleurent.

The board voted to continue the hearing to 11/15.

In another matter, the architect for Francisca Zuccero of 19 Fisherman Road described to the board that the property's existing house is far beyond repair. No neighbors attended the meeting to oppose the petition to tear down and rebuild.

Mr. Fleurent remarked that the property was in his neighborhood and rebuilding on the property would benefit him personally. There were no further questions and the board swiftly voted to approve the petition.

The board also heard from architect Steve Kelleher and his two associates representing Sharon Bates who did not attend the meeting. Ms. Bates is seeking a Special Permit for expansion of use of her non-conforming lot located at 4 Ruth Street on Wilbur's Point. A number of neighbors in opposition to the new construction attended the meeting to hear the latest plan and speak out against it.

The proposed plan includes the demolition of the existing house and replacing it with a 2,995 square foot, three-bedroom house on stilts, with the option of including a garage beneath the house. He said the size of the house would not change the character of the neighborhood and noted that the neighborhood has similar "substantial" houses, not only smaller homes like the existing house on the site. Some neighbors in the room sighed, shaking their heads "no."

Resident Jane Brayton began explaining to the board about a prior land court case involving Ms. Bates and her Ruth Street property, noting that Ms. Bates had still not complied with the court orders resulting from the ruling against her.

One resident stood to address the board but did not give his name for the record. He told the board that he was handicapped, lifted his pant leg to tap on his prosthesis, and offered to show the board his leg if they did not believe him. He requested that the hearing be postponed until the circumstances surrounding the land

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"The General Laws are there to protect people. But animals can be disposed of," said Dr. Bowcock. "We need to send a strong message. You have a responsibility to take care of those animals properly. They're not being maintained properly and now they are a public nuisance."

"You're lucky to have such great neighbors to come out here tonight," Selectboard member Charles Murphy told Ms. Staffon.

He said he was concerned not only for the safety of the neighbors, but also for the safety of the dogs, and that he worried the dogs could get hit by a car.

"I would never let my dogs run loose," said Mr. Murphy. "I keep them fenced in."

The Selectboard demanded that Ms. Staffon keep her dogs on a leash at all times, including at the green-

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court case were settled.

"I don't trust Bates or any of these three people," he said.

The board stated they were only there to look at the Special Permit and not the court case.

Other neighbors explained that previous over-building on other lots in the neighborhood has, in their opinion, changed the character of their cottage-style neighborhood.

Attorney John Markey spoke on behalf of the neighbors saying that what they sought was a more modest proposal. He said a 90-foot long, 35-

foot high house was uncommon in most parts of Fairhaven and a house of that size would "not be in harmony with the neighborhood." He asked the board to vote down the petition for a Special Permit.

Those representing Ms. Bates rebutted, saying it was the third house proposed to the board, that they spent three months designing them, and not a single one was OK with the neighbors.

"This is the fifth house designed," said the Project Manager. "Now we have to go to a sixth, or seventh, or eighth, or tenth, or 58th house?"

He said that they tried to work with the neighborhood but everything had been shot down.

"I'm concerned that nothing can be worked out

supporting H1972 "An Act Regulating Election Primaries" which designates the first Tuesday of June the date of state primary elections. The board commented that it will reduce the cost of statewide elections save a substantial amount of money.

- The deadline for joining the Oxford/Rogers School Study Committee was Nov. 1 and a list of the names is being created.
- The board granted the Common Victualer License for Emma Jean's Cupcake Factory, Ice Cream Shoppe & Candy House located at 115 Huttleston Ave.
- The board approved a motion to form a Time Capsule Committee for the Town's Bicentennial celebrations next year.
- Also, due to a number of break-ins in North Fairhaven, increased police cruisers will patrol the area.

with the neighborhood," he said.

A motion to accept the petition elicited gasps and "nos" from the neighbors. The board voted 2-3 against the Special Permit. The neighbors applauded and cheered the decision as the Project Manager shook his head.

The board also heard from Jeffrey Tollman, engineer for Valentina DaCunha of 8 Windward Way. Mr. Tollman presented a proposal for construction of an extension to a garage, adapted from a previous proposal of raising the house and shifting the garage away from the road. The current plan placed the garage extension at an angle from the house.

Mr. Deterra told Mr. Tollman to return to the board next month with another plan because the whole plan had changed. Mr. Tollman's request to withdraw the application without prejudice was granted and the \$150 application fee was waved. ***



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BPW hires senior clerk, two HMEOs

By Joyce Rowley

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Board of Public Works interviewed candidates for a Senior Clerk and a Heavy Machine Equipment Operator and ended up by hiring not only one, but two HMEOs at their 11/7 meeting.

Jeffrey Felix, Jarryd Ramos and Daniel Snell had been interviewed previously for the HMEO position by the BPW selection subcommittee consisting of two BPW members, Superintendent Vincent Furtado, and Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau. Mr. Felix and Mr. Ramos were also interviewed at the BPW meeting; Mr. Snell was unavailable.

BPW member Daniel Freitas, who had interviewed Mr. Snell with Vice-chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson, said that Mr. Snell had planned a vacation six months ago and would have lost a substantial amount of money had he cancelled. However, both BPW members spoke highly of Mr. Snell, saying that he had sufficient qualifications and licenses to meet the minimum HMEO requirements. Mr. Charbonneau also spoke highly of him.

"I know the company he works for and for him to last as long as he has there, he must be a good worker and a hard worker," said Mr. Charbonneau, referring to Mr. Snell's seven years with his current employer.

Mr. Hobson said that Mr. Snell had also spent 10 years with the Marine Reserves and had operated some of the heavy equipment there.

Mr. Felix was also highly qualified, having had 24 years with Cape Building Systems. However, his previous salary there kept him from being hired. The Town's HMEO position pays under \$16 to start; Mr. Felix had earned \$22 an hour at his last job.

Mr. Charbonneau was concerned that Mr. Felix would leave if offered his old job back. Although Mr. Felix said that was unlikely, given the current economy, he did not absolutely say he would not go back to work for them. And he could not accept a temporary position, which was also offered, because he said he needed to provide medical insurance for his family.

Mr. Ramos was selected for the temporary HMEO position by a 4-0-1 abstention due to his willingness to take temporary work and his eager-

ness to get a hoisting license. The Board did not feel he had enough experience to qualify for the permanent HMEO position.

BPW member Kathleen Sturtevant recused herself from the discussion and all votes because she said she has a relationship to Mr. Ramos.

Chairperson Geoffrey Haworth said that it was a good candidate pool, but agreed that Mr. Snell, a lifelong resident and veteran, was the better candidate for the permanent position. The Board voted 4-0-1 to hire Mr. Snell. In addition to his high marks for his veteran status and experience, he had a hoisting license, and had experience on a snow plow.

Rebecca "Becky" Vento and Susan "Sue" Roderiques were interviewed for the Senior Clerk position in the Water division. Both have connections to the BPW and its offices: Ms.

I know the company he works for and for him to last as long as he has there, he must be a good worker and a hard worker [John Charbonneau]

Vento's mother is Charlene Paulson, clerk in the sewer division; Ms. Roderiques is the wife of local contractor John Roderiques III, and has been involved in the family business that does work with and pulls permits from the BPW.

Both were questioned on how they would handle those family relations should they be selected.

Ms. Roderiques said that she would not get in the middle of anything between the family business and the town. She has also been the daycare field coordinator for 4½ years at the senior center, which pays more than the senior clerk but does not have opportunities to advance. When asked if she would take the job if it meant a pay cut, she said she'd have to think about it.

"Who in their right mind would do that?" asked member Steven Riley when the issue came up.

Kathy Tripp, administrative assistant, said that the difference was 87 cents per hour. With the existing pay steps, Ms. Roderiques would

have to work three years before she was back at her current pay rate.

During her interview, Ms. Vento said that she has worked in retail for three years and wanted a position with more regular hours. She said now works anywhere between 40 and 55 hours per week. She said she would stay with the Town "till I retire."

As for working with her mother, she said that she would treat her as a co-worker and not take sides in any dispute.

In the end, the Board voted unanimously to hire Ms. Vento for the Senior Clerk position due to her "bubbly" personality, her ability to work well with others, and concerns that Ms. Roderiques would have to take a pay cut.

In other business, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$24,510 to Pavao Construction for work on the Main Street/Middle Street drainage project and in the amount of \$1,064 for that company's work on the Middle Street roadway; payment in the amount of \$157,985 to Bay State Contracting for roofing and HVAC work on the wastewater treatment plant; and to approve use of Cushman Park for the annual Turkey Trot on November 24.

During Board comments, Mr. Riley said he and other residents heard a BPW worker shouting out his opinion on the school vote from a BPW truck. Further details surrounding the incident were not available but at the meeting Mr. Furtado said he had spoken to the worker and let him know it was inappropriate to do so from a town vehicle on town time.

During a break, Mr. Haworth said the engineering design to correct the problem with the anaerobic digester's leaking tanks has been corrected.

The problem was with the pressures involved in the liquid sewage. However, the board has not reached an agreement with the contractor and engineering firm on the costs. The digester is expected to be completed between January and March of 2012.

Sewer Superintendent Linda Schick said the fix will look like a giant pressure cooker, with vertical bars holding the roof on. The digester will hold up to 187,000 gallons of sewage and sludge when completed.

The BPW reconvened in executive session to discuss the anaerobic digester and union issues. •••



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Legal Notices/Public Hearings

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on November 21, 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. Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation Applicant Jeff Osuch Location 60 Sconticut Neck Road Plot 28 Lot 24B Purpose verify wetland line.
2. Notice of Intent Applicant Heiam Alsawhli Location 1 Bella Vista Ave. Plot 43B Lots 326, 359, 360 Propose driveway to beach, resource enhancements, removal of phragmites, and float placement.
3. Notice of Intent Applicant Alice L. Yeaton Location 4 Bayside Street Plot 42 Lot 33 Purpose dismantle existing bulkhead and replace with a rip-rap seawall within a VE flood zone.
4. Notice of Intent Applicant Jose DeMedeiros Location 25 Bayview Ave Plot 28A Lot 475 Purpose Construct 24" freestanding wall,

slate patio, encase existing sewer line regrade driveway, regrade lawn area loam and seed.

5. Request for determination Applicant George L. Fairbanks Location 5 Bayside Street Plot 42 Lot 51 Purpose install break away walls within a VE flood zone.
6. Notice of Intent Applicant Douglas & Rebecca Marchesseault Location 97 New Boston Road Plot 34 Lot 29B. Purpose construct single family dwelling and utilities within the 100' buffer zone to BVW.

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

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

Town of Fairhaven will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. on November 14, 2011, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The purpose of the hearing is to seek public comment on the Town's FY2012 CDBG application. The Town has decided to apply for

funding for the reconstruction of Main and Park Streets and for the continuation of the housing rehabilitation program. The Town intends to apply for up to \$900,000 for these projects and general administration. The grant will be administered with private consultants. Any

persons or organizations will be given the opportunity to be heard. The meeting room is handicap accessible and the Town will make reasonable accommodations for the disabled with prior notice to the Selectmen's Office.

*Michael Silvia, Chairman
Fairhaven Board of Selectmen*

Board of Appeals

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

1. Katherine R. Faria 2 Day Street Plat 28, Lot 43 Certificate # 14477 198-18 Short 3' of the required 10' west side setback in a RA District.
2. Michael Ristuccia 156 Cottonwood Street Plat 43A, Lot 79 Certificate #22499 198-18 Short 10' of the required 20' south side setback in a RR District.
3. Francis Demers for Paul Schoffield 14 Crescent Drive Plat 29D, Lot 110 Certificate #20389 198-18 Short 4' of the required 30' front setback, short 2' on the west side and 4' on the east side of the required 20' side setback and 2% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 15% all within a RR District.
4. Antonio & Valentina DaCunha 8 Windward Way Plat 29, Lot 2C Book 7806, Page 277 198-18 Short 3' of the required 30' front setback and 10' short of the required 20' north side setback in a RR District.
5. Stevan & Faith Piazza 10 Shady Drive Plat 38, Lot 3A Certificate #17592 198-19B No boundary fence, wall or hedge shall exceed 42" in height within a required front yard.

Very Truly, Peter DeTerra, Chairman

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