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Fort Phoenix Road Race supports scholarships



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A rather small field of 109 runners and 8 walkers set off from Fort Phoenix for the 16th annual Fort Phoenix 5K Road race. Last year 160 runners took to the streets. Money raised from the event goes to local scholarships. See page 12 for more photos. *Photo by Beth David.*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

There is actually, some pretty good rant material this week.

Alas, however, it is rather late, and one thing I learned is... write the rants earlier in the day. I may be sorry if I let my sleep-deprived brain go unfiltered on me here.

Suffice it to say, that the spat between the Historical Commission and the Bell Committee is material for another day. I should watch the meeting online anyway before commenting.

Oh...oh...oh....that reminds me. The town has started a YouTube page. It's sooooo much easier to watch meetings now. The old system was terrible. It was extremely difficult to find meetings, and I had to use my ancient laptop to watch them. My newer computer couldn't read the files. Go figure.

Anyway, you don't have to do anything differently. Just visit the town's website and click on the link. It'll take you there.

And, by all accounts, the Historical Commission meeting from 9/7 is popcorn worthy.

I did pull one story this week because it got too late. The two elementary schools have revised their homework policies. They are now going to emphasize reading instead of traditional homework.

One thing the principal at Wood School, Amy Hartley-Matteson, wanted to stress was that they have not eliminated homework, they've just changed it.

They are encouraging reading to instill a love of learning.

As a writer, I couldn't be more delighted. Homework is such a drudgery, a must-do task that causes parents and children to be at odds with each other when they should be hanging out watching TV or...NOT watching TV. Now, they can find a good book, something the kids want to read, and ditch the stress.

We'll have more on this next week. I just hated to rush the story, and it got late.

Hey, now that I think of it, maybe I can talk to a couple of parents and some students to find out how it's going, since it'll be a few weeks into the program by then.

Yeah, that's it. I held the story so I could talk to people.

Much better idea.

I like that.

And Historical Commission vs. Bell Committee? Stay tuned. I'm sure there are more chapters to that story.

And now, back to my public-radio announcement. Please consider a donation to the Neighb News so you can keep receiving the high quality news reporting you can only get here.

Um....maybe I should run that through the plagiarism program?

Anyway, the rumors of our demise are definitely premature.

We do, however, need our readers to support us.

Just \$20 a year from each our loyal readers will keep us going.

You can send a check or donate online from a PayPal link on our website, or on our GoFundMe page.

Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Water ban to be mandatory this week

By Beth David

Editor

The state has issued a mandatory outdoor water usage ban that will most likely go into effect on Friday or Monday, according to Fairhaven public works superintendent Vinnie Furtado. The new restrictions came down on Wednesday, and by press time, the final word had not been issued. Mr. Furtado said, however, that he expected the ban to become official in a day or two.

The restrictions ban all outdoor

water use except for food production, maintenance of livestock, and some health and business reasons.

Nonessential outdoor water use includes irrigation of lawns with a sprinkler or automatic irrigation system; washing of vehicles except for safety reasons or business equipment; washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, etc.

Exceptions include gardens, flowers and ornamental plants, by means of hand-held hose, and only from -8 a.m., and 6-8 p.m.

Anyone who has replanted or reseeded vegetation in a yard is encouraged to contact the Board of Public Works at 508-979-4030 for review and approval.

Residents who are currently on a private well are encouraged to participate in the current restrictions due to the drought situation across the State.

The complete list of restrictions and exceptions is available on our website at www.NeighbNews.com under archives, 2016.

Boat crash in Taunton kills one

From press release materials

Massachusetts State Police detectives assigned to the Bristol County District Attorney's Office, the Massachusetts Environmental Police, prosecutors and others are actively investigating a fatal boat crash, which occurred on Saturday afternoon, 9/10, in The City of Taunton.

Three speed boats competing in the Bill Giles Memorial Regatta collided on Watson Pond around 1 p.m. All three boat drivers were ejected into the water due to the

impact of the collision. Members of the Taunton Fire Department's Dive Team were on scene at the time of the incident and were quickly able to pull all three individuals from the water.

One of the boaters, 39-year-old Mark Greene of Moultonborough, NH man, died at the scene.

A second boater, 67-year-old Stephen Joy of Bangor, Maine, was rushed to Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, where he is currently in critical condition.

The third boater involved in the

collision, Alex Poliakoff, 72, of Richmond, Maine, sustained minor injuries and is not hospitalized.

The three boats were hydroplane vessels competing in the regatta. Hydroplane motorboats travel at high rates of speed and move lightly on top of the water, with much of the hull in the air.

No foul play is suspected.

The investigation is being conducted by Massachusetts State Police and Massachusetts Environmental Police.

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Historical Commission and Bell Committee members clash

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Historical Commission held a meeting on 9/7 for its regular business and to discuss issues with Bell Committee members.

HC chairperson David Despres opened the meeting with questions about the Academy Building report. The building is undergoing some exterior repairs, such as painting and reconstructing some doors.

Mr. Despres called on Al Benac to talk about the work's progress. Mr. Benac said the painting will begin on the front of the Academy building (south side) in two weeks.

At Town Meeting, the HC had been unsuccessful in getting the funding to have the building re-shingled. At the time, HC members said they also did not have the money to paint the building.

In a follow-up email, Mr. Despres said that Mr. Benac had "generously offered to pay for the painting of the south side of the building."

The discussion quickly moved on to the progress at Fort Phoenix. Gary Lavalette discussed the presence of Paokémon Go players at the Fort, which he said has improved in the past few weeks.

"Teams of kids have been going down there and picking up trash and cigarette butts," Mr. Lavalette said.

Even though the Pokémon Go players have started being more cautious and cleaning up after themselves, there is still damage to the cannons that must be repaired.

"No one did it on purpose," said Mr. Lavalette about the damage.

But with the annual fall encampment taking place soon Mr. Lavalette said he has been trying to repair the wheels to be stable for that event. He said the cannons are 90% repaired. After the encampment the plan is to replace the wheels, which will cost over \$500.

Another concern Mr. Lavalette had was the use of metal detectors at the fort. He said he has noticed holes from people digging for items. He talked about filling in the holes for the encampment, as well as trying to stop people from using their metal detectors at the fort.

The HC then discussed Mr. Lavalette's duties at Fort Phoenix.

Mr. Lavalette said the Board of Public Works is allowing him to work

at Fort Phoenix with his truck from sunrise to sunset. He said he submitted his car insurance to the BPW in case any accidents happen; and it is posted in the Police Department to inform them on when Mr. Lavalette is allowed to be working at the Fort.

The main concern for rest of the Historical Commission meeting was to meet with the Bell Committee. Mr. Despres invited Doug Brady to open the discussion.

Mr. Brady read a lengthy statement discussing the events at their July 13th meeting with the Historical Commission, when the two boards met to discuss an issue that came up at town meeting with the article on the Academy Building shingling.

Mr. Brady read from his statement and explained the events of that meeting saying that HC member Wayne Oliveira and Mr. Lavalette should be ashamed of their behavior

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expressing your frustration
[Wayne Oliveira]

on July 13th. Mr. Brady said that both Mr. Oliveira and Mr. Lavalette yelled throughout that meeting.

The yelling and arguments stemmed from a range of different issues, but it was largely decided that miscommunication between the HC and the Bell Committee was the main problem.

During the Town Meeting discussion about re-shingling the Academy Building, which is the Historical Commission's project, some Bell Committee members, including Al Benac, spoke at the town meeting, but spoke for themselves, representing their precincts, not as a Bell Committee members.

HC members took issue with the Bell Committee members' decision to speak against the re-shingling project.

Mr. Despres said that Fairhaven is a small town and people know who is and who is not on committees, which could have swayed the vote.

"The point is because you are on a board you should have come to us before the town meeting," said Mr.

Lavalette.

He said that if Bell Committee members had an issue with re-shingling the Academy Building they should have spoke to the Historical Commission about it before talking about it at the town meeting.

Mr. Brady explained again that the Bell Committee members did not speak at the town meeting as BC members.

"They spoke by name and precinct, not as the Bell Committee," he said, and noted that he himself did not speak on the article at all.

He noted that the people who spoke were Town Meeting members, elected to represent their districts, and therefore, had a right to voice their opinions.

HC member Debra Charpentier interjected into the escalating discussion.

"Everyone loves the history of this town and we are sitting here fighting about it. We all make mistakes. We need to move on. We need to be adults and say 'sorry,'" Ms. Charpentier said. "We have so much positive to give, let's stop with the negative. Can't we all just say 'sorry?'"

Mr. Lavalette nodded and said, "I'm sorry it happened this way."

Mr. Oliveira explained his anger at the July 13th meeting. He said he was angry about the town meeting and felt like the Bell Committee stabbed them in the back, and everyone in town knows who is on the committee.

"I have a right to express my frustration. We let you read your ten page letter expressing your frustration," Mr. Oliveira said to Mr. Brady.

Ms. Charpentier interrupted the conversation.

"The building is going to be painted, it's done," she said.

"We need to move forward," said Mr. Despres, adding that the two boards should work together.

Both groups agreed that they should keep each other informed about their projects. They also agreed to consult each other on the repair progress of the two town bells and their placement.

Mr. Brady said the Bell Committee plans on meeting next month to discuss a lot, including the bells.

The meeting is available on the town's Cable Access YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jfoyEY5FoSc&app=desktop>

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Motorcycle Run

First annual motorcycle run to benefit the Kennedy-Donovan Center New Bedford School and Adult Day Habilitation. **At the Bayside Lounge, 125 Sconticut Neck Road, Fairhaven, on Sat., 9/17, at 11:30. Kickstands up at NOON for a two-hour ride through scenic back-roads.**

\$20 donation includes ride, food and entertainment. Cash bar. Great live music starting at 2 p.m. with the Dave Charnley Band.

For more info, call the Bayside at 508-996-9212 or Heidi at 508-971-1699. Visit www.baysideloungefhvn.com

Town Auction

The town of Fairhaven will hold a surplus property auction on **Sat., 9/17, at the BPW Garage on Arsene St., at 9 a.m.** Items include several vehicles, approximately 17 bicycles, office equipment and furniture, and other assorted items.

Contact the BPW, 508-979-4030 for more details.

Art Reception

Art On Center proudly presents its first "Emulation" art exhibition. Come see what local artists have created in watercolor, oils, pastel, acrylic and other media, in celebration of great artists admired the world over. Some portray their own versions of classic art masterpieces, while others present their own artwork created in the style of their favorite artists.

The public is invited to the **opening reception on Sat., 9/17, from 1-4 p.m.** The exhibition runs for several weeks.

Art On Center is located at 15 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. There is ample free parking and the building is wheelchair accessible. For hours and more info email info@artoncenter.org or call 774-206-1709. Art On Center is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization.

Yard Sale for Animals

Please join us on **Sat. 9/24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 46 Washington St., Fairhaven** (Rain date 9/25). 100% of proceeds benefit Lighthouse Animal Shelter and Cause for Paws

We gladly welcome your donations of canned food for dogs (no dry food,

please), on the day of the yard sale only.

Beach Clean-up

Volunteers are needed for the Annual Coastsweep Cleanup with Be the Solution to Pollution on **Sat., 9/17, at Fort Phoenix Town Beach from 1 to 3:30 p.m.** Meet near the Cannons. Wear closed toe shoes. Bags, gloves, tools and refreshments will be provided. Volunteers will log each piece of trash on data sheets and the results will be sent to the Mass. Office of Coastal Zone Management and the Ocean Conservancy.

For more info: bethesolutiontopollution@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/pollutionsolution

Walk-A-Thon

Community Connections Inc.'s 9th annual Walk-A-Thon and Family Fun Day will be held this **Sunday, 9/18, at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. Check-in/day of registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the walk kicks off at 11:00 a.m.** Lunch and snacks will be provided for all walkers and supporters. Fun activities, such as a bouncy house, teenage mutant ninja turtles, face painting, amazing raffle prizes and a dunk tank. Rain or shine.

To register yourself or a team, make a donation, take advantage of sponsorship opportunities, or for more information call 508-744-1132 or visit www.CommunityConnectionsInc.org.

Prizes will be awarded for the top fundraisers and anyone who raises \$250 or more!

Mission Mass

Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center Dt., Fairhaven is celebrating our "Mission Day" on **Wed., 9/21.** Our Mission Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel at 1:00 by Msgr. Edmund J. Fitzgerald. The public is invited to attend.

Farmer's Market

Fairhaven Farmer's Market runs **from 1-4 p.m. every Sunday through mid October.** At Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven

Buy fresh local produce and other products from area farmers. Entertainment will be available occasionally during market hours. Access the

parking lot off Main Street to the rear of the Academy Building. Handicap parking. Free admission. Coordinated by the Fairhaven Sustainability Comm.

Save the Date

Ft. Phoenix Encampment

On Sat. & Sun., 9/24 & 25, at Ft. Phoenix.

The Fairhaven Village Militia, the Fairhaven Office of Tourism and guests present a two-day historical encampment at Fort Phoenix. Talk to period costumed men and women about the fort's history and life in the 1770s. See military drilling, flintlock musket and cannon firing demonstrations and camp cooking demonstrations. Try tomahawk throwing or children's games. Also see activities such as tin smithing, spinning, fire starting, demonstrations of 18th-Century dentistry and more.

Hours for the public are Saturday 9:00 a.m. to sunset and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday evening at sundown (approx. 6:00 p.m.) see a demonstration **"night firing" of the fort's five cannons.** Free. Handicap accessible.

For more info: 508-979-4085 or visit <http://fairhaventours.com/fort->

Storytimes

At the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Accessible. Contact: 508-992-5342, or email Jane Murphy (jmurphy@sailsinc.org). Visit <http://www.millicentlibrary.org/>

Storytime with Ms. Jane Begins September 13th!

You do not need to register for Storytimes. Programs are held downstairs in the Auditorium (Meeting Room.) Stories and songs last for 30 minutes and are followed by 15 minutes of Play time. Please try to arrive on time. If no one arrives by 15 minutes after start time, the program will not be held.

Toddlers (ages 1-3) meet from 9:30-10:15 OR 10:30-11:15 on Tuesdays,

Babies (0-18 months) meet Fridays from 9:30-10:15!!

Big Kids (ages 3-5) meet Fridays from 10:30-11:15.

Siblings are always welcome! Toddlers and babies enjoy play time after stories, while Big Kids enjoy play time with occasional coloring sheet.

Scouts retire flags in 9/11 ceremony



On the 15th anniversary of the 9-11-01 terrorist attacks, the Fairhaven Lions Club along with the Fairhaven Boys Scouts Troop 52 and Cub Scout Pack 52, held a US Flag Retirement Ceremony at Benoit Square in Fairhaven. Lion Bill Kligel, the master of ceremonies, did a great job including as many as possible to participate in the Ceremonies. Army Sergeant Bobby Ortiz and Marine SSG Dennis Masdea gave tribute to Pvt. Ernest Benoit and LCpl Patrick Gallagher who are memorialized at Benoit Square. The Fairhaven Lions wish to thank all who attended the Ceremony, including all men and women from the Armed Services, Fairhaven Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, the singing group BLT for their rendition of the Star Spangled Banner, Fairhaven EMT's and to NFIA for the use of their building. *Photos courtesy of Jackie Kenworthy.*

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Fairhaven Business Association holds family fun day

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Business Association held its third annual Mini-Golf Family Fun Day on Saturday, 9/10.

The FBA held the event to raise aware of the association and give small business owners a chance to spend some time at Cap'n Barnacle's

Mini-Golf in Fairhaven.

Local businesses sponsored holes, and the public was treated to free donuts and coffee.

Adam Ouellette and his family did not know about the event, but went to Cap'n Barnacle's to celebrate Adam's 11th birthday.

Adam said he likes mini-golfing

because it's fun. He likes Cap'n Barnacle's compare to other places because it has more obstacles, so "you spend more time on it."

His friend Ryan Davis said he likes mini-golfing because it's calm.

To learn more about the FBA, visit www.fairhavenbusiness.blogspot.com



LEFT, L-R: Ryan Davis and Adam Ouellette (front), wait for Adam's parents, Kris and Michelle Smith, to make their shots at the Howe Allen sponsored hole at the third annual Mini-Golf Fun Day at Cap'n Barnacle's in Fairhaven on Saturday. MIDDLE & RIGHT: Each hole was sponsored by a local business. *Photos by Beth David.*

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Paper Shred Day

Area residents can participate in a paper shredding day in downtown New Bedford sponsored by New Bedford's Department of Community Services, the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District, and Doc Shredding Corp. **The event will take place on Sat., 9/17, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.**

Businesses and residents of New Bedford, Dartmouth, and all communities are welcome. **The paper shredding charge is \$5 per box.** Cash or check only. Each box should weigh no more than 30 to 40 pounds.

The shredding event will be held at the parking lot across from City Hall on the **corner of William Street and North 6th Street (enter on William Street).** In addition, the company will destroy old computer hard drives for a fee of \$5. For questions about the event please call the Department of Community Services at (508) 979-1692 or the Refuse District Recycling Office at (508) 979-1493.

Ham & Bean Supper

Pilgrim United Church of Christ will hold a Ham & Bean Supper with Raffle on **Sat., 9/17, at 6 p.m., at Pilgrim Church Home, 634 Purchase St., New Bedford.**

Donation: Adults \$10. Child (under 6) \$5. Ham & Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Strawberry Shortcake, Beverages. Reservations: 508-998-1718 or 508-996-1498

YTI Play

Your Theatre, Inc., presents *California Suite* by Neil Simon; Directed by Robin Richard, **Sep 15-17 at 8 p.m.; Sep 18 at 2:30 p.m.**

Performances are held at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse located at **136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford,** at St. Martin's Episcopal Church complex. Free off-street parking entrance is on County Street.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 for season subscribers (three show minimum), and \$13 for senior citizens, students, and military personnel. For further information call Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or send an email to info@yourtheatre.org. The theatre's web site is www.yourtheatre.org

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Free Lecture

On **Sat., 9/17** the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, will host Dr. Sarah Sayeed, Senior Advisor in the Community Affairs Unit at the New York City Mayor's Office. Sayeed will be giving a special presentation titled **"Empowering Muslim Women and Communities: A Personal Story."** **The lecture begins at 3 p.m. and is free and open to the public.**

Scholar, activist and interfaith leader Dr. Sarah Sayeed will speak about her experience as the mediator between the Muslim community and the Mayor's office in New York City, and as a Muslim woman growing up and living in America today.

To register, visit store.whalingmuseum.org.

Immediately before she was appointed to the Mayor's office, Dr. Sayeed worked for seven years at the Interfaith Center of New York as the Director of Community Partnerships. Dr. Sayeed brings together people of all religious traditions, including those who ascribe to none, "to foster respect and mutual understanding." Her work helps people know each other beyond socio-political bounds.

The lecture is presented in partnership with Bridgewater State University Center for Middle East Studies and Communication Studies.

Learn to Skate prog

South Coast Panthers Youth Hockey Organization, **Hetland Ice Arena 310 Hathaway Blvd. New Bedford,** Learn to Skate/Learn to Play Programs are now open for registration!

Interested in introducing your child to ice skating and building the fundamental ABC's of skating: Agility, Balance & Coordination? How about an introductory program to learn the game of ice hockey? Join South Coast Panthers Learn to Play program for a fun, high-energy station based approach to hockey skating and skill development.

Eight week sessions: **Learn to Skate: \$100 per session or \$285 for**

all 3 sessions. **Learn to Play: \$165 per session or \$480 for all 3 sessions.**

Sessions are held on Sunday Mornings: Learn to Skate, 8:30-9:20; Learn to Play, 7-8:20.

Session 1: 9/18-11/6 Session 2: 11/13-1/15 Session 3: 1/22-3/12.

Visit www.southcoastpanthers.com and click on "Register Online" as well as for information on required equipment for both programs.

Healthcare Info

UnitedHealthcare is providing Massachusetts residents with multiple FREE education sessions to help them make informed healthcare decisions. These sessions will be taking place in various Bristol County towns and will allow Massachusetts residents to discuss healthcare options with a UnitedHealthcare representative and get answers to any healthcare related questions.

- **Tues., 9/20, 11 a.m., Buttonwood Senior Center,** 1 Oneida Street (in Buttonwood Park), NB.
- **Tues., 9/20, 9 a.m., Saint Luke's Hospital,** White Home Living Room, 101 Page Street, NB.

Neighborhood Fest

The Upper William Street Neighborhood Festival will be held **Sat., Sept 24, from 12-4 p.m.** Crafters may call 508-933-0257 or email jbregoli@gmail.com for more info.

Dock-U-Mentary

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on **Fri., 9/16, at 7 p.m.** with *Counting Fish* a new documentary film by Don Cuddy, in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, **33 William St., New Bedford. Accessible.** Free. Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, and the Working Waterfront Festival.

New England groundfishermen are in trouble. The annual catch limits are now set so low that many boats remain tied to the dock. But controversy abounds. The fishing industry has expressed no confidence in the NOAA trawl survey that provides the raw data for the stock assessment. But counting fish in the ocean is no easy task.

For more info, call 508-996-4095, or visit www.nps.gov/nebe.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Indoor Yard Sale

Acushnet-Wesley United Methodist Church is holding its annual Indoor Yard Sale on **Sat., 9/17, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at 67 Main St. Acushnet.**

Great bargains and variety, "NEW" RADA knives and sets available for purchase or order.

LNG Meeting

Citizens Against the Rehoboth Compressor Station (CARCS) is holdign a public information session with guest speaker Dr. Curtis Nordgaard, MD MSC

Learn more about the REAL risks and harms associated with compressor stations

At Dighton-Rehoboth High School, 2700 Regional Rd., North Dighton, on Mon., 9/19, 7-8 p.m.

All are welcome! Visit www.norehobothcompressor.com

Bird Club mtg

Counting Crows (and other birds)

You too can be part of one of the largest citizen science projects in the world. The Nasketucket Bird Club will present a program about "eBird: The Ins and Outs" from Evan Dalton.

Dalton is the Lead Instructor, Landbird Conservation for Manomet, a world renowned organization leading the way in science and education based on 50 years of bird banding research. Learn more about eBird, a technology from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, how it uses everyday citizens to track birds, and how you can be a part of it.

The event will be held at **7 p.m. on Thurs., 9/22, at the Mattapoisett Public Library, 7 Barstow St.** The entrance located on the South side of Barstow Street is accessible. Free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Carolyn Longworth at bvm1290@comcast.net or visit the club website at massbird.org/Nasketucket.

Chowder Comp

Come out and enjoy a fun filled family afternoon at the K of C hall in Mattapoisett. The Mattapoisett Firefighters Association is again sponsoring their chowder competiton which brings local businesses and public safety professionals together to see who can make the best

chowder. There will be food for a small fee, live music, fire apparatus on display and more. The second annual Mattapoisett Firefighters Chowder Competition will be held on **Sun., 9/18, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Damien Council 4190 Hall, 57 Fairhaven Rd. (Rte. 6), Mattapoisett. 508-758-6787.**

We are happy to announce that we have a total of 22 teams competing this year, including Fairhaven, Marion and Wareham Harbormasters, Rehobeth Firefighters, Inn on Shipyard Park, Marion Harbormaster, Wareham Harbormasters, Bayside Lounge from Fairhaven.

Pot Luck

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club begins their silver anniversary season on **Thurs., 9/15, at noon with a delicious Welcome Back pot luck luncheon in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street.**

Please join us as our guest for a delicious, informal luncheon while you chat with new acquaintances and renew old friendships. Learn about upcoming programs and small-group activities.

Two months before the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, the women of Mattapoisett came together to form the Woman's Club. Throughout the last eight decades the club members have been active in every aspect of life in America.

Plans are underway to celebrate the Club's 75th anniversary with a variety of events.

Please call Barb Van at 508 864-5213 if you have questions or need directions.

Author Event

Authors Without Borders Meet and Greet on **Sat., 9/17, from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Smokey Bones, 1023 County St., Taunton. Price: \$5.** Includes Refreshments (Limited Seating)

Please reply to 6authors@awb6.com; Willie at 1-617-282-5984

For more information go to: www.awb6.com

Authors Without Borders would like to invite authors, artists, poets, publishers, agents, and anyone else interested in the publishing world to our event. This is a great networking opportunity!

Teen Dance

The Next Teen Dance at **The Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Rd. in Mattapoisett is on Fri., 9/16, from 7p.m. to 10p.m. for \$8.00.** A safe place for 6th, 7th and 8th graders to have a good time socializing, dancing and listening to their favorite music on a Friday Night.

Knights of Columbus Chaperones and a uniformed police officer are on site at all of our dances.

Newport Boat Show

The 46th Annual Newport International Boat Show will be held Thurs. through Sun., 9/15-18 at Newport Yachting Center, 4 Commercial Wharf, Newport RI; and Oldport Marine, Bannister's Wharf and Bowen's Wharf

For details visit <http://www.newportboatshow.com>

Katie Brienzo Fund

A Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser will be held to benefit the Katie Brienzo Memorial Fund on **Fri., 9/23, at the Knights of Columbus of Mattapoisett, Rte. 6.** Entertainment by Taylor Cormier, DJ for dancing. **Donation: \$10.** Call Denise at 508-992-5978 or visit www.molifeinc.com

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Recipe of the Week

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- 2 pkgs chocolate chip cookie dough (16 oz refrigerated)
- 1 large pkg cream cheese, softened
- 1 large egg
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla

Let dough sit on counter for about half hour.

Mix the rest of the ingredients until well blended.

Do not grease pan.

Cut dough into 1/2 inch slices. Press half in pan. Add cream cheese mixture, then rest of dough.

Bake in 350° oven for about 30 minutes. Cut into squares.

By Joan Morrison

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Drought level increases

Press Release

With rainfall amounts remaining below average and warm weather continuing for a sixth straight month, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Matthew Beaton today declared the following drought levels throughout the Commonwealth: a Drought Warning for Central, Northeast, and Southeast Massachusetts, unchanged for the Central and Northeast Regions, and up from a Drought Watch for the Southeast Region in August; a Drought Watch for the Connecticut River Valley and the Cape and Islands, unchanged for the Connecticut River Valley and up from a Drought Advisory for the Cape and Islands in August; and a Drought Advisory for Western Massachusetts, unchanged from August. The declaration was the result of a recommendation issued from a recent meeting of the Drought Management Task Force, comprised of state, federal and local officials, and will remain in effect until water levels return to normal in the affected regions.

A Drought Warning, as outlined in the Mass. Drought Management Plan, indicates consecutive months of groundwater, stream flow and reservoir levels being below normal, and initiates a much more concerted set of government responses including instating water restrictions, and more intensified monitoring and coordination between the agencies.

For Regions in Drought Warning:

- Outdoor water use should be eliminated.

For Regions in Drought Watch:

- Outdoor water use should be limited to "handheld watering" with a hose or a watering can after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m. (to avoid evaporative losses); and
- Filling swimming pools, washing cars and washing buildings should be prohibited.

For Regions in Drought Advisory:

- Outdoor watering with irrigation systems and sprinklers should be limited to no more than one day per week; and
- Watering with a handheld hose should be limited to after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m. (to avoid evaporative losses).

Certain water uses are not subject to mandatory restrictions, those include: for health or safety reasons; the production of food and fiber; the maintenance of livestock; and to meet the core functions of a business. The Mass. Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) is providing technical assistance to communities on managing systems, including assistance on use of emergency connections and water supplies, as well as assisting towns on how to request a declaration of drought emergency.

The Task Force will next meet in October. For further information visit <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/watersheds/water-conservation.html>

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Road Race draws small field this year

By Beth David
Editor

Blustery was the word of the day on Sunday, as 109 runners and eight walkers took to the streets for the 16th annual Fort Phoenix 5K Road Race.

Most runners, though, said they liked the breeze and cooler weather as they ran.

First over the finish line was Jason Eddy, 36, of East Bridgewater in a super fast 16:31. Brian Grant, 45, of Fall River crossed next in 19:17, followed by Meg Hughes, 14, of Rochester, in 19:30.

The oldest runners were Brian Grant, Sr., 74 of Fall River, who finished in 47:12; and Dorothy Arnold,

75, of Fairhaven for the women, who crossed the line in 47:10.

The youngest were three 10-year-olds: Calder Eaton representing the men, and Hannah Eaton (presumably his twin) and Ava Texeira for the women.

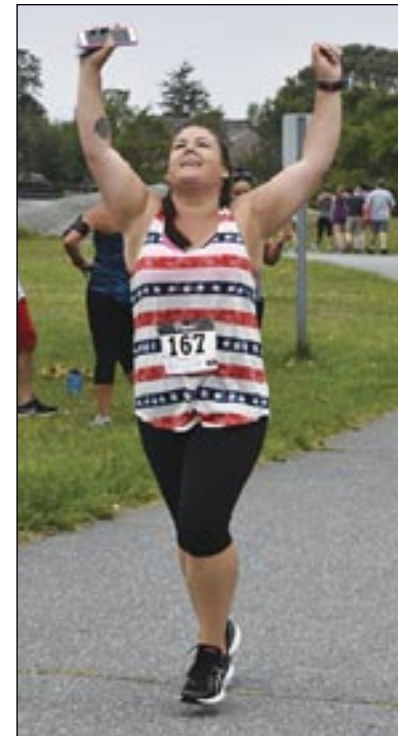
For complete race results visit www.jbrace.com



L-R: Ava Texeira, 10, of Acushnet; Calder Eaton, 10, of Mattapoisett; Michelle Landonne, 29, of Rockland, MA; Lee Berryman, 63, of New Bedford. Mr. Berryman had a kidney transplant in March, and is clearly pretty happy with his progress since the surgery. His wife Anita was his donor.

Photos by Beth David.

BELOW LEFT: Tyler Rosario, 11, of Fairhaven keeps focused as he nears the the end of the race, crossing the finish line in 32:30. BELOW MIDDLE: Katelyn Weigel, 24, of Rochester, shows her excitement as she nears the finish line, crossing over in 39:27. BELOW RIGHT, L-R: Jennifer Almeida takes a selfie with Pete Despres, Gretchen Parmentier, Renae Desrosiers after the race. Photos by Beth David.



30 boats join poker run on the water

By Beth David
Editor

Not just any town can have a poker run with power boats. You need access to docks, other ports, and water, lots of water. And Fairhaven has all of that.

The waters of Buzzards Bay provided the means for the 30 boats to make five stops, starting and ending at Earl's Marina in Fairhaven on Saturday, 9/10. Proceeds from the event benefitted the Kennedy-Donovan Center.

Heidi Pereira, who organized the event with Nopper Marine and Earl's Marina, said that response to the event was beyond expectations. In addition to the \$250 per boat, per poker hand, the event collected money for scores of items on the raffle

table, and a dinner buffet.

Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said he was happy to see everyone enjoying the little stretch of land that includes Hoppy's Landing.

"It's nice to see everything going on here," said Mr. Hobson. "It's good for Fairhaven, it's good for everyone."

The crowd milled around for hours before the boats started trickling back at around 5 p.m.; then people milled around for more hours.

Ronald Vasquez and Grazvydas Kazdailis had not planned to join the party portion of the program. The two are pilots for BoatPix, and their helicopter got caught up in the fog, while they were following the boats to take pictures.

They were forced to land the helicopter in the West Island Town

Beach parking lot, and stay overnight.

"The people are very nice," said Mr. Vasquez.

After tallying up the hands, a winner of the \$1,000 pot was declared: Mark Scalisi of Scalisi Marine and his crew had the best hand.

But, Mr. Scalisi said he did it for the fun of it, not the money, so he donated it back to the KDC.

The competition was dominated by the so-called cigarette boats, which are very fast, very powerful speed boats, of all sizes.

Since it was not a race, per se, any boat had just as much chance at winning.

It was the third annual poker run, sponsored by Nopper Marine at Earl's Marina. For more information about the KDC visit www.kdc.org.



ABOVE LEFT: Organizers, boat captains and crew, collect the cards and make the poker hands to find the winner of the 3rd annual Nopper Marine Boat Poker Run at Earl's Marina on Saturday, 9/10. ABOVE RIGHT: Team Heatwave won the pot. L-R BACK: Mark Scalisi of Scalisi Marine, Heidi Pereira. L-R, FRONT: Brian Cyr, Aubrey Macfarlane, Cole Burns. BELOW LEFT: Three of the boats that participated in the event are tied to the docks while the party goes on under the tent. BELOW RIGHT, L-R: Ronald Vasquez and Grazvydas Kazdailis, both pilots and photographers for BoatPix, give the thumbs up. The two got stranded in Fairhaven when they were forced to land their helicopter in the town beach parking lot due to fog. *Photos by Beth David.*



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Kittery Maine

Come with us to Kittery for a chance at filling your Christmas list. The bus will leave the recreation center at 7 a.m. and return at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be available in the morning. All Children must be accompanied by an adult. Saturday October 15, 2016, cost is \$30 per person. Deadline for registration is October 8th.

NYC on your own

Shopping and sightseeing in the Big Apple...why not? Enjoy a day in New York City as we travel in style in a luxury motor coach, Saturday November 26th. The perfect opportunity to get that holiday shopping done early, visit local places of interest, check out a show, see the holiday decorations or just wine and dine. Drop off is at Times Square, pick up at Bryant Park. Bus leaves Recreation center where coffee and donuts will be available, 6 a.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult. We will leave NYC at 5 p.m. Registration deadline is Nov. 19.

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Come join the sewing Group. The group meets Monday afternoons: Sept. 12 & 26, from 1-3:00 p.m. and Sept. 8, 15, 22, from 5:45-7:45 p.m. at The Fairhaven Senior Center.

Mah Jongg for Beginners

This six-week program is for those interested in learning the basics of Mahjong. Classes start on Mon., Sept. 12 from 1-2:30 p.m. and will be held at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Join us for fun and gain a basic understanding of the game's fundamental components, including tiles, rules and playing strategy. Our teacher, Barbara Bishop, has been playing "Mahj" for 4 years. Cost: \$35 includes the playing card. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up at 508-979-4029. Classes are limited to 6.

Osteoporosis Classes

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30-10:00 a.m. Exercise safely and comprehensively without worry! Classes focus on improving balance, building bones, and increasing overall strength and endurance with emphasis on body alignment to ensure safety. All skill levels are welcome to participate! If you are skeptical, give us a try to see if the

class meets your needs.

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Come and meet Jim in September, Thursdays. Jim will be teaching computer solitaire at the Fairhaven COA. If you enjoy solitaire, this is an easy fun way to do it. The computer is always there and free to use. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 to sign up

Walking Indoors

Indoor walking has begun its regular weekday schedule of 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Recreation Center. Sign-up at the Senior Center and begin walking, meeting new friends, and getting healthy.

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School's open, drive carefully

Safety campaign celebrates 70 years of curbing unsafe driving in school zones

Press Release

As 50 million children across the country begin heading back to school, AAA Northeast urges motorists to slow down and stay alert in neighborhoods and school zones, and to be especially vigilant for pedestrians during before- and after-school hours. The afternoon hours are particularly dangerous for walking children — over the last decade, nearly one-third of child pedestrian fatalities occurred during after school hours between 3 and 7 p.m.

“AAA’s School’s Open — Drive Carefully awareness campaign was designed in 1946 to curb a trend of unsafe driving behavior in school zones and neighborhoods that can result in children’s injury and death. Seventy years later, the message remains: we must remind motorists to slow down and stay alert as kids head back to school,” said Mary Maguire, Director of Public and Legislative Affairs for AAA Northeast.

AAA offers helpful tips to keep kids safe this school year:

1. *Slow down.* Speed limits in

school zones are reduced for a reason. A pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling 25 mph is nearly two-thirds less likely to be killed compared to a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling just 10 mph faster. A difference between 25 mph and 35 mph can save a life.

2. *Eliminate distractions.* Children often cross the road unexpectedly and may emerge suddenly between two parked cars. Research shows that taking your eyes off the road for just two seconds doubles your chances of crashing.

3. *Reverse responsibly.* Every vehicle has blind spots. Check for children on the sidewalk, driveway and around your vehicle before slowly backing up. Teach your children to never play in, under or around vehicles — even those that are parked.

4. *Talk to your teen.* Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens in the United States, and more than one-quarter of fatal crashes involving teen drivers occur during the after-school hours of 3 to 7 p.m. Get evidence-

based guidance and tips at TeenDriving.AAA.com.

5. *Come to a complete stop.* Research shows that more than one-third of drivers roll through stop signs in school zones or neighborhoods. Always come to a complete stop, checking carefully for children on sidewalks and in crosswalks before proceeding.

6. *Watch for bicycles.* Children on bikes are often inexperienced, unsteady and unpredictable. Slow down and allow at least three feet of passing distance between your vehicle and the bicycle. If your child rides a bicycle to school, require that they wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet on every ride. Find videos, expert advice and safety tips at ShareTheRoad.AAA.com.

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Fairhaven Wellness Committee kicks off fall programs



The Fairhaven Wellness Committee is trying to get town employees fit and healthy. The season's kickball games have started, and this year, town employees will face off against local businesses. On Monday, there was a bit of a glitch, though, when Honeydew Donuts did not show up for the game. The town workers decided to kick the ball around a little anyway. Next week, on Tuesday, 9/20, the town is set to face off against the Mass Attack rollerderby women. For more information about the games and how to get your small business to participate, contact Linda Schick or Phil Cardoza at the DPW, 508-979-4030. TOP LEFT: Ryan Winterlick gets the ball just right for a good kick. MIDDLE: Phil Cardoza shows good form, right down to his special sports socks. TOP RIGHT, L-R: Pattie Pacella, John McGilvray, Siobhan Henebury, Phil Cardoza, Ryan Winterlick, Kyle Winterlick, pose for a shot after their kickball practice. ABOVE LEFT: Pattie Pacella gets her shot at the ball. ABOVE RIGHT: John McGilvray sends it back to the home plate. *Beth David photos.*

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Apple Peach Festival draws 'em in

By Beth David
Editor

Although it was largely reported that the peach crop was devastated by the odd spring frost we had this year, the crowd filled the Long Plain Museum grounds for the Acushnet's 37th Apple Peach Festival. The festival took place on both Saturday and Sunday, with the parade on Main Street starting at Pope Park.

"We're doing fine," said Madeline Gwozdz of Flying Cloud Orchards. Without Peters Family Orchard side

by side with them this year, Flying Cloud was the last one standing. No farms were there this year, either, with Silverbrook putting out a big sign saying as much at the property on Main Street.

Ms. Gwozdz was quick to point out that three generations were working the booth this year, including her daughter Kelly Buckes and granddaughter Lauren Mitchson 12.

Ms. Gwozdz says the farm has been operating in the same hands for more than 40 years.

In the back, at the dunk tank, six-year-old Lachlan showed off his pitching skills by dunking Boy Scout Jack Roy.

"It was fun," said Lachlan.

The longest line in the middle of the day on Saturday was at Blooming Onions, but the Lions Club was also doing a brisk business with their ice cold beer.

The Festival is traditionally held the weekend after Labor Day. So, mark your calendars for next year.



FAR LEFT: The Acushnet Lions had booths for beer, food and raffles at the 37th annual Apple Peach Festival in Acushnet this weekend. LEFT, L-R: Three generations of Flying Cloud Orchards, Laren Mitchson, Madeline Gwozdz, Kelly Buckes. Photos by Beth David



Jack Roy goes into the dunk tank after a great shot by Lachlan finds its mark at the 37th annual Apple Peach Festival. Beth David photo.



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ZBA: Kennel request withdrawn; mixed bag on other petitions

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals delivered the whole gamut of voting possibilities on seven petitions at its meeting on 9/6.

Denise DeCosta of 1 Welcome Street decided to withdraw her petition for a kennel license after it became obvious that the board was not inclined to vote in favor of the special permit, which is required to keep more than three dogs.

Attorney John Mathieu, representing Ms. DeCosta, read from state law, explaining to the board that he felt they could grant the permit.

The board, however, questioned whether they had the authority to grant the request for a personal kennel, not a professional breeding kennel for more than four dogs.

Building inspector Wayne Fostin told the board that they did not have the authority.

Ms. DeCosta has had up to 10 dogs on occasion, some of them more than 10 years old. She keeps Jack Russell Terriers, she told the board, and does not sell them for profit. She does show the dogs at dog shows and breeds to keep them.

Currently, she said, she has 10 dogs that she has been forced to send to friends because Fairhaven Animal Control Officer Kelly Massey informed Ms. DeCosta that she cannot keep more than three dogs.

Mr. Mathieu said the issue came up after "interaction" with the ACO, although he did not elaborate.

"These are all her personal dogs," said Mr. Mathieu. "She doesn't sell them or breed them."

Ms. DeCosta told the board that she does run a pet-walking service, but those dogs do not go to her home. She has lived at the property since 1983.

Several neighbors attended the meeting to support the request.

Linda Therrien said she lives on an abutting property and Ms. DeCosta has always been very responsive to any issues with her dogs.

"I'm totally in favor of this," said Ms. Therrien. "If I had an issue, she took care of it right away. She's a very responsible dog owner."

"I've never had an issue with them," said Jo-Ann Aguiar, an abutter for 27 years. "I have no problem with it."

"She's a great dog owner," agreed Crystal Aguiar.

After ascertaining that the special permit does not say with the property if Ms. DeCosta moves, the board discussed the wording of the town's bylaw and the state law.

Mr. Mathieu insisted they had the authority to grant the permit, Mr. Fostin insisted that they did not.

ZBA chairperson Peter DeTerra asked Mr. Fostin if he would appeal the decision in court, against the ZBA.

Mr. Fostin said he would.

"I'll have no choice in the matter," he told the board.

When it became clear that the board would go with Mr. Fostin's recommendation, Ms. DeCosta opted to withdraw the petition.

They want to come home.
It's tough for me and it's
tough for them. They're my
family [Denise DeCosta
about her dogs]

A withdrawn petition can be re-submitted at any time. If it had been voted down, she would have been forced to wait two years to re-submit.

"This is my family," said Ms. DeCosta, clearly becoming emotional. "They're all I have."

She said she has three dogs at home with her now, the others have been placed with friends.

"They want to come home," said Ms. DeCosta. "It's tough for me and it's tough for them. They're my family."

Ms. DeCosta and her attorney will draft language to add to the town's bylaw clearly allowing personal kennels by special permit. Town Meeting will have to approve the change.

No one spoke against the petition.

In another matter, Jay Simmons of 14 Oxford Street received a variance to build an accessory structure over the 700 square foot maximum.

Mr. Simmons plans to build a garage, 30x48, with loft space, to house vehicles, lawnmowers and other equipment, and to have a year-round work space and storage.

Abutter Lee Miguel spoke against the variance, saying that Mr. Simmons had a lot of unregistered vehicles on his property.

The two have a public history of animosity as neighbors.

"I'm all for cleaning up his yard," said Mr. Miguel. "He has numerous violations on his property."

Mr. DeTerra stopped Mr. Miguel, saying they were only there to talk about the building.

Mr. Miguel said the proposed building was just too big. He said a couple of other neighbors were supposed to attend to speak against it, but they were sick and could not attend at the last minute.

"Some houses are not that big," said Mr. Miguel, adding that it will ruin his view in his back yard. "It's too big."

He asked how high it would be and Mr. Simmons answered, not higher than the bylaw allows, which is 20 feet for an accessory structure.

"I could build up to six 20x35 sheds," said Mr. Simmons. "I could build two or three."

The measure passed unanimously.

The board also granted a setback variance to Wayne and Debra St. Pierre of 30 Green Street to rebuild and add to their porch. The new steps will reach to the edge of the sidewalk, requiring the variance. Mr. St. Pierre showed the board several pictures of other houses in the area.

"So we're just asking for the same courtesy these people have," said Mr. St. Pierre.

Board member Joseph Borelli said he could not figure out how they would make the plans work, even after several minutes of discussion on the details. In the end, board members decided it would be Mr. Fostin's problem to make sure the building end of it was done properly.

"I still don't get the whole thing," said Mr. Borelli, who voted for the variance. "I think you're a magician."

No abutters spoke on the measure. In other business, the board:

- Granted permission to Eric and Barbara Trudeau of 49 Narragansett Boulevard to raise up to 15 chickens. A special permit is required for livestock raising on

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Request for an Amendment of Order of Conditions SE 23-1170 for installation of a new concrete pad. (AFTER THE FACT)
- Request for Determination Applicant Jeffery E. Fisher Location 9 Leeward Way Plot 29 Lot 3F Purpose install a 15' x 30' in ground pool within an AE flood zone.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Thomas & Barbara Ferreira Location Island View Road Lot 1 Plot 43 Lot portion of lot 201. Purpose construct single family dwelling within a VE flood zone and within 100' buffer zone to BVW
- Notice of Intent Applicant Thomas & Barbara Ferreira Location Island View Road Plot 43 Lot portion of lot 201. Purpose construct single family dwelling within a VE flood zone and within 100' buffer zone to BVW
- Request for Determination Applicant Nancy A. Blouin Location Silver Shell Beach Drive Plot 41 Lots 50-51. Purpose install a driveway apron within a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Frances Rego Location 19 Silver Shell Beach Drive Plot 41 Lot 42 Purpose perform perc test for septic repair within a VE flood zone and within 100' buffer zone to BVW.

Jay Simmons Chairman
Fairhaven Conservation Commission

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property less than five acres. The Trudeaus will also need a permit from the Board of Health.

- Denied a special permit request by Shawn Nocon for home occupation as a painter on 35 Middle St. Mr. Nocon did not attend the meeting, so he was denied. The board said the petition would exceed the 65-day maximum for deciding a petition if continued.
- Denied a request by V-Corp, Charity Stevens Lane, for a special permit to build a single family home, which is required for construction in the Nasketucket River Basin. No one attended to speak on behalf of the project, but abutter Mark Monteiro spoke against the project, saying it would cause more flooding on his property. The board said the petition would exceed the 65-day maximum for deciding a petition, so it could not be continued again.
- Continued a hearing for Oliveira Investment, 35 Welcome St., for a special permit to build a single family home, which is required for construction in the Nasketucket River Basin.



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Fairhaven Meetings

Bikeway Committee

Thurs., 9/15, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Board of Appeals

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

Community Preserv. Com.

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

Conservation Commission

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

Cultural Council

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

Marine Resources

Thurs., 9/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 9/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

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

Selectboard

Mon., 9/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Planning Commission

Thurs., 9/29, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

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New Bedford Cultural Council seeks projects

Press Release

The New Bedford Cultural Council will soon begin accepting applications for grant funding for community-based projects in the arts, humanities and sciences for the FY 2017 round of funding.

Each year, organizations, schools and individuals are invited to apply to the Local Cultural Council for funding to support projects that promote rich cultural experiences in the New Bedford community. This year, all applicants must submit their proposals via the new online system and no hard copy applications will be accepted.

Jill Horton-Simms, New Bedford Cultural Council member said, "These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in New Bedford including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops and lectures."

"As the artistic and cultural hub of the region, New Bedford takes very seriously its role in fostering the work of individual artists and arts organizations," said Mayor Jon Mitchell. "One of the most important ways we do this is through our annual local cultural council grants. Over the

years this relatively modest amount of funding has been put to great use by our creative community, leveraging millions of dollars in additional resources to enliven and enrich New Bedford."

With the support of the New Bedford legislative delegation, Representative Tony Cabral and Senator Mark Montigny in particular, the New Bedford Cultural Council will again distribute funding to support local cultural programming. Previously funded projects include: New Bedford Symphony Orchestra's "Learning in Concert"; the Zeiterion's "New Bedford Folk Festival"; Buzzard's Bay Writing Project's "Literacy Enrichment for Elementary Students"; New Bedford Art Museum's "Teens Reach Beyond"; and AHA! New Bedford's "NB Cultures."

"Arts and cultural programming is at the heart of our downtown's renaissance and promising economic future," said Assistant Senate Majority Leader Mark C. Montigny. "I am pleased to have helped lead Senate efforts to ensure the New Bedford Cultural Council can continue to support this vital endeavor and look forward to the

great work its funding will support in the year ahead."

"New Bedford Cultural Council grants create jobs, promote strong economic development, strengthen our neighborhoods and help us celebrate our community," said Rep. Cabral. "I'm proud to support our state's investment in the Council."

The New Bedford Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

For specific guidelines and complete information on the New Bedford Cultural Council, please contact Jill Horton-Simms via email at newbedfordcc@gmail.com. The New Bedford Cultural Council guidelines are available online at <http://www.mass-culture.org/New-Bedford>.

Junior License Guide available from Registry of Motor Vehicles

Press Release

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) recently announced the delivery of a newly designed guidebook to optimize the 40 hours of supervised driving that teens are required to complete under parental supervision prior to receiving their license.

"We are excited to partner with Travelers Marketing, Safe Roads Alliance, and J.F. Griffin Publishing to provide this resource to parents and guardians of teens who are new to the roads," said Registrar Erin Deveney. "Providing important tools like 'The Parent's Supervised Driving Program' directly to every parent and guardian will ensure that those hours are spent educating Junior Operators on life-saving skills for the road."

Last year the Mass. RMV issued more than 63,500 Learner's Permits and performed 47,919 Road Tests.

The Parent's Supervised Driving Program is published by Safe Roads Alliance, and is of no cost to families or taxpayers. The guide will be sent via U.S. mail to the parents/guardians

of all Learner's Permit recipients within two to three weeks after a teen receives his/her permit. The program is made possible by sponsor support from Safety Insurance, which has sponsored the program since its introduction in Massachusetts in 2012. MassDOT and Safety Insurance encourage parents and guardians of teen drivers to look for these guidebooks in the mail.

"Safety's priority remains keeping our roads safe for all drivers, and we aspire to make this important phase for parents of young drivers easier," said John Drago, Vice President of Marketing for Safety Insurance. "This unique guide arms parents and teens with an incredibly useful tool that will make the driving experience a safer one for you and your teen."

The *Parent's Supervised Driving Program* contains information and lessons on driving basics, parental pointers, and licensing qualifications that are helpful to parents of new drivers. The program also offers a RoadReady® mobile app, which can track the required supervised driving

time of 40 hours. The RoadReady® mobile app is available for free in the App StoreSM.

The guidebook and supplementary mobile app focus on the role of parents in the teen driver education process and they encourage parents and teens to drive together in a variety of weather conditions, unfamiliar settings, city and heavy traffic routes, as well as various times of day and night.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 93 percent of crashes are due to driver error, and during the first month of driving independently, teens are 50 percent more likely to crash as they are after a year and twice as likely to crash as they are after two years of driving experience. However, youth with learner's permits who use a structured driving program during the permit phase are 65 percent more likely to pass their driving test.

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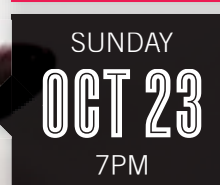
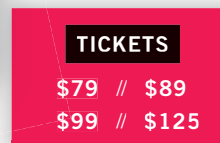
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