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The skies cleared and the sun came out after the torrential rains of Hurricane Cindy on Saturday, 6/24, prompting hundreds to head into the streets for the annual Homecoming Day Fair in Fairhaven. ABOVE: Town Hall rises in the background as people browse around the 170+ vendor booths set up on Center, Walnut and William Streets. The annual fair is Fairhaven's largest event. See story on page 12. Photo by Beth David.

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
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LAST ISSUE!!!! (Don't panic, just for two weeks.)

Don't be worried when you don't see a new edition of the *Neighb News* for a bit. This is our last issue until 7/20. We are officially on summer break in just a few minutes....

We'll be back on 7/20 (unless I hit the lottery, then it's syonara, baby!).

Let's not, however, expect our last issue before vacation to be drama-free.

Board of Public Works chairperson Mike Ristuccia (see page 4), "recused" himself from a discussion, then proceeded to sit in front of his own board on the matter.

I saw Mike just a few hours ago, right before deadline. I told him about my concerns, and he and I had a bit of a "discussion" at the store.

He has no idea why it was a bad idea to advocate for a vendor in front of his own board. He said, but he was the vendor, so who else would do it, and that he was not making money from it, the kids would be.

I tried to explain that there are not unlimited vendors allowed on the town beach, so by definition it is a special consideration....by a board....to the board's chairperson.

He disagrees.

Isn't there a course or something these guys should have to take?

Anyway, there wasn't enough time for him to respond in writing for this week, but he assured me that he will respond.

I look forward to his letter.

Meanwhile, check out all the cool stuff we have in this week's issue. July festivities are planned all over the place. See pages 3, 5, 8, 9 for that.

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Until the 20th, see ya



Beth David, Publisher

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Parades, fireworks, cannon kabooms all in store this week

With July 4th falling on a Tuesday this year, many people will have a four-day weekend to mark America's Independence Day. Here's a sampling of some events taking place in the region. See pages 5, 8, 9 for more happenings this weekend and beyond.

Car Cruise, Parade, Flag Raising

Tues., 7/4. It all starts at Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven. **Gather for flag raising 8:30 a.m., Depart 9:00 a.m. Floats & marchers gather at Cushman Park.**

Classic and antique cars and vehicles gather at Fairhaven High School for the raising of the Big Flag. They will then depart to cruise through town, ending with a ride south on Green Street to Fort Phoenix. At Cushman Park a parade of floats and marchers will step off to follow the car cruise to the fort for the annual Independence Day Ceremony. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Lions Club and North Fairhaven Improvement Association, with the Prowlers and the Downshifters car clubs. Free. For more information call John Medeiros at 508-990-0000.

Ceremony & Cannon Salute Tuesday, July 4, at 10:00 a.m. Fort Phoenix, Fort Street, Fairhaven

At the conclusion of the Car Cruise and Parade, a program will be held at historical Fort Phoenix. The ceremony will feature a brief history of Fort Phoenix, a reading of the Declaration of Independence by Selectboard Chairperson Robert Espindola, and the singing of the National Anthem by Fairhaven High School Class of 2017 graduate Brooke Douglass as the flag is raised. The flag raising will be followed by the firing of the fort's five 24-pound Seacoast Defense cannons. Sponsored by the Town of Fairhaven and the Fairhaven Village Militia. Free. Handicap parking available. For more information, call 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov.

Fireworks

New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell joined with sponsor Hawthorn Medical Associates to announce that Hawthorn will sponsor the City's 2017 Independence Day fireworks display over New Bedford Harbor. Hawthorn Medical Associates contributed \$10,000 to support the fireworks

display, continuing a long-standing tradition of company sponsorship of the annual event.

New Bedford's Fourth of July fireworks display will be staged from a barge located off of State Pier in New Bedford Harbor, beginning at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4. Spectators planning to watch the display in Downtown New Bedford are encouraged to park for free in the Elm Street Garage and Zeiterion Parking Garage.

State Pier will NOT be accessible during the fireworks and there will be no parking on State Pier on the evening of July 4th. Lower Union Street (east of Water Street) will be closed to vehicle traffic and will be the best spot in the Downtown for pedestrians to view the fireworks display.

In addition to Hawthorn Medical Associates, St. Anne's Credit Union and The New Bedford Whaling Museum are supporting sponsors of the 2017 City of New Bedford Fourth of July Fireworks Display. Tucker Roy Marine Towing & Salvage and AGM Marine Contractors will provide the commercial barge.

See pages 5, 8, 9 for more events



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Fairhaven has revised emergency plan, shelter still at HMS

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard unveiled an updated emergency preparedness plan at its meeting on 6/26. Changes to the plan include a more defined hierarchy for decisions and an explanation of the various parts of the plan.

The board held the meeting at the West Island Improvement Association community house, an annual tradition for the "hurricane meeting."

The plan, however, addresses more than hurricanes, stressed officials. It will be used for all emergencies, including natural, such as floods, blizzards, storms; and those caused by humans, either on purpose or by accident, such as explosions, crashes, or power blackouts.

The plan formally lays out steps in four phases of an emergency: Mitigation, which includes strengthening building codes and shoring up coastal areas; preparedness, which includes monitoring storms as they move up

the coast; response, including opening shelters or ordering evacuations; and recovery, which includes helping people get back home, clearing streets, etc.

All departments were represented to summarize their pieces of the plan.

Fire Chief Timothy Francis made his annual warning to town residents saying that the causeway may go out and that would mean that first responders will not be able to get to islanders during a hurricane or other big storm.

"Get off the island," said Mr. Francis in his annual plea.

He also made a plea to people who hook up generators, saying they must be hooked up properly or than can cause a feedback charge that can seriously injure electrical workers.

He said the Fire Department has checklist at the station and on the website to help people be ready for storms.

"We just want people to be prepared," he said.

The town will also use a reverse 911 system. People should contact

the fire department to have cell phones added.

Council on Aging Director Anne Silvia also noted that her department is actively looking into moving the shelter from the middle school to the senior center.

Town Administrator Mark Rees said that a study is being done to look at the feasibility of using the Senior Center as the shelter, with pets being accommodated at the Recreation Center, which is in the same building. as of now, people with pets need to use a regional center.

No members of the public commented on the emergency plans.

In another matter, the board heard from a representative of Melanson Heath, to report on the town's annual audit and Moody's Bond Rating. The town received a "clean opinion" and the books are in good shape, said Frank Biron, CPA, Managing Shareholder

He said the town's new financial policies fare well with bond rating agencies. The town has an AA2 rating

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Ristuccia advocates for vendors in front of his own board

By Mary Macedo
Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 6/26 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed a conservation restriction, a basketball hoop in-the-street request, and ice cream sales at town beach.

BPW chairperson Micheal Ristuccia said he was recusing himself from the ice cream discussion, but then sat in front of his own board to ask for approval of a rolling ice cream cart vendor at the town beach.

Mr. Ristuccia explained that he has purchased a three foot by three foot ice cream push cart with an umbrella that he plans to give to teens in town to use to sell ice cream at the beach from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mr. Ristuccia said he already has three teenagers in town interested in the job. Each teen will have a day to sell ice cream and whatever money they make they will keep. Mr. Ristuccia said he will supply the ice cream cart for the teens to use.

"Is there free ice cream involved," Mr. Wotton joked.

"No," Mr. Ristuccia said.

"Next," Mr. Wotton called out.

Board members Keith Silvia and

Cameron Durant agreed that the ice cream vendor was a great idea.

A motion was made to allow an ice cream vendor at the town beach pending approval from the Board of Health. It passed unanimously.

The BPW also met with Allen Decker from the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Mr. Decker explained to the board that the town of Marion would be purchasing the Branch Brook Property on Thursday. The property will eventually have hiking trails. The BBC has bought several pieces of undeveloped land to protect it from development, and, as a result, protecting the bay from pollution.

The BPW will hold the conservation restriction along with the town of Marion and the BBC. The money for the project was approved at Town Meeting in May. The board approved the measure.

In another matter, the board met with Christopher Borba of 86 Oliver Street, who asked for approval to put a portable basketball hoop in the street in front of his house.

He said there was no flat surface in his driveway for the hoop. Mr. Ristuccia asked Mr. Borba if he was

comfortable with is children playing in the street.

Mr. Borba said only a handful of cars drive down their street. He also said a lot of children use the street, so neighbors are cautious.

Board member Brian Wotton said that he was familiar with the neighborhood and agreed that it is not very busy.

"I'm always in favor of kids being outside and playing," Mr. Wotton said.

Mr. Wotton told Mr. Borba he will have to sign a waiver saying that if the hoop gets damaged it is not the town's fault. He also agreed that the backboard will be flush with the curb.

Board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson asked if the hoop could be moved in the winter, so as not to interfere with snow plows.

Mr. Borba said he plans to put away in the winter.

The motion passed unanimously.

In another matter Mr. Hobson wanted to inform the board that he received a complaint with his being on the Marine Resources Committee. The BPW will discuss the issue at the next meeting.

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

July 4 events

See page 3.

Mon. Morning Fun

See ad on page 6

Lecture On Lawn

On Sat., 7/1, at 2 p.m. The third "Lecture on the Lawn" at the Old Stone Schoolhouse, 40 North St., will include the history of the Oxford Chapel, which once stood across the street from the schoolhouse, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, which met at the schoolhouse for about 15 years before its own church was built, as well as other religious groups that used these buildings.

UU Church Tours

Unitarian Memorial Church Tours, 102 Green St., Fairhaven. **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., July and August, Next date is 7/6.** Dedicated in October 1904, this English Perpendicular Gothic style "cathedral" was designed by architect Charles Brigham and built by Henry H. Rogers in memory of his mother Mary E. Rogers. It was built of local granite and Indiana limestone by European artisans including Italian stone cutters and Bavarian wood carvers. The stained glass windows were created by New York impressionist painter Robert Reid.

During the July and August tours, guides are on hand to describe the architectural details. Accessible. Donations requested. For more information, call 508-992-7081 or visit <http://www.uufairhaven.org/>.

Evening Concerts

Concerts Under the Stars

Thursday evenings from July 13 to August 10, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Town Hall steps, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven

Sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association with the Southern Mass Credit Union and additional sponsorship by local businesses. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. Free. In the event of rain, concerts will be held inside Town Hall.

Thurs., 7/13, Jillian Jenson Trio

Thurs., 7/20, Blues Train

Thurs., 7/27, October Road

Thurs., 8/3, The Infracctions

Thurs., 8/10, The Buzzard Blue Band.

For more information, visit <http://FairhavenImprovement.org>.

website at goodshepherdfairhaven.com.

Lobster/Clambake

The Fairhaven Improvement Association will hold its annual lobster-bake/clambake on **Sun., 7/16, at the West Island Improvement Association hall, 41 Causeway Rd., Fairhaven.** Doors open at noon for socializing, serving starts promptly at 1 p.m. Cash bar. Meal includes chowder, lobster, clams, fish, sausage, potato, onion, corn, etc. **Ticks: \$42 pp**, contact Linda at lindam1002@comcast.net for tickets.

Hose down!

Join the reading program at the Millicent library for some Fire Department Fun, on **Thurs., 7/20, from 10-11 a.m. on the Walnut Street side of the library.** Hint: Bring your bathing suit.

High School Tours

Tour this unique Elizabethan-influence school given to the town in 1906 by Fairhaven native and Standard Oil Co. executive Henry H. Rogers. Tours are conducted by Robert Foster, president of the FHS Alumni Association, Class of '66. Meet inside the Main Entrance on Route 6 in the front of the high school. Parking is behind the school. Accessible. No reservations required. Free.

Fridays, 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

For more information, email Bob Foster at wfoster22@gmail.com or info@fairhavenalumni.org.

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Outdoor Movie Night

Fairhaven Outdoor Family Movie Night will be held in **Livesey Park on the evening of Saturday, July 22.** The movie, "The Secret Life of Pets," and popcorn will be free. For a couple of hours before the show there will be activities for the children, refreshments, and entertainment. Bring a blanket and enjoy the fun. The events gets going at 6:00 p.m. and the movie will show at 8:15.

Free Family Movie

Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Main St., Fairhaven, holds a Free Family Movie Night **every third Friday of the month.** The only cost is \$1.00 for popcorn and a drink. We'd love you to join us! **Next date is 7/21.**

Book Fair

Church of the Good Shepherd, home of Oxford Book Haven & Cafe, will be holding a Book Fair outside on Sat., 7/22 from 10:00-3:00 PM. There will also be popcorn.

Family Fun Fair

Sun., 7/23, The Legendary Street Rods Car Club teams up with the North Fairhaven Improvement Association to present a summertime Car, Truck, and Bike Show and Family Fun Fair at Livesey Park. There will be raffles, awards, music, children's activities, food and more. **Fee to enter a vehicle in the show is \$15. Admission to the event is free.** Proceeds from the Car Show benefit the New Bedford Veterans Transition House & Cancer Fund. Proceeds from food sales benefit the NFIA and Fairhaven Lions Club. The rain date for the event is July 30. For more information, call John Medeiros at 508-990-0000 or email Jeff Lucas at silverado504@msn.com.

WI Regatta

Compete in the West Island Regatta, **Sun., 7/23.** More info at www.westislandregatta.com

We need boats and racers: Sunfish, Sailfish, Hobie Cats, Laser, etc. So if it floats and you think you can do a 3-mile course in less than 2 hours, bring it down to the water and meet us at Hoppy's Landing at noon for a quick

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July 10: Behind the Scenes at Emma Jean's

Chocolatier Leigh Dalton with a sweet presentation on candy making, including a taste test!

Bounce house sponsor: What a Find ! Consignment Furniture.

July 17: Disc jockey K-J Tunes

Ken Souza with musical contests, limbo, hula hoops, kid's karaoke and dancing.

Bounce house sponsor: Our Lady's Haven

July 24: New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center (and Giant Water Slide)

"All About Scallops" program, a shell-decorating craft, and survival suits to try on.

Bounce house and waterslide sponsors: Seconds Count and Fairhaven Improvement Association

July 31: Ezekiel the Green's Magical Foolery and Foolishness

The Magician of the Obscure Order of Lesser Green Wizards really tries his best.

Bounce house sponsor: Pink Bonnet Bakery.

August 7: Hogwarts Herbology Professor Pomona Sprout

Learn about edible plants you can grow yourself with Prof. Sprout.

Bounce house sponsor: Fairhaven Business Association

August 14: Buttonwood Park Zoomobile

See and learn about some of the animals from Buttonwood Park Zoo.

Bounce house sponsors: BRW Property Services

August 21: Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society (and Water Slide)

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Bounce house/Waterslide combo sponsors: Friends of Fairhaven COA and DeTerra's Jump

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Farmer's Market

Sunday afternoons, 1-4 through October, at Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven

Buy fresh local produce and other products from area farmers. Enjoy

the local market with family and friends every Sunday afternoon through mid-October. 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 Committee.

WI Breakfast Buffet

Sun., 7/2, West Island Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven, 8-11 a.m.

By the West Island Improvement Association. Includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit, cereal, coffee and juice. **\$8 adults, \$4 children** under 12. Tickets at door. Accessible.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Fireworks

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Cape Verde parade

The 45th Annual Cape Verdean Recognition Parade will be held on **Sat., 7/1, at 11:00 a.m.** The parade starting point will be Rockdale Avenue and Union Street at Buttonwood Park.

The parade route is: East on Union Street, then south onto County Street, turning east onto Spring Street, turning south onto Acushnet Avenue, turn west onto Grinnell Street, then turning north onto Purchase Street.

The parade will end at the reviewing stand located at the Cape Verdean American Veteran's Memorial Hall at 561 Purchase Street.

Parking Lot Sale

Pilgrim United Church of Christ's, **BIG PARKING LOT SALE**, Sat. July 15 10:00am- 3:00pm, Corner of Pleasant & School Sts. N.B. Call (508)-996-1498 to arrange for space

Summer Movies

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center will host the first Mayor's Summer Movie Series

The public is invited to enjoy the following films at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase Street in New Bedford: Wed., 7/12 at 7:00 p.m.: *The Sandlot*. Wed., 8/9 at 7:00 p.m.: *Dirty Dancing*

Civil War Hist. Day

What would it be like to travel back to New Bedford during the time of the Civil War. Find out on **Sun., 7/2, from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM**, when New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park will be hosting a Civil War Living History Day at Custom House Square

in downtown New Bedford. This event is being offered in partnership with the New Bedford Parks Recreation & Beaches Board, the Freetown Historical Society, and Carl Cruz of the New Bedford Historical Society.

The day will begin at the park visitor center with a ceremonial raising of a Civil War era flag on the Visitor Center grounds.

For more information, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, go to www.nps.gov/nebe

Jazz Service

Sun., 7/2, at 11:00am, The First Unitarian Church in New Bedford, 71 Eighth Street, New Bedford (Corner of Union, County and Eighth Streets) presents our 36th Annual free Jazz Service featuring The New Bedford Music Ensemble: John Harrison, Piano; Dino Govoni, Tenor Sax; Geoffrey Whyte, Drums; Ron Mahdi, Bass; Dori Rubbicco, Vocals; Danny Schwartz, Percussion; Doug Olsen, Trumpet

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish House after the service. Donations welcome & appreciated.

Meals at Parks

The New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches Department will continue its annual tradition of the Play in the Park and Summer Food Service programs to offer fun activities and healthy meals for kids ages 18 and under at 24 parks, playgrounds, and housing sites across the city free of charge. The program will run June 26, 2017 through August 25, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

Each site will be staffed by local youth to hand out nutritious lunches and host recreational, arts and crafts, and educational activities for

children. A complete list of sites can be found at www.newbedford-ma.gov/parks-recreation-beaches/.

Auditions

Your Theatre, Inc. is holding auditions **July 11 and 13 at 7 pm**, for all roles in the upcoming 2017-2018 Season production of *Vanya and Sonya and Masha and Spike* by Christopher Durang..

YTI is also holding auditions **July 18 and 20 at 7 pm**, for all roles in the upcoming 2017-2018 Season production of *Anastasia* by Marcelle Maurette and adapted by Guy Bolton.

For details email info@yourtheatre.org or visit www.yourtheatre.org

Free Knot Exhibit

Explore the work of master knot tyer, maritime artist, historian, and author Clifford W. Ashley in a monumental exhibition opening at the New Bedford Whaling Museum on July 7, 2017 from 6 pm to 8 pm. This event is free and open to the public, but RSVP is encouraged by going to www.whalingmuseum.org or calling 508-997-0046. The exhibition is sponsored by the Family of Clifford W. Ashley and made possible, in part, by support from the International Guild of Knot Tyers, the Boston Marine Society, Margaret Baker Howland, and Mary Howland Smoyer.

Farmers Market

The New Bedford Farmers Market is open until the end of October, **Mondays at Brooklawn Park from 2-6pm, Thursdays at Custom House Square from 2-6pm, and Saturdays at Clasky Common from 10am - 2pm**. The market continues to accept SNAP benefits, WIC coupons, Senior Farmers Market coupons, credit cards, debit cards, and cash.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Harbor Days

Harbor Days, on July 15 and 16 at Shipyard Park, Mattapoisett.

The Mattapoisett Lions Club is known around the region for its annual Harbor Days events. **The Triathlon (July 9) will kick off the Harbor Days events** and the Harbor Days festival runs July 15 and July 16. This jam packed weekend includes craftsmen and artisans from near and far, live entertainment, the annual Harbor Days raffle, free movies in the park and lots of food and fun for all ages.

Proceeds from the Harbor Days events will allow the Club to generously support Lions Club sponsored charities as well as assist those in need in our community.

July 9: Triathlon begins at town beach at 8 a.m.

July 9: Shopping at Shipyard, 2-4 p.m., featuring moms who run businesses from home

July 12: Mouthwatering strawberry shortcake makes its debut at 7 p.m. during the concert.

July 13: Painting with a Splash under the tent, 7 p.m. (\$35 pp)

July 14: Oxford Creamery Fish Fry, 5:30-7 under the tent.

July 15 & 16: Vendors fair.

July 15: Lobsterfest, 5:30-7 p.m. under the tent.

July 16: Pancake breakfast, 8-11 a.m., under the tent.

Taste of the Town

"Taste of the Town" sponsored by the Mattapoisett Women's Club will be held **Tuesday, July 11th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. under the big tent at Shipyard Park.** Mattapoisett restaurants will offer a sampling of their exceptional dishes from creamy clam chowder to the best crustaceans in the SouthCoast. The Showstoppers Performing Arts troupe will entertain. Bring the family for an evening of fun and relaxation.

A shuttle service van will provide transportation from the Ying Dynasty, Saint Anthony's Church and the Town beach parking lots to Shipyard Park from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Price: \$10 for 20 tickets. The number of tickets varies per food item. Also, our garden group is offering bright, seasonal arrangements of fresh sunflowers, delphinium, and more all hand-

gathered inside a clear glass vase for a donation of \$ 5/arrangement.

"Taste of the Town" is a rain or shine event. All proceeds from sales benefit the greater community and the Mattapoisett Women's Club scholarship fund.

Forage for Food

Join wild foods enthusiast Russ Cohen, author of the book *Wild Plants I Have Known...and Eaten*, and the Buzzards Bay Coalition on Monday, July 10 from 6-8 p.m. for a two-hour evening ramble through The Sawmill (32 Mill Rd., Acushnet) to learn about at least 20 species of edible wild plants that grow in Southeastern Massachusetts.

The Buzzards Bay region is home to over 100 species of edible wild plants, some of which are more nutritious and/or flavorful than their cultivated counterparts. We will provide keys to the identification of each species along with info on edible portion(s), season(s) of availability, and preparation methods, as well as guidelines on safe and environmentally responsible foraging.

To RSVP or to get more information about this free program, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/foraging-walk-jul-10-2017/ or contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at (508) 999-6363 ext. 219 or bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org

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Book Signing at Mkt

Jackie Leduc will be signing books at the Acushnet Farmers Market located on July 1st.

Baywatchers Needed

Do you love the water and want to help protect it? Volunteer as a Baywatcher with the Buzzards Bay Coalition in your community this summer! The Coalition is looking for

dedicated volunteers to help monitor the health of local waterways across the Buzzards Bay region from Dartmouth to Falmouth.

The Coalition is in need of volunteer Baywatchers in multiple locations:

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Baywatchers volunteer approximately one morning per week from May to September at a designated location in their community. Using a water testing kit, Baywatchers collect samples and measure salinity, temperature, water clarity and dissolved oxygen at the site. Baywatchers receive training prior to volunteering and do not need a science background.

If you're interested in becoming a Baywatcher, contact Director of Monitoring Programs Tony Williams at (508) 999-6363 ext. 203 or williams@savebuzzardsbay.org. For more information about the Baywatchers program, visit savebuzzardsbay.org/baywatchers.

Emergency Preparedness Talk

Preparedness Work Shop: know what to do! Sponsored by Acushnet Emergency Management, Acushnet COA, and Massachusetts Emergency Management Along with Mr. Doug Forbes of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Forbes will provide information on Emergency Preparedness, how to put together an emergency supplies kit and develop a family emergency plan. Many helpful publications will be provided free of charge.

July 6, at 11 a.m., Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 South Main Street | Acushnet. For more info please call the COA at 508-998-0280.

Read more: <http://www.acushnet.ma.us/node/21323>

Recipe of the Week

BBQ Sauce

Just in time for your July 4th celebrations. This sauce is very popular with people who use ceramic smokers.

- 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
- 1 1/2 cups ketchup
- 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup water 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 1/2 tablespoons dry mustard
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons black pepper
- 2 dashes hot pepper sauce

In a blender, combine brown sugar, ketchup, vinegar, water and Worcestershire sauce. Season with mustard, paprika, salt, pepper, and hot pepper sauce. Blend until smooth.

This will fill a 32-ounce ketchup bottle exactly. Cut back on the brown sugar to make it less sweet, or add more Worcestershire for more steak sauce appeal.

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with Moody's.

Mr. Rees emphasized that the clean opinion is very rare. He commended Treasurer/Collector Wendy Graves and staff, along with the town's long standing conservative fiscal practices for the good report. The report will be available on the town's website.

The town also recognized Antone "Tony" Medeiros for his many years of service as Tree Warden. The board presented Mr. Medeiros with a plaque and citation.

"I'm glad I had the job," said Mr. Medeiros, speaking reluctantly after many shouts of "speech, speech."

"I served the town well, I think," he said. "This is greatly appreciated. Thank you."

Seven-year-old Connor Wotton also

made an appearance in front of the board.

Young Connor gave up his birthday gifts, instead inviting his friends to donate money that he turned over to the Fairhaven Animal Shelter.

He collected \$100 that was accepted by the board on Monday night.

"It's a very honorable thing you did, young man," said Selectboard chairperson, Bob Espindola. "It shoed a maturity beyond your age."

Selectboard member Charles Murphy, likewise heaped praise on the youngster, telling him it was very generous.

"I'm very proud of you, and I know the town of Fairhaven is very proud of you, too," said Mr. Murphy.



Connor Wotton faces the Fairhaven Selectboard on 6/26, to donate \$100 for the animal shelter that he collected in lieu of presents for this birthday. Photo by Beth David.



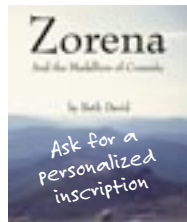
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Homecoming Fair defies the rain

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Improvement Association did not let the remnants of Hurricane Cindy ruin their day. The Homecoming Day Fair vendors set up their booths before the rain hit, and then rode out the storm for a couple of hours on Saturday. Almost all of the 175 vendors chose to stay put and wait it out. The handful who left are probably sad they did, because after the torrential rain, the skies cleared and the sun came out.

So did the public.

Vendors said the street got flooded with people, almost the moment the rain flooding subsided.

Barbara Acksen, President of the FIA, said she was happy they decided to take the chance. She recalled another year when the fair got cancelled and then the weather cleared and people were very disappointed.

So the show went on.

Entertainment started out inside, but then moved outside when the weather cleared; the antique fire engine rides were a big hit; and the food booths had their signature long lines.

Most vendors said they were very pleased with their sales and the amount of foot traffic.

Dave Reynolds and his son Liam of Fairhaven took a few minutes to check out the Paul Revere bell that the Bell Committee had on display. Several committee members were on hand to talk about the history of the bell and the plans to find a permanent

location for it to be displayed.

The bell was forged by American patriot Paul Revere in 1796, the 12th bell his company made. It is the third oldest Paul Revere Bell known in existence.

Isaac Sherman and Samuel Proctor purchased the bell for the Second Church of Christ, now known as the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven. The bell found its way to the top of the Oxford School in 1914, where it remained until its removal in October of 2015.

"I never knew about it," said the elder Mr. Reynolds.

"It's interesting," said Liam, who said the town could put it back on top of the Oxford School, or "make a little monument for it."

The art show was moved inside Town Hall, where paintings and photos received a variety of awards.

Michael Tracey, 68, of Fairhaven won second place for his acrylic painting of New Bedford Harbor that he made from an old photograph he saw in a Spinner Publications book.

He said he has been painting as a hobby for about four years, and now has a gallery in his house for his paintings.

Ron O'Berry, 64, won a first place and second place for his watercolors on paper. He said he started painting in the sixth grade, then stopped, and started up again in his 40s. He is a house painter by trade.

"It's a different brush," he said.

Outside the Boy Scout Troop 55 sold bird houses and, for the first time, bat houses.



L-R: Fairhaven Selectboard member Charles Murphy holds the umbrella for police Sgt. Kevin Kobza as they wait for the rain to end on Saturday, 6/25, at the annual Homecoming Day Fair. Photo courtesy of Ted Silva.

Bats eat mosquitoes said Michael Scully and Ethan Nault, and that's a good thing.

"Basically, they're the Mosquito Squad, but their bats," said Mr. Nault.

Emergency personnel said there were no medical issues during the fair and not one person melted from the rain.



LEFT: Nils Isaksen (RIGHT) explains the history of the Paul Revere Bell to Liam Reynolds and his father David Reynolds, with Al Benac standing by in case Nils needs any help, at the Fairhaven Homecoming Fair on Saturday, 6/24. The Fairhaven Bell Committee is displaying the bell and raising funds to have it cleaned for permanent display. Students from New Bedford Voc-Tech built the trailer and support for the bell. RIGHT: L-R: Michael Scully, Roger Yergeau, Ethan Nault work the booth for Boy Scout Troop 55. The Scouts sold bird houses, window boxes, and bat houses at the Homecoming Fair on 6/24. Photos by Beth David.



Class of 1954 celebrates 63 years

By Beth David
Editor

They've got research scientists, teachers, well-known politicians, and a nun to call their own. And for the last 63 years, they have made it a point to have an organized reunion at least every five years, although informally, many of them get together

every year. They are the Fairhaven High School class of 1954, and they got together amid much laughter and bragging about each other at the Seaport Inn on Sunday, 6/25.

"Every five years without fail," said Gaby Giblin, adding that this one could be their last.

The youngest in the group (David

Bold, class president), is 80 years old.

This year's reunion comes only three years after the last.

"Because we're not taking a chance," said Mr. Bold with a laugh.

It's laughter amid the somber reality that "we're losing people," said Ms. Giblin.

Local famed politician, William "Biff" MacLean, was in the class; former superintendent of schools Bernie Rodericks was in that class (the second youngest, he was quick to point out); and amid the reunion attendees were an award-winning orchid grower, thoroughbred horse breeder, caregivers, and professionals from small offices to large corporations.

"Many of our classmates have been living lives of admirable quality," wrote Ms. Giblin in an email. "[Our education taught us to be generous with [our] time for others. There are nurses educators, military and many others. We also learned to enjoy ourselves."

After dinner, the 31 attendees enjoyed an ice cream sundae buffet and entertainment by the Showstoppers.



Members of the Fairhaven High School class of 1954 get together for the (final?) time at their 63rd reunion at the Seaport Inn on Sunday, 6/25. Photo by Beth David.

And they're off!

By Beth David
Editor

One thousand rubber duckies vied for dominance on the Acushnet River to make their sponsors proud (and a little bit richer) on Sunday, 6/25.

The ducks (and one wise-guy chicken) were tossed into the water at the Sawmill, and floated down river

to River View Park, both in Acushnet. Along the way, crowds gathered at The River's End and other good vantage points long the river.

The event raised money for the Acushnet Lions Club, and handed out cash prizes: \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second and \$250 for third. Lucky ducks were Steve Gadbois, Phil Adams and Mark Saucier.

First ducks reached the finish line in about an hour, but then it took some time for the little guys to find their way to the opening.

Maddos Barlow, 5, staked out a spot across the street from River's End to watch the ducks go by, although she admitted that she would not recognize her own



duck among the throng.

"It's fun watching the ducks," she said as she hung over the railing to get a better look.

Downriver at the finish line, a group of live ducks interfered a tad as they checked out the new competition in the water.

In the river, three young kayaking



ABOVE: Hundreds of rubber ducks float down the Acushnet River in the annual Acushnet Lions Club Duck Race on Sunday, 6/25. The ducks floated from the Sawmill to River View Park. TOP RIGHT: Real ducks aren't quite sure what to make of the orange ducks bobbing around near the finish line at River View Park. BOTTOM RIGHT: The winner! Duck #988 passes through the archway first, giving first prize to Steve Gadbois. Photos by Beth David.

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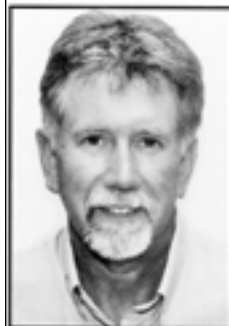
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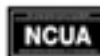
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Acushnet Selectboard talking trash again

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

Trash talk dominated the night at the last Acushnet Selectboard meeting on 6/21. Dan Menard of the Department of Public Works, upated the board on the use of the new trash barrel system that has been in existence for approximately a year. The board also discussed disposing of bulky items.

Mr. Menard told the Selectboard that the tonnage of trash did not decrease much from the year before, with the new system in place.

"It only decreased by 13 percent," he said. However, he was happy that the recycleables have increased about 35%.

The Board reviewed the cost of an extra barrel to a home and what the cost would be on an annual basis. Mr. Menard explained that 35 residents have taken on an extra trash can at a fee of \$65, and that previous discussions took place on what the fee would be for the extra tonnage.

Chairperson Kevin Gaspar said that he remembered the conversation and stated that they should send a letter to the 35 residents with the extra barrel and advise that they would be paying an extra \$67 a year for the extra tonnage.

"I believe it was understood that if a resident took an extra barrel, they would also be paying for the extra tonnage for the waste," Mr. Gaspar stated.

Selectboard member Roger Cabral said that it should not be understood, but should be communicated to the residents that they would have this extra fee. He explained that a trash flyer was just sent to all residents. but it did not include any fees of an extra

barrel, or tonnage, that would be passed onto the resident.

"I think if a resident wants to opt out of having a second barrel, they should be able to," Mr. Cabral said.

Town Administrator Brian Noble agreed. He said that residents could absolutely return the barrel if they did not want to pay the extra fee. He agreed to add the fees to the website as well as add it to the flyer next year.

Mr. Menard was also present to discuss and review a recycle collection prices flyer he had given to the Selectboard. He stated that he used different neighboring towns' prices to come up with the flyer and agreed to trial the fees for the next six months.

If a resident would like to dump anything from shingles to carpets, mattresses, or a couch, they could do so at the DPW for a fee. Mr. Noble stated that he was hoping the fee schedule would be online so that residents could pay online, print their receipt and take it down with the items to be dumped at the DPW for easy calculations.

In a conversation with Mr. Menard after the meeting, he advised that they never were able to take tires before, but now would for a small fee. The fees run at \$15.00 for a couch or love seat, to \$30.00 for a mattress or box spring. Residents should contact the DPW for the prices.

In another matter, the Selectboard discussed a situation at 55 James Street. The Public Safety Department and the Board of Health agreed the Town needed to take it over to clean the property up.

Mr. Gaspar said it should have been taken care of a long time ago and the "conditions just keep getting worse and worse."

Mr. Noble stated that there is approximately \$50,000 owed to the Town, plus the clean-up being done by the Town would cost another \$4,000.

"We are definitely going to be upside down on this property," Mr. Noble said. "But it has to get done."

The Board agreed to hold a public meeting on August 15, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Noble stated that the owner could come to that public hearing to be heard on the property.

In the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Noble advised the Selectboard he would be requesting that they appoint a Cable Advisory Committee at their next meeting.

Mr. Noble also advised that they would be discussing the draft proposal letter he has written to FERC regarding the LNG project. He said that he felt they still had time to review his draft as there are only two commissioners on FERC as right now, which is not even a quorum to conduct business. He said they would be discussing the draft letter at their next meeting.

In other business, Mr. Gaspar reviewed the summer schedule of Town Hall's hours. Town Hall is now on a four-day work week, with Tuesday as a twelve hour day. The hours are: Monday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and closed on Fridays.

The Selectboard voted to close town offices on Monday, July 3, at Mr. Noble's suggestion.

"Employees would be required to use a vacation day or personal day," Mr. Noble said. "And if they don't want to, I'm sure I can find something for them to do."



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Thurs., 7/20, Rebecca Correia, 8-Mid.



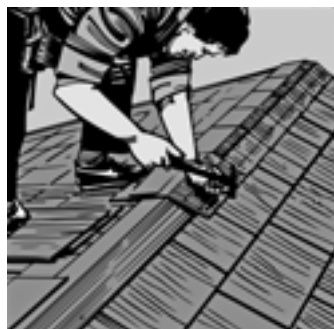
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The Fairhaven High School class of 1976, aka, FHS Angels of '76, held a car cruise and Blessing of the Oldies car show on Sunday, 6/25. Antique cars of all stripes (yuk yuk) gathered at Cushman Park in Fairhaven to vie for prizes, listen to oldies music, check out the other rides and raise some money for the Angels and their events. Winners were Mel Fernandes, John Dunham, and Paul Amaro. For more information on the class of '76, contact John Sharpels, 774-365-7968. *Submitted photos.*

Atria hosts legendary Street Rods

On June 10 Atria Senior Living in Fairhaven hosted their first annual Legendary Street Rods Car Show. Residents, families, friends and staff were the judges! They voted on "Best

"Best Interior," with 22 cars to pick from!

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Legendary Streets Rods again in September for the car cruise in our second Fall Festival to benefit the Alzheimer's Association.



LEFT TOP: A resident of Atria Senior Living in Fairhaven gets to ride in her favorite car at the Street Rods Car Show held on the grounds at Atria on June 10. LEFT: Staff and residents get ready for some photo booth fun. MIDDLE: Best in Show winner. RIGHT: Best Pain winner. *Photos submitted.*

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The advertisement for Carousel Family Fun Center features a colorful illustration of a carousel on the left. To the right, there are four circular portraits of children. The text includes "FIND US ON FACEBOOK", "HOME OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST BIRTHDAY PARTIES", "ROLLER SKATING FUN YOU CAN FEEL!", "4 DAVID DROWN BLVD. FAIRHAVEN, MA 02719", "508-996-4828", "WWW.CAROUSELSKATE.COM", and "VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR OUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE & MORE INFORMATION".

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The advertisement for Cap'n Barnacle's Mini-Golf features a cartoon illustration of a pirate on the left. To the right, there is a photograph of a mini-golf course. The text includes "CAP'N BARNACLE'S CHAMPIONSHIP 18 HOLES MINI-GOLF", "\$7 PER GAME", "\$3 REPLAYS", "2 DAVID DROWN BLVD FAIRHAVEN, MA 02719", "FIND US ON FACEBOOK", "FULL DETAILS ONLINE AT", and "www.CapnBarnacles.com".

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The advertisement for Emma Jean's Bakery & Cafe features a colorful banner with the name "Emma Jean's" and a small logo. Below the banner, the text reads "Bakery & Cafe, Candy House and Ice Cream Shoppe".

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FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on July 11, 2017, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearings will be to receive information and public comment on the following application. 1) *Special Permit*. The applicant, Gator Fairhaven Partners, LTD, is requesting a Special Permit to redevelop approximately 30,000 SF of the former Kmart into a Tractor Supply, add outdoor display and storage areas of approximately 13,737 SF to be fenced within the parking lot, remove the existing garden center, alter the site circulation and parking layout. The display and storage areas will contain a 1,000 gallon propane tank, welding gas tanks, merchandise and a permanent trailer and equipment display area. The display area will include trailers, pedal boats and motorized vehicles such as mini-bikes, dirt bikes, scooters, UTV's and ATV's. The location of the property is 9 Plaza Way, Map 27, Lot 10.

A copy of the application is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082,

Ext. 9.

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board
6/22/17 & 6/29/17

Fairhaven Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on July 17, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Request for Determination Applicant Michael Papetti location 23 Balsam Street Plot 43C Lot 119 Purpose replace existing shed on sona tubes within a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Alan & Alexandra Vaynerchuk Location 32 Alder Street Plot 43A Lot 14 Purpose install an 8' x 10' shed and a 6' privacy fence within a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Jesse Walker Location 28 Charity Stevens Lane Plot 40 Lot 14A Purpose soil evaluation and percolation test to repair an existing system within 100 buffer zone to BVW and within the NRB
- Request for Determination applicant Jane McGowen Location 3 Kennedy Circle Plot 32A Lot3-5 Purpose construct a farmers porch within 100' of a salt marsh.

Jay Simmons, Chairman

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volunteers made sure no rubber ducky was left behind. Jared Wheeler, Tyler Camboia, and Miguel Sevasin poked and prodded the recalcitrant duckies to make sure they made their way to the finish line.

Organizer Joe Costa said that he will collect the ducks and count them in the days to come. Usually, he said, they end up losing only a handful.

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Mon., 7/10, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon. 7/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Historical Commission

Wed., 7/5, Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Planning Board

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

School Committee

Wed., 6/21, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 7/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Planning Commission

Thurs., 7/20, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 7/18, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal/Wing's Neck

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Tuesday	4	0517	1746	0030	1221		
Wednesday	5	0610	1832	0116	1243		
Thursday	6	0653	1911	0201	1215		
Friday	7	0732	1949	0245	1242		
Saturday	8	0811	2028	0315	1316		
Sunday	9	0852	2109	0208	1355		
Monday	10	0935	2151	0244	1440		
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Notes from the Visitors Center

By Chris Richard
Director of Tourism

Greetings.

July starts off with a bang, but there are a couple of events scheduled before the Fourth of July, so I'll start with those.

On Saturday, July 1, at 2:00 p.m., I will hold the third "Lecture on the Lawn" at the Old Stone Schoolhouse, 40 North Street. The subject of the lecture will be the Oxford Chapel, which once stood on North Street and the Church of the Good Shepherd, which met for about 15 years in the schoolhouse. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. The schoolhouse itself is open Saturday afternoons from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. On July 15, the lecture will be about the historical Taber family.

The Monday Morning Fun programs begin on July 3. (See the full-page ad on page six for the program schedule.) Stop by for games, face painting, the bounce house, Acushnet Creamery ice cream, and a special program each week. This is geared to children age five to twelve and their families. The games, programs and bounce house are free. There is a charge for ice cream and face painting. A lot of donations were received to help fund this. I thank everyone for their support.

Tuesday, July 4, starts off with a Car Cruise sponsored by NFIA that leaves Fairhaven High School after the "big flag" is raised at 9:00 a.m. When the cruise reaches Green Street, heading south toward the fort, it will be followed by the Fourth of July Parade, sponsored by the Fairhaven Lions Club. The parade will include some floats, including the trailer with the Paul Revere Bell.

Once the participants of the cruise and parade arrive at the fort, the Fort Phoenix Independence Day Ceremony will take place, beginning at about 10:00 a.m. (or when everyone is settled in). This will have a very brief talk about fort's history, a reading of the Declaration of Independence by Selectboard Chair Bob Espindola, and a few words from me about the late Natalie S. Hemingway, whose participation in events like this will be sorely missed.

Next, FHS Class of 2017 graduate Brooke Douglass will sing the National Anthem while we raise the flag. To cap off the event, the

Fairhaven Village Militia will fire the fort's five big cannons. During the ceremony the town's Paul Revere bell will be on display.

Jumping forward toward later July, the Fairhaven Outdoor Family Movie Night will be held in Livesey Park on the evening of Saturday, July 22. The movie, "The Secret Life of Pets," and popcorn will be free. For a couple of hours before the show there will be activities for the children, refreshments, and entertainment. Bring a blanket and enjoy the fun. The events get going at 6:00 p.m. and the movie will show at 8:15.

The next day, Sunday, July 23, The Legendary Street Rods Car Club teams up with the North Fairhaven Improvement Association to present a summertime Car, Truck, and Bike Show and Family Fun Fair at Livesey Park. There will be raffles, awards, music, children's activities, food and

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more. The fee to enter a vehicle in the show is \$15. Admission to the event is free. Proceeds from the Car Show benefit the New Bedford Veterans Transition House & Cancer Fund. Proceeds from food sales benefit the NFIA and Fairhaven Lions Club. The rain date for the event is July 30. For more information, call John Medeiros at 508-990-0000 or email Jeff Lucas at silverado504@msn.com.

Besides the things listed above, there will be regularly scheduled activities all month — walking tours, Pirates & Privateers presentations at the fort, tours of the Unitarian Memorial Church, chances to visit the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House and the Old Stone Schoolhouse, and lots more. Check out the "Upcoming Events" section at FairhavenTours.com.

Looking ahead even further, about mid-July is when I start sending out notices to vendors about the annual Harvest Fun Day, scheduled for Saturday, October 14, this year. Some vendors couldn't wait and got in

touch with me early, so I already have five booth spaces reserved. Booth spaces are available for non-profit groups, artists, crafters and Fairhaven businesses that wish to offer items for sale, children's games or fall-themed activities, food, etc. This could be used as a fundraising opportunity for groups and it can provide a venue for those looking for a fun community event in which to participate. You can find out more on the website: <http://fairhaventours.com/annual-harvest-fun-day/>.

One of the most stressful parts of planning any sort of event that takes place outdoors is watching the weather forecast. Does it look like bad weather is coming? How bad? If it does arrive, when? And no matter what happens and what you decide to do, somebody is going to be unhappy.

Barbara Acksen and the Homecoming Day Fair committee of the Fairhaven Improvement Association faced that on June 24. There was a tough call to make because there was almost 100% certainty a storm front would be passing through and it would be arriving just as the fair was to begin. But it also looked as though the heavy rain would be over by late morning with sun to follow all afternoon. It was a brave call to forge ahead and hold the fair. I think it paid off. The afternoon had great Homecoming Day weather.

Some people wonder why such a large event doesn't have a rain date. Well, its size and scope are the reason. It's too big for everyone involved to simply show up again tomorrow. In addition to that, there are other separate events that are scheduled for Sunday. This year, the Alumni Association breakfast, the Angels of '76 car show, and the FHS Hall of Fame were among the things taking place on June 25.

People seem to forget, too, that during much of the Homecoming Day's history, there were three active churches in that three block space occupied by the fair. If the fair cannot take place on Saturday, it can't happen at all.

I'm glad that it happened this year.

As usual, I welcome your comments, questions, or suggestions. You can email the Office of Tourism at FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov, call 508-979-4085, or stop by the Visitors Center, 141 Main Street.

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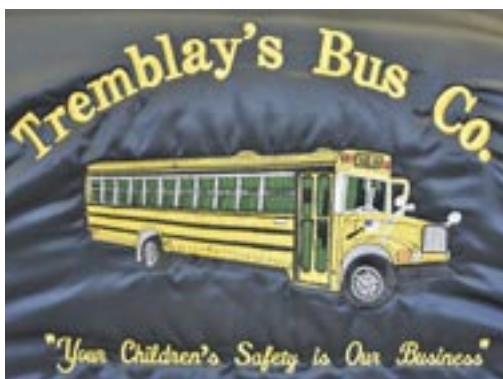
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