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

Academy to get new door, wheelchair ramp



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The Academy Building, a 1798 schoolhouse that is on the National Register of Historic Places, houses the Fairhaven Visitors Center and the Fairhaven Historical Society's museum. The Historical Commission, which controls use of the building, has applied for funds to make the first floor wheelchair accessible, and provide a second means of egress. *See page 13 for story. Photo by Beth David.*

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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Brrr...it's been cold out there. We got us some weather this week, didn't we? See page 12 for some photos of our latest snowstorm.

I just couldn't resist using another picture of my grand old holly tree. It's downright magical under there in a big snowstorm. The heavy snow drags the branches down right to the ground and makes a quiet little space under there. Too bad it's usually too cold to hang out there! (Yeah, I'm a baby when it comes to the cold.)

But some people love the snow and love playing in it. I took a drive to the Fort to try and catch the kids sledding, but I guess I missed them. I'm sure they were there, just not at the same time I was there.

I did have to park on the street, though, which burned my you-know-what. Here we go again with that ridiculous gate on the town parking lot at the Fort.

Really, people, what is the deal with that? I really think it's time for the public works department to remove that stupid gate. I didn't even bother calling this time. The DPW says the police are supposed to open it. The police will remind me how they have more important things to do. Meanwhile, God forbid the plow driver gets out of his truck to open the gate so he can plow it.

So, who loses? We do.

Next time I hear someone whining about how incompetent the state and feds are, I'm going remind them of our totally useless parking lot, while right over the railing the state lots were all cleared and even the hurricane barrier walkway was cleared off.

This situation may seem like a small thing, but what is the point of having it if we can't use it?

We have a very ho-hum election day coming up for both Acushnet (page 16) and Fairhaven (page 20). Each town has only one contested election. In Fairhaven it's the Planning Board, in Acushnet it's the Selectboard race. It's gonna be a snoozer!

The Academy Building is one step (one very large step) closer to being wheelchair accessible (see page 13). It's about time! It is one of my special-special pet peeves that public buildings are not all 100% accessible.

The Academy is especially egregious because the Visitors Center is there. I know there are waivers and exceptions for various reasons, but the average person traveling around expects a visitors center, whether town run or privately run, to be wheelchair accessible. The Americans with Disabilities Act passed 27 years ago. Twenty-seven years. Time to get with the program here. I'm confident that Town Meeting will approve the money.

Time to go. Be sure to tell our advertisers you saw their ads here. Until next week then...

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

FHS principal to become Assistant Superintendent

By Beth David
Editor

The Tara Quirk Kohler, who has been principal of Fairhaven High School for nine years, will now be the Assistant Superintendent of the Fairhaven Public School district.

Superintendent Robert N. Baldwin said the position did not exist before, and signals a restructuring of the positions in central administration. The district's business manager left last year and the position was not filled. Instead, they found "other ways to do that," he said.

The new position is more encompassing than a business manager. The job description basically says that the assistant superintendent will work in coordination with the superintendent for overall operation of the entire district.

Dr. Baldwin said that he and Ms. Kohler have formed "quite a partnership" over the last nine years, although he admitted, they do not always agree.

"Tara is very talented," said Dr. Baldwin.

He said they have been trying out

the arrangement this year and it has worked well. He realized he needs someone in that position and that she is very good at it.

"I want to formalize it," he said. "It's going to work. It's going to make us even better."

He admitted that after nine years of Ms. Kohler as principal of the high school, Dr. Baldwin was wondering if she was getting ready to move up to the next level, and he did not want to lose her.

"She would be a hot commodity anywhere," said Dr. Baldwin. "So it's a huge victory for us to have the next level be with us. She gets to move up to the next level and we get to keep her."

He said it does not signal that he is going anywhere.

"I'm thrilled to keep her talent. We're excited about the partnership to make the district even better," said Dr. Baldwin, adding that he is happy with his own job in Fairhaven. "I'm very happy. I have a great team around me. "Don't mess with happy."

Ms. Kohler said she was not necessarily looking to move to the

next level. It was Dr. Baldwin who recognized her talent for helping in various areas outside of her traditional high school principal role.

"It was a really hard decision," said Ms. Kohler, adding that she had worked very hard to establish "a really great culture" at the high school and was hesitant to leave it.

She started helping out in various other areas where Dr. Baldwin asked, including at Hastings Middle School. She started working with HMS principal Nicholas Bettencourt in some areas, and realized it was a new way for her to make a difference.

"I have a good sense of the district and what we need," she said. "I was feeling that I was seeing the bigger lens of this."

She said Dr. Baldwin recognized that he needed someone in that position to do the things she was doing. She realized he would post the job whether she wanted it or not.

"I thought, do I want to have someone helping me, or do I want to be the one helping," she said. "As long as I am helping as many students as possible."

Working Waterfront Festival to return this year

Press Release

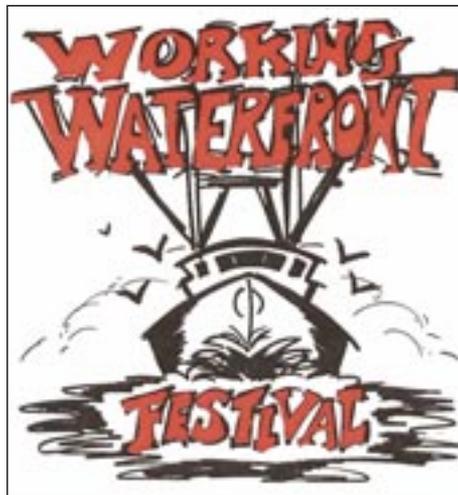
The Working Waterfront Festival returns to the working piers of New Bedford, the nation's most valuable fishing port, on Saturday, September 23, 2017. This free, family friendly event celebrates the history and culture of New England's commercial fishing industry in a way that is authentic, hands-on, and educational. The flagship event is back with a new co-producer, a new format, and a new festival director.

This year, the Festival is partnering with the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center. Located in the heart of the City's historic downtown, the Fishing Heritage Center opened its doors last June. Its mission is to tell the story of the fishing industry past, present, and future, through exhibits, programs, and archives. This partnership is a natural fit for two organizations dedicated to celebrating the commercial fishing industry.

The 2017 Festival will be presented in two locations: on Steamship Pier and at the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center. These two sites will be linked by a free shuttle bus,

allowing visitors to enjoy all the Festival has to offer.

Steamship Pier will host the Contest Stage; demonstrations of industry skills and fisheries science; dockside vessel tours; kids' activities;



a tug boat muster, whaleboat races; corporate and non-profit exhibitors; maritime artisans; and a Food Court featuring fresh, local seafood and cooking demonstrations. The Fishing Heritage Center will host performances

of music and fisherpoetry; author readings and signings; kids activities; and the exhibit, *Nautical Tattoos and the Stories Behind Them*. Visitors will also be able to visit the Center's gift shop and main exhibit, *From Boat to Table*, featuring a full-sized wheelhouse and a variety of hands-on activity stations.

In addition, the Festival is pleased to announce long time Development and Exhibits Manager, Jessica Bailey, has been named Festival Director. Ms. Bailey brings a wealth of knowledge about the industry as well as significant experience in event production. Founding Director, Laura Orleans, will continue to be involved as Director Emeritus during this transition year, focusing on Festival programming.

To learn more or become a sponsor, visit www.WorkingWaterfrontFestival.org or like us on Facebook.

The Working Waterfront Festival is a project of the Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern Mass., a non-profit organization, and is co-produced by New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center. Navigate to us at www.WorkingWaterfrontFestival.org.

Oxford proposal continued to next month

By Beth David
Editor

The Stratford Capital Group, which is proposing affordable senior housing for the old Oxford School building, requested a continuance on the hearing at the Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on 2/7.

Fairhaven Town Planner and Economic Development Director Bill Roth told the board that the developer was still working on the traffic study, and was reviewing and changing parts of the plan, including stormwater management and the parking lot in back.

The company had agreed to create a public parking lot along a strip of Livesey Park. Because Livesey is a state-restricted public park, the town needs to swap an existing parcel of at least the same value in order to use the park for anything other than recreation. The state legislature will need to vote on the measure.

Mr. Roth said that the town has identified two tax title properties that, he said, “wood work” for the land exchange. The land needs to be appraised.

Any land exchange would have to pass at Town Meeting before being sent to the legislature for approval.

The company will also need an easement to reach the parking for the residents because of the layout of the lot. The entrance will be on Livesey Parkway.

“Nothing’s easy,” said Mr. Roth.

The developer had also agreed to pay for a traffic study. Mr. Roth said the study was not ready yet. The town had made changes to the scope of services.

The company also will ask for a waiver of the town regulations on stormwater management. SCG wants to use the less stringent requirements of the state’s Department of Environmental Protection.

Mr. Roth said the town’s regulations are double or even triple what is sufficient for the site.

There was no public comment on the hearing. The ZBA will discuss it again on March 7.

In another matter, the board approved a variance for Daniel and Tracy Secia of 27 Cherry Street to build an addition for a kitchen remodel.

The addition will be short 3’ of the

10’ required on the side yard and 17’ short of the 30’ required in the rear, and 2% over maximum building coverage on the lot.

The plan calls for a 9x7 bumpout for the kitchen.

“It’s a very narrow lot,” Mr. Secia told the board.

Tracy Secia said the “very tiny kitchen” is “not accommodating,” and difficult to spend time in.

No abutters spoke on the project, and the board approved the petition unanimously.

The board also re-heard a petition by V-Corp for a special permit to build a single family home with septic system in the Nasketucket River

The town needs to swap an existing parcel of at least the same size in order to use the park for anything other than recreation.

Basin (NRB). The ZBA had rejected the petition, under the impression that the petition had to be voted on within 65 days and no one from the project had attended the meeting at the end of last year. However, the petition actually needs to be heard within 65 days and then has to be voted on within 90 days after that.

Steve Gioiosa of Sitec successfully argued in front of the Planning Board to vote on the matter and send it back to the ZBA. One of the criteria necessary for the ZBA to re-hear a petition before the two-year mandatory waiting period is that significant aspects of the project have changed. Mr. Gioiosa told the PB that he believed the ZBA did not have critical information, and, he said, he made changes to the project.

The PB voted to send it back to the the ZBA which re-heard the petition at its 2/7 meeting.

Mr. Gioiosa told the board that the project would not have an adverse effect on the water in the NRB, that

the septic system was a Title V state-of-the-art system. He said the town’s Board of Health regulations are stricter than Title V and the system was designed for both. The Conservation Commission has also signed off on the design, issuing an order of conditions to allow the project.

The conditions regulate the leaching field, grading, septic system, the house, and stormwater runoff from the roadway.

“...we are greatly exceeding the Title V regulations and slightly exceed the Board of Health regulations,” said Mr. Gioiosa, adding that they also added cypress trees to be a buffer on the property line.

Abutter Mark Monteiro told the board that his objection has not changed. He said he does not object to a house being built on the property, but is afraid that he will have additional drainage problems on his property. The proposed house is raised and the area is “always saturated at the property line,” he said.

“I know what happens there,” said Mr. Monteiro.

He noted that other houses were being built across the road and all the extra hard surfaces means that the water will end up in his yard.

“The ground is just going to get more and more saturated,” said Mr. Monteiro.

He said he was sure the systems would work at first, but asked what would happen in five or six years.

“I’m the one who’s [going to] have to deal with it,” said Mr. Monteiro. “I can’t come in front of the board later and ask for help. I’ll get laughed out.”

Mr. Gioiosa again went through some specifications and assurances that the plan would handle the water and not make his situation worse.

He said the septic and drainage system has a pump and lots of chambers.

“It’s a state-of-the-art system that meets all the standards,” said Mr. Gioiosa. “We haven’t asked for any waivers (for the septic).”

“We created flow paths for the water,” said Mr. Gioiosa.

The board approved the petition unanimously. ZBA member Jaime DeSousa recused himself from the discussion and the vote but did not leave the room.

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Historical Tea

Friends of Fairhaven are cordially invited to celebrate the Fairhaven Colonial Club's 106th Anniversary Open House and Historical Tea on **Sun., 2/27, from 1-4 p.m., at Coggeshall Memorial House, 6 Cherry St., Fairhaven.** Refreshments by the Members of the Colonial Club. Special Door Prize

Matty O Fund

12th annual March Madness to benefit the Matty Oliveira Memorial Fund, funding new and existing youth sports programs. **Sun., 3/4, at Town Crier, Maitland St., Fairhaven. Registration 10:30 a.m. to noon. Only 144 seats. Donation: \$110 per person,** includes snacks, lunch (cold buffet), dinner (hot buffet), wide screen TV (downstairs), fun and games, prizes, door prizes, raffles and giveaways (cash bar only).

Please make checks payable to the Matty Oliveira Memorial Fund (tax ID 14-189392). For more info, call Matt Oliveira, 508-207-8463.

School Dept. Budget Meeting

Fairhaven Public Schools will hold its Annual Budget Hearing on the FY'18 Budget at **Fairhaven High School, Bernard F. Roderick Library, 12 Huttleston Ave., on Wed., 3/8, at 6:30 p.m.**

Cable TV Questions?

The Fairhaven Cable Advisory Committee will be meeting with a representative from Comcast at its meeting on **Tues., 3/7, at Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.** If you have questions or any topics you'd like to discuss or have addressed at the meeting, email Selectboard member Bob Espindola at selectmanbobespindola@gmail.com, or attend the meeting.

This is your chance to discuss problems with your service, or programming changes you'd like to see.

Pancake Breakfast

The Fairhaven Rotary Club is holding a Pancake Breakfast on **Sun.,**

3/12, at the Fairhaven Senior Center/ Council on Aging, 229 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop), from 8:30-Noon

Tickets are \$10/adults, \$6/child, and are available from Anne Silvia at the COA; or call David, 860-455-8415

Volleyball

Every Sunday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Fairhaven Recreation Center. Fairhaven town employees, family and friends of all ages welcome! For more information, call Phil, 508-993-6978.

Boating Class

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a Boating Skills and Seamanship Course for all boaters, sailors, fishermen, personal watercraft operators. Class starts Mon., 3/13 and runs for 11 weeks on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. (through 5/22), at the USCG Auxiliary, 80 Middle St., Fairhaven. Final exam and graduation on May 22.

Register online at <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info>; \$40 for course materials (book and chart)

Many insurance companies will offer discounts on boat insurance to individuals who successfully complete this course. Individuals who successfully complete the course and exam are awarded certificates and cards.

Both the novice and the experienced boater will benefit from lessons in boating terminology, boat equipment, boat handling, boat trailering, lake boating, rules of the road, navigation, medical/safety awareness, weather, engines, radios, and how to read a chart, buy a boat, tie a knot and call in a mayday.

Open Burning

Open burning season begins January 15 and lasts through May 1. You must go to the Fairhaven Fire station, sign up and obtain regulations prior to any open burn.

SAVE THE DATES!

West Island 5K

5K Run/Walk, Sun., 4/30, at 11:00 a.m., 41 Causeway Road, West Island, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Visit <http://westisland5k.org/5k-runwalk/> for details.

Foxwoods Trip

The Fairhaven Village Militia is once again running a bus trip in March to Foxwoods Resort Casino as a fundraiser.

The Foxwoods trip will be on Saturday, March 18, 2017. The bus will leave the Fairhaven Kmart parking lot promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will travel straight through to the casino. The return trip will leave Foxwoods at 6:00 p.m. **Tickets are \$30 each** and include the bus ride, a voucher for a free meal or buffet, and \$20 for slots play. (Only adults are eligible for the vouchers.) The militia will hold some raffles on the bus during the trip.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Ellie Sylvaria at 508-441-7566 or by visiting Mike and Wayne's, 163 Huttleston Ave.

The Fairhaven Village Militia, Inc. is a non-profit organization and uses the funds raised by this trip to support its programs during the year, including the spring and fall historical encampments at Fort Phoenix, participation in the Fairhaven Memorial Day and Veterans Day parades, the Fort Phoenix Fourth of July Ceremony, and other activities in southeastern Massachusetts.

Think June!

Make waves in 2017 by being one of the first to register for the Buzzards Bay Coalition's 24th annual Buzzards Bay Swim, taking place on Saturday, June 24 in New Bedford and Fairhaven. Swimmers can sign up at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim.

The Buzzards Bay Swim is a fun community event that presents the perfect opportunity for those setting fitness goals for their New Year's resolution to train with a purpose. Swimmers of all ages, abilities and fitness levels complete a scenic 1.2-mile open water course across outer New Bedford Harbor, passing by the iconic Butler Flats Lighthouse and the New Bedford Hurricane Barrier.

If you love your local waters and are looking for that extra push to achieve your New Year's resolution, register now for the 24th annual Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, June 24 at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim.

Fairhaven Stop & Shop donates to Shepherd's Pantry

By Beth David
Editor

Customers of the Stop & Shop in Fairhaven donated \$1,396.20 to the Shepherd's Food Pantry during its 2016 Food for Friends campaign. Store representatives presented the check to Gerry Payette on Friday, 2/10.

Store manager Kim Cordeiro said it is only because of the generosity of S&S customers that the donation can happen.

"It's nice to be able to give back to the community," said Ms. Cordeiro.

"It's a nice program," said front end manager Norine Albert, and helps out people who are less fortunate.

The store also donated more than 300 boxes around the holidays. Each box has about \$10 worth of food, also made possible by donations from customers.

"I just want to pass along our immense gratitude to Stop & Shop for all the help they have given us over

the years," said Blanche Pepin, director of the Shepherd's Pantry in an email. "We would not be able to continue our goal of feeding the less fortunate in the area were it not for the generous response of so many people who come forward time after time with the assistance we need."

Ms. Pepin said that businesses, schools and churches, a variety of local organizations and individuals all contribute in various ways to make sure the shelves are stocked for distribution on Saturday mornings.

"The people who use the pantry always are so grateful that we are here to help them," she said.

Stop & Shop also allows the pantry to keep a food bin near the Customer Service desk for customers to donate nonperishable food items.

And, every Friday, Mr. Payette goes by the store



Stop & Shop in Fairhaven hands over a check for \$1,396.20 to the Shepherd's Food Pantry. L-R: Shepherd's Food Pantry volunteer Gerry Payette accepts the check from Fairhaven Stop & Shop Store Manager Kim Cordeiro, Front End Manager Norine Albert, and Assistant Manager Tessa Edvardsen on Friday, 2/10. The money comes from customers who donate to the fun. BELOW: Erin Ferland, manager of the bakery poses with two food cards, one with bread and one with sweets, destined for the food pantry. The food bin in the middle is for customer donations. Photos by Beth David.



to pick up the leftover bread and pastry items that the store also donates.

The food pantry also has a bin in the Walnut Street lobby of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven.

The Shepherd's Food Pantry is located at 1215 Main Street in Acushnet and is always looking for volunteers. To learn how you can help, call 508-763-9289.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to Shepherd's Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit www.shepherdspantry.org

The pantry serves more than 120 families each week. ●●●

Neighb News readers get treated to the Z



All the Neighb News readers who signed up to win tickets to "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" at the Zeiterion on Friday, 2/10, were presented with tickets, thanks to the generosity of the Z. Special thanks to Janay Lemieux who picked out a few winners. Then the Z surprised us by offering tickets to all those who entered the contest. ABOVE: Some of the Neighb News readers who were guests of the Z and sat on the right side of the theatre. Photos by Beth David.

February vacation at the Whaling Museum

Press Release

Monday, February 20, the Whaling Museum will kick off February vacation week with family-friendly activities that celebrate New Bedford's historic figures.

Len Cabral, a great grandson of Cape Verdean whalers, will be there to kick off the festivities and captivate audiences with engaging adventures and folktales from the past. Monday's activities start at 10 a.m. and include Len Cabral's performance, a photo booth with costumes of historical characters, a giant inflatable whale that kids can climb inside, tours below deck on the whaleship Lagoda, a variety of arts and crafts, and a movie about Frederick Douglass.

The kickoff is completely free for New Bedford residents and free with admission for families outside of New Bedford. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Schedule is subject to change.

Monday, February 20

10–11:00 a.m. Below deck on the Lagoda! The crew of Captain C. Weade will take guests onboard the largest model whaleship in the world, the Lagoda, for an adventure on the high seas! Travel the world, interact with new cultures, learn the ropes of a whaleship, and go a-whaling.

11:00–11:30 a.m. Story time with internationally acclaimed storyteller Len Cabral. Cabral has been re-

enacting African, Cape Verdean, and Caribbean folktales since 1976.

10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Inflatable Whale, Kids Arts & Crafts, Photo Booth, Scavenger Hunt

1:00–1:30 p.m. Story time with Abraham Lincoln

1:30–2:00 p.m. To Catch a Whale
Engaging docents will share the story of life leading up to and aboard a whaleship. How did they sign on to a voyage? What did they get paid? What did captains promise their crew?

2:00–3:00 p.m. Movie "Profiles in Courage: Frederick Douglass"

Vacation week programs are free for members and free with admission to the Museum for non-members.

Tuesday, 2/21 – Friday, 2/24

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Inflatable Whale, and Arts & Crafts

11:00 am Museum Highlights Tours. Docents will lead groups throughout the Museum focusing on some of the most historically significant artifacts and visitor favorites, while telling stories of New Bedford's role in U.S. history.

11:00 a.m.–Noon. Go below deck on the Lagoda!

Tuesday, 2/21 & Thursday, 2/23

2:00 pm Curator Tours. 45-minute tours of exhibition galleries guided by a Museum Curator.

Friday, 2/24

10:30 a.m. Below deck on the Lagoda! Join the crew of Captain C.

Weade onboard the largest model whaleship in the world, the Lagoda, for an adventure on the high seas! Travel the world, interact with new cultures, learn the ropes of a whaleship, and go a-whaling.

The February vacation program is supported by a grant from the New Bedford Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

For questions and more information visit www.whalingmuseum.org or call 508-997-0046.

The New Bedford Whaling Museum is the world's most comprehensive museum devoted to the global story of human interaction with whales through time, and the history and culture of the South Coast region. The cornerstone of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the Museum is located at 18 Johnny Cake Hill in the heart of the city's historic downtown. Museum hours: January through March, Tuesday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.; April through December, daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission is free for Museum members and children aged three and under; adults \$16, seniors (65+) \$14, students (19+) \$9, child and youth \$6. For more information visit www.whalingmuseum.org.



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Fairhaven Visitors Center & Historical Society Museum

Academy Building, 141 Main St.
next door to Fairhaven High School

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Black Hist Month

All sessions take place in the sanctuary of Bethel A.M.E. Church, 532 County St., New Bedford (unless otherwise noted on the accompanying flyer) and are free and open to the public. For more information contact the church office at (508) 997-2410 or Rev. Kevin T. Taylor, Pastor, at (323) 509-8706.

Sat., 2/18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Black History Symposium #5 will combine with Quarterly Conversation on Race, Class & Social Justice #7. The special session will begin with the critically acclaimed documentary, Thirteenth, which examines the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, especially in the present-day context of mass incarceration and the school-to-prison pipeline. The movie will be followed by a panel discussion headlined by the Rev. Paul P. Martin, the New York-based attorney who has successfully represented hundreds of individuals accused of crimes, and represented clients in such notable cases such as the Martha Stewart Case; the New York State Governor Patterson Investigation; and the Sean Bell Murder Case among many others. Rev. Martin, pastor of Mt. Carmel A.M.E. Church in New Rochelle, NY, will be the guest preacher at Bethel on Sunday, February 19 at 11 a.m. as well.

Sat., 2/25, 1-3 p.m.

Guest Presenter: Dr. Carol Smith, professor emeritus California Polytechnic University, Pomona, Calif. Post-retirement, Smith has partnered with the California State University system to present a multi-week Summer Mathematics Institute for middle schoolers in greater Los Angeles. Smith is one of a small number of African-American females in the nation with an earned Ph.D. and will speak of the impressive contributions of African-Americans to the discipline of mathematics and the career opportunities S.T.E.M. degrees afford.

Free for Vacation

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center will offer **free, hands-on activities during February vacation, February 23rd to 26th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Activities will include knot tying, scallop shell decorating, and a scavenger hunt.

Visitors of all ages can try their hand at knot tying, a skill needed by all who make their living on the water. Budding artists can decorate a scallop shell in the make and take craft area while learning more about scallops. A scavenger hunt will provide an opportunity for all to learn more about the commercial fishing industry while exploring the Center's exhibits.

In addition to the vacation week activities, visitors are invited to try on foul weather gear; explore the wheelhouse; and race the clock while donning a survival suit. The Working Waterfront Photography of Peter Pereira will be on exhibit in the Center Gallery.

Admission to the Center is free. The Center is located at 38 Bethel St., with free parking in the adjacent lot. Open Thursday - Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and by appointment.

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center is dedicated to preserving and presenting the story of the commercial fishing industry past, present, and future through archives, exhibits, and programs. For more information please contact the Center at info@fishingheritagecenter.org or call (508) 993-8894.

Feb Vacation

New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches is inviting New Bedford students to enroll in **February Staycation Fun Week:** a week of engaging activities at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center during school vacation week. February Staycation Fun Week runs 8:00 A.M. until 3:30 P.M., **Monday, February 20 through Friday, February 24, 2017. The enrollment fee for the program is \$120 for New Bedford residents or \$160 for non-residents.** Throughout the week, students will participate in engaging educational and recreational activities. A morning snack and lunch will be provided daily.

Interested parents may register their children at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, located at 181 Hillman Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. Parents may also reserve a seat for their child by visiting the City of New Bedford website and completing a registration form on the Parks, Recreation & Beaches page under the "Programs" tab. If

registering two children at once, a sibling discount is available at \$50.00 for the second child's enrollment.

For more information regarding the February Staycation Fun Week, spring registration or other programming, please contact the Andrea McCoy Recreation Manager, Dave Ponte at david.ponte@newbedford-ma.gov or call (508) 991-3015.

State of City Address

State of the City Luncheon, Thurs., 3/9, from 11:30am to 1:30pm, at Greater New Bedford Regional Voc-Tech High School, Field House, 1121 Ashley Blvd., NB. \$50 per person

Nearly 500 business, community, media, and political leaders are expected to attend this luncheon program. For more information, sponsorship opportunities or to register for the event contact Deven Tillman, Programs and Events Manager 508-999 5231 ext. 26 or dtillman@newbedfordchamber.com

Bowling F-R

Join Charton's Charges at a bowling fund-raiser to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, on **Sun., 2/26, from 2-4 p.m. at Wonder Bowl, 66 Hathaway Rd., New Bedford.**

Tickets: \$20 for adults, \$12 for kids (5 and under free). Includes shoe rental, slice of pizza, punch and cake. Do not miss our amazing raffl items as well as our 50/50 raffle.

Call 508-993-6610 for tickets.

Sailor Lecture Series

The 2017 Sailors' Series lectures at the New Bedford Whaling Museum promise to keep audiences at the edge of their seats as mariners tell their first-hand, gripping stories of adventure and travel. This 27th annual lecture series is dedicated to sailing and other related maritime topics and supported by the Northeast Maritime Institute Foundation.

March 2: Labrador and Beyond John N. Garfield, Jr. shares his adventures sailing up the rugged coastline, deep fiords, hanging glaciers, and drifting ice of Labrador, Canada.

Lectures begin at 7 pm with a reception at 6 pm. Individual lecture tickets can be purchased for \$15 for members (\$20 for non-members). Go to www.whalingmuseum.org or call 508-997-0046 for tickets.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Firefighters' Ball

The 2nd annual for all public safety scholarship and community. An event for Firefighters/Police/EMS and public safety of Fairhaven and for surrounding communities, current and retirees, friends and family.

Sat., 3/4, at the Century House, Acushnet. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7. Tickets, \$40. Uniform Class A or black tie. Dancing, raffles, having fun with fund-raising.

NE Boat Show

New England's premier winter boating event is held at the state of the art Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC). The Progressive Insurance New England Boat Show has grown into the Northeast's largest Boat Show, attracting thousands from the New England Seaboard.

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It's all here at the Progressive Insurance New England Boat Show!

Dates & Location: **February 11-19, at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center**, 415 Summer St. Boston, MA 02210. Admission: Adults \$15.00. Children Age 15 years and under Free (when accompanied by an Adult). Visit <http://www.newenglandboatshow.com> for info.

Food Conference

With the spring planting season fast approaching, gardeners, farmers and anyone interested in fresh, locally produced food can learn more about the secrets of successful agriculture at the 10th Annual Agricultural and Food Conference.

The daylong event at **Bristol County Agricultural High School, 135 Center St., Dighton, is Sunday, Feb. 26**, featuring dozens of experts leading workshops in food-related topics, from beekeeping, soil stewardship and pest control to hydroponics, backyard organic farming and breeding goats.

The conference runs from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and includes a light breakfast refreshments and full local lunch, along with dozens of vendor tables at the event's Resource Fair, inside the school's gymnasium.

Keynote speakers will be Megan Moniz and Jacob Dame, telling how their family farm, Arruda's Dairy in Tiverton, R.I., has survived and evolved since it began operations 100 years ago.

Some popular workshops include: organic pest and disease management for urban farms; pest prevention on pears, apples and peaches; setting up a hydroponic growing system; sustainable small-livestock management; basic butchery; fence-building; and more.

The conference, sponsored by the SE Mass. Agricultural Partnership (SEMAP), will also feature workshops for kids, including an introduction to honey bees and a tour of the Bristol Aggie farm.

Visit SEMOnline.org for details.

Chess Tourney

The 2nd annual Rotary of Dartmouth Scholastic Chess Tournament will be held on Sat., 4/8, from 9:00 am-1:00 pm, at Dartmouth Middle School 366 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, MA.

Open to All Area Students through Grade 12. All Levels Are Welcome Chess Boards/Pieces will be provided

(Players who use a chess clock are encouraged to bring one, not required) Trophies will be awarded to the top three players in each section.

Advance Registration: Online entry fee \$10. Students who register at the door will be charged \$15. To register online click <http://senecachess.org/event/2nd-annual-dartmouth-rotary-chess-tournament/> SENECA (South Eastern New England Chess Association is a non-profit organization).

Door Registration: At the door \$15 entry fee. 9:00-9:45 AM. Round 1 starts at 10:00 am

For additional information, contact Bob Salvas USCF (United States Chess Federation) Certified Tournament Director, and Vice President of SENECA (Southeast New England Chess Association) (email: monasterychess@gmail.com)

Winterfest

Keep the kids busy during February school vacation week at Old Sturbridge Village with a mix of invigorating outdoor fun and cozy indoor activities and hands-on crafts. **The Village is open from Wednesday through Sunday, February 22-26, culminating with WinterFest on February 26.** Visitors can enjoy a horse-drawn winter sleigh ride, (weather permitting), indoor tours and demonstrations. For all times and details, please visit www.osv.org or call 800-733-1830.

Throughout the week, enjoy hands-on crafts and special winter performances. Snow permitting, try out our sleds and enjoy a sleigh ride! Guests will also have the opportunity to watch Village craftspeople at work, see hearth side cooking, and visit dozens of historic buildings. Guests will also learn what it would take to produce a year's worth of candles when they visit the Small House.

On Sun., 2/26, come see more than 20 horse-drawn sleighs at OSV's Antique Sleigh Rally. The competition will feature vintage sleighs pulled by a variety of horse breeds including Haflinger, Gypsy, Morgan, Arabian, Clydesdale, Percheron, and miniature horses. Participants will compete for prizes in a dozen different divisions including "Sleigh Dog" and "Currier & Ives." A grand procession of sleighs will begin at 11:00 am, but the sleighs will be on display through the day.

Old Sturbridge Village's Sleigh Rally is generously sponsored by Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare.

Also on February 26, see demonstrations of how chocolate was prepared and served in the 19th century, listen to hearthside stories, and enjoy a bonfire on the Village Common. Historian Dennis Picard will also present an ice cutting demonstration on the Village's Mill Pond. Rob Lyon will present "Of Ice and Men: A History of Ice Skates and Skating."

Recipe of the Week

Maryland Crab Cakes

1 pound crabmeat, shredded
1 1/2 tablespoons dry bread crumbs
2 teaspoons chopped fresh parsley
salt and pepper to taste
1 egg
1 1/2 tablespoons mayonnaise
1/2 teaspoon ground dry mustard
1 dash hot pepper sauce

Preheat oven broiler.

Mix together crabmeat, bread crumbs, parsley, salt and pepper.

Beat together egg, mayonnaise, hot sauce and mustard. Combine with other ingredients and mix well. Form into patties and place on a lightly greased broiler pan or baking sheet.

Broil for 10 to 15 minutes, until lightly brown.

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First Citizens scholarship apps available

Press Release

Now through April 1st, applications will be accepted for the 21st Annual First Citizens' Federal Credit Union's Barbara Whitehead Silva Scholarship & Champion Family Scholarship Program. In total, fifteen \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

The program provides graduating seniors from Eleven local area schools with a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to them based on academic achievement, community service and financial need. In addition, one scholarship will be awarded in honor of Barbara Whitehead Silva, former President and Chief Executive Officer, for her 45 years of dedicated service to the institution. The remaining three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to immediate family of members with a Champion Checking Account. Champion accounts are exclusively available to teachers, EMT, police, firefighters and healthcare professionals.

Applications are available at all

First Citizens' branch offices or online at www.firstcitizens.org.

Applicant or parent must be a member of First Citizens' and the applicant must be a high school senior accepted to a college or university for the 2017-2018 academic year. They must submit:

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- Application deadline is April 1.

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Press Release

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www.dunkindonuts.com/scholarship or any Dunkin' Donuts restaurant in Rhode Island or Bristol County, Mass., for more information. Applications must be received by March 15, 2017 for consideration. The Dunkin' Donuts scholarship program is managed by Scholarship America.

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Area gets hit again with snow; more snow, rain on the way

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven got 9.5 inches, Acushnet got 10 inches and New Bedford got a whopping 13 inches in the last snowstorm on February 9-10.

Other areas of the state got up to

19 inches of snow, in the middle and western parts of the state. The Cape topped out at 10 inches in Orleans.

Heavy winds accompanied the storm, but only sporadic outages were reported.

Schools were closed for both

Thursday and Friday, and many other events were cancelled.

More snow is expected for Thursday, but might switch to rain.

For more information on weather in our area, visit West Island Weather at www.westislandweather.com



ABOVE: This is what nine inches of snow looks like as it continues to fall, looking out from under the holly tree at Neighb News headquarters on Friday, 2/10. RIGHT: Birds looking for an easy meal trail along behind the Fishing Vessel McKinley as it leaves New Bedford harbor on its way out to sea on Friday, 2/10 after the big storm. Photos by Beth David.



Snow days are for... Snow forts!



Aubrie and Brett Pomfret enlisted the help of their father Scot to build this snow fort in their yard on Cottonwood Street on West Island in Fairhaven. Photo courtesy of Scot Pomfret.

Here we go again....



The ongoing foolishness with the town parking lot at Fort Phoenix continues. The gate was closed, the lot was not plowed on 2/10 at about 2 p.m., hours after the snow had stopped. The lot, under the control of the town, not the state, is adjacent to the town property at Fort Phoenix. Residents have complained for years that the gate is open inconsistently. The Public Works Department and Police Department swap blame for the lack of access. The gate is not locked, however, and can simply be pushed open in the morning. The state side was open and plowed, and the walkway on the hurricane barrier was also cleared for walkers. Beth David photo

CPC recommends funding for Academy wheelchair ramp

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee has made its recommendations for the annual Town Meeting Article in May. The CPC voted to approve \$583,500 in funds for nine projects.

The largest appropriation is \$160,000 for exterior restoration on the Millicent Library. The next largest is \$150,000 for open space protection at Indian Rock Farms, petitioned by the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

Other projects are \$12,000 for Town Hall restoration study; \$20,000 for land protection at Branch Brook, petitioned by the Board of Public Works; \$10,000 for the town employee wellness committee for an outdoor fitness station; \$17,500 for the Fairhaven Tennis Association to restore courts at Cushman Park; \$45,000 for the Fairhaven Housing Authority to replace a handicap door at Oxford Terrace.

The CPC also allotted \$50,000 for the Stratford Capital Group for its project to construct housing units at the former Oxford School building. The company had requested \$325,000, a controversial figure that matches the amount the company offered to pay for the building.

The CPC also voted to appropriate \$119,000 for the Historical Commission to restore the front doorway at

the Academy building and to create a back door with wheelchair access to the first floor.

The building, a federal style schoolhouse built in 1798, is home to the Fairhaven Visitors Center and a museum run by the Fairhaven Historical Society. It is not even remotely compliant with the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

David Despres, the chairperson of the Fairhaven Historical Commission, which controls use of the building, said the Commission has wanted to make the building wheelchair accessible for years, but wanted to do it right. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places, and the HC did not want to put up something shoddy and unsightly.

"We don't want our fellow citizens to feel like second-class citizens," said Mr. Despres. "We just wanted to do it right."

The plan calls for a concrete ramp to be built around the north side of the building. A new door will be built where there is currently a window.

Mr. Despres said that corner had three doors at one time. Under the clapboards there is the framing for the doors, and the remnants of stone steps are still there. Inside the door to the cellar, the framework for one of the doors is visible on one wall.

The ramp will be 34 feet long, with a landing in the middle.

The back of the building is better suited for the ramp because the front door is too high. The wheelchair ramp needs to pitch up at a specific angle, so the ramp would have to wind around and switch back, like a hairpin turn in the mountains, to get enough real estate, so to speak, to keep the pitch and not be too steep.

The back door will also have ADA compliant steps.

The other part of the project is to rebuild the front door completely. It has some rot and also has large stone



ABOVE: David Despres, the chair of the Fairhaven Historical Commission, points out where the wheelchair ramp will be built along the north side of the Academy Building. BELOW LEFT: This corner, where the new entrance will be built, used to have two or three doors. BELOW RIGHT: The front door will also be rebuilt and ADA compliant steps constructed. Photos by Beth David.

steps. The new entry will have steps that are ADA compliant, with the proper height of each step, and railings.

The project will take care of three problems with the building, said Mr. Despres: The front door deterioration; a second form of egress; ADA compliance at both entrances.

The restroom is not yet ADA compliant, but that is a project the Historical Society will do "soon," said Mr. Despres.

Town Meeting will have to approve the project. The article will be on the warrant for the May 6 meeting.

Mr. Despres said he was confident that it would pass. The money is there and the CPC approved it.

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Sewing Group

Come join the sewing Group. The group meets Monday afternoons: Feb. 3rd and 27th from 1-3:0 p.m. Feb. 2nd, 9th 16th 23rd from 5:45-7:45 p.m. at The Fairhaven Senior Center.

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Rawcliffe has challenger for Acushnet Selectboard

By Beth David
Editor

Acushnet will have two contested races on the ballot in April, including the Selectboard race. Incumbent Garry Rawcliffe faces a challenge from Roger Cabral.

The Housing Authority will also see a battle for one 5-year term with incumbent Lawrence Mulvey facing a challenge from Robert Lanzoni.

Other races have one candidate or, in the case of town moderator, no takers at all.

Long time moderator Robert Francis decided not to run for re-election and no one took out papers

for his position.

Brian Deschamps is running unopposed for the Planning Commission to finish the remainder of a term expiring in 2018.

Uncontested positions up for re-election are: Incumbent Pamela Labonte for town Clerk; Assessor Marc Cenerizio for re-election; Marc Cenerizio for re-election to the Planning Board; Henry Preston, incumbent, and Joan Howland for two seats on the library Board of Trustees; Incumbent Robert St. Jean for Park Commissioner; Andrew Gomes to finish an unexpired term ending in 2018 that he was appointed

to fill; David Deterra and Jody Tavares, both for re-election to the School Committee; incumbent Joanne Cioper for the Cemetery Board; incumbent Raymond Barlow for Tree Warden; Rober Medeiros, running for re-election to the Board of Health.

The election will be held on Monday, 4/3. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

You have until March 14 to register to vote. You may vote in person at the town clerk's office, town hall, 122 Main St., Acushnet. Call 508-998-0215 for information on mail-in voter registration.

Achushnet Scholarship applications available

Press Release

The Acushnet Teachers Association Scholarship application forms are now available for students and their families to download online.

In order to assist Acushnet residents in continuing to build their academic futures, the Acushnet Teachers Association annually awards scholarships to qualified students. Residents of Acushnet enrolling in a full-time college program in 2017-18 are eligible for these awards.

In addition to A.T.A. scholarships, the A.T.A. Scholarship Committee is also responsible for judging appli-

cants for the following scholarships: Acushnet P.T.O., Acushnet Lion's Club, the Carole Day Memorial Nursing Scholarship, and the Acushnet Historical Society Scholarship.

By filling out the single application form, students are considered for any and all of the above-named Acushnet scholarships for which they are eligible.

Visit www.acushnetteachers.com for printable application forms and more information about the Acushnet Teachers Association Scholarship Program.

Applications and required paper-

work are due on April 4th, 2017.

For more information, please contact Ryan Powers, A.T.A. Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, ryanpowers@acushnetschools.us; or Brett Casey, A.T.A. Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, brettcasey@acushnetschools.us

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Celebrate Black History Month with story of escaped slave

Press Release

What would you do for freedom? On Saturday February 18th, from 1–4 p.m., New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park will offer a unique visitor experience. Rangers Rufai Shardow and Mark Mello will present the story of Henry “Box” Brown. This interpretive program tells the dramatic and courageous story of an escaped slave, who mailed himself in

a box for a 27-hour journey to freedom. This event will be held at the visitor center, 33 William Street. It is free and open to everyone.

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and interpret America’s nineteenth century whaling industry. The park, which encompasses a 13-block National Historic Landmark District,

is the only National Park Service area addressing the history of the whaling industry and its influence on the economic, social, and environmental history of the United States.

The visitor center is wheelchair-accessible, and is free of charge. For more information, call 508-996-4095, go to www.nps.gov/nebe or visit the park’s Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>.

Fire damages house on West Island



Police and fire crews responded to an electrical fire at an empty house on Almond Street in Fairhaven on Wednesday 2/15, at about 5:30 p.m. The fire at 18 Almond Street was quickly under control and there were no injuries. No estimates of damage were available at press time. The ownership of the house was also not clear. It has been unoccupied for about a year. According to the fire department, the fire was probably caused by water getting into the wiring on the outside of the house. A neighbor noticed the fire, called 911, and extinguished the fire using a chemical fire extinguisher, so damage to the house was minimal. *Photos courtesy of ML Baron.*



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FHS Girls fall to GNB Voc-Tech



The Lady Blue Devils Basketball team fell 45-23 to GNB Voc-Tech on Tuesday, February 14. With the loss to the South Coast Conference rival, Fairhaven dropped to 5-14 overall record, with a 4-13 record in the SCC. With only two away games left on the schedule, Fairhaven will travel to Wareham on Friday, February 17 with a 6:30 P.M. start time. On Monday, February 20, they will close out the season at Bishop Connolly with a 5:00 P.M. start. ABOVE LEFT: Laela Pepin's drive along the baseline gets stopped by the taller Kylie Morin from GNB Voc-Tech. ABOVE MIDDLE: Abigail Pickup fights for possession of the ball with a GNB Voc-Tech player. Pickup was hurt on the play. ABOVE RIGHT: Abigail Pickup attacks the basket and draws the foul from GNB Voc-Tech. BELOW LEFT: Jan MacGregor attacks the basket for Fairhaven. BELOW RIGHT: Lexi Labonte nails the three pointer before Alianna Macklin can block it. *Photos by Ryan Feeney.*



Historical Society program highlights town benefactor

Submitted

On Friday, February 10, the Fairhaven Historical Society sponsored a lecture by Fairhaven Tourism Director Chris Richard about the life and times of Henry H. Rogers.

About one hundred people negotiated snowy roads to attend the talk, some coming from out of town.

Mr. Richard told stories about Henry Rogers' family background, his childhood and young adulthood in Fairhaven, his entry into the

petroleum business, and the business dealings that made him one of the wealthiest men in American history.

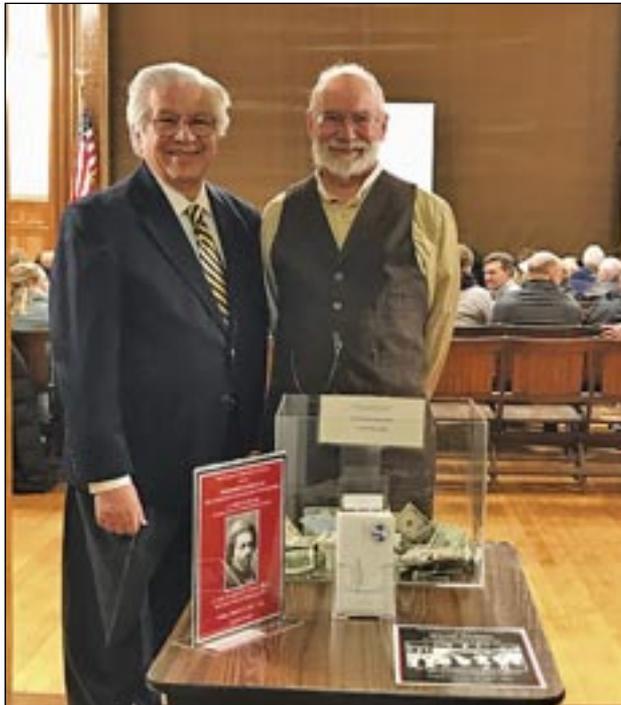
Also covered were Rogers' two marriages, his children, his friendship with Mark Twain, and the descendants of Henry and Abby Rogers, including some who still visit Fairhaven today. Following the lecture there was a question and answer period.

Enrique "Ricky" Goytizolo, the president of the Fairhaven Historical

Society, was very pleased with the turnout for the talk. He reported getting telephone calls the next day from people telling him how much they enjoyed the program.

The Historical Society will be holding another lecture on March 17, when Lee Blake from the New Bedford Historical Society will talk about Frederick Douglass.

For more information about the Historical Society and upcoming events, find them on Facebook.



LEFT L-R: Fairhaven Historical President Enrique "Ricky" Goytizolo and Fairhaven Tourism Director Chris Richard greet the public for Mr. Richard's presentation on the life and times of town benefactor Henry Huttleston Rogers in the town hall auditorium on Friday, 2/10. RIGHT: Approximately 100 people attended the event. *Photos courtesy of Allegra Pawlowski.*

From our readers

U.S. in state of turmoil

"There's too much confusion, I can't get no relief"....a verse from "Watchtower," written and performed by Bob Dylan in 1967.

The verse certainly applies to the last three weeks America has experienced. The U.S. is in a state of turmoil to say the least. Who's right and who is wrong? Lots of confusion and there is no relief in sight. The pit continues to get deeper as the average voter doesn't know what to believe. [I will be objective here which is hard to do]

Attempted actions by the President are challenging the very nature of our constitution and something

new is happening every day to a point where voters who follow what is going on "can't catch their breath."

Deportation raids are happening to those who are alleged illegal immigrants, slanderous remarks about women were spouted by the President during his campaign, the LGBT community is on alert, Afro-Americans are in a retro slide, cancelling of Obamacare with no clearly defined replacement, slanderous remarks aimed at the media. And there is more but my brain is on tilt trying to get a grip on what is happening in this country now.

I went to college in the South in the late 60's. The country was divided on

two issues: The Vietnam War and the Civil Rights movement. But that was minor compared to what has happened in the last three weeks.

It seems the country is moving at light speed trying to "correct" what the Republican Party perceives as problems.

I have to stop here, but a poem was written by Emma Lazarus that is engraved at the base of the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free" will become an issue of the past or maybe the Republican party and its leader will dismantle the Statue of Liberty

Steve Bender, Mattapoissett

Fairhaven election is pretty ho-hum this year, only one contested race

By Beth David
Editor

It's just barely possible for Fairhaven elections to get more ho-hum than this year. Only one race is contested, for Planning Board. Three people have returned papers for two seats. All other positions have just one candidate, and all candidates are incumbents running for re-election.

For the Planning Board, long time member Gary Staffon did not take out nomination papers for re-election.

Incumbent Cathy Melanson will be on the ballot, along with Nicholas Carigg and Ruy DaSilva. The three will be vying for three 4-year seats on the board.

Charles Murphy is the Selectboard member up for re-election. He returned his papers and will be on the ballot unopposed.

Other unopposed incumbents are: Pamela Kuechler and Brian Monroe for School Committee; Jeannine Lopes for Board of Health; Brian Wotton and Jarrod Lussier for Board

of Public Works; John Rogers for Commissioner of Trust Funds; Jay Simmons for Housing Authority.

The election will be held on Monday, 4/3. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

You may register to vote Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mail-in voter registration forms are available at the town clerk's office by March 14.

Polling places are:
Precinct 1: Town Hall
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Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting on Tuesday March 7, 2017 at 6:30p.m. at the Town hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, MA to consider the following petition(s).

- Case #2017.02.07B** – Anna Kristiansen of 901 Tobey Street. Special Permit required to construct an accessory apartment. Meeting all the requirements for such as defined in the protective by-laws Section 1.2 "B" and 3.4 "B". 901 Tobey Street has private off-street parking and is connected to Municipal Water & Sewer.
- Case #2017.03.07Am** – Seth Desroches, 80 Mill Road. Variance needed under 3.4 "D" (1) to exempt 22, 389.60 sq. ft. to comply with changing single family to two family. By-Law states 30,000 sq. ft. lot is required and existing lot is 7,610.40. Special Permit needed under 3.3.1 "B" (1) to change from single family to two-family home.

Plans are available for Public view in the Town Clerk's office during their normal business hours.

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"I find it hard to believe any person would stand up at Town Meeting and with a straight face say 'I do not want a town office building to be ADA compliant,'" said Mr. Despres. "It really is something that needs to be done. It's overdue. And it's not [going to] get any cheaper."

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Finance Committee

Thurs., 2/16, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Historical Commission

Wed., 3/8, Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 2/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 3/1, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 2/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Agricultural Commission

Thurs., 2/16, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 3/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Historical Commission

Tues., 2/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues. 2/21, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

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