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

## March still being a lion



The saying goes: "March comes in like a lion, and goes out like a lamb." This month we've had more snow than all winter (or close to it anyway), but the lamb part hasn't happened, yet. Last week, on Friday, the region received 5-6 inches of snow. Then on Tuesday, the state had near-blizzard conditions north and west of the Southcoast. In Greater New Bedford, we received a 2-4 inches, but the storm turned to rain and washed away the snow from Tuesday and the weekend storm. The wide-ranging storm though, was big enough and ferocious enough to be named "Stella" by the Weather Station. Stella reached blizzard conditions in Lawrence, MA, and dumped 8-18 inches of snow northwest of Boston. The state's big city got 8.5". ABOVE: White caps and seagulls dance in the wind at Wilbur Point about 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 3/14, after Winter Storm Stella passed through Fairhaven. See page 12. Photo courtesy of ML Baron, [www.westislandweather.com](http://www.westislandweather.com)



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Well that storm sure fizzled in these parts, didn't it? Boston got socked pretty hard, though. All points west and north of Boston got really socked (see page 12). Here, if you had any snow before the storm, you didn't have any after. I admit, I'm okay with that.

I do like the change of clocks, though. It's so nice to have that extra hour of sunlight.

Even though it's cold out, it makes it seem as though spring is just around the corner.

And it is! This coming Monday marks the official start of spring.

Bring it on.

My little boat is crying out to get that old tarp off it and head out to sea (okay, not too far out).

We have some meeting coverage for you this week. The BPW was pretty busy (see page 22).

The Appeals Board continued the Oxford School project (see page 4), but don't worry (or do?), it'll pass, it'll pass. They're just wrangling over some details.

St. Patrick's Day is tomorrow, the day we're all Irish. Well, we used to be. Not sure if DC has outlawed that yet. Can he do that by Executive Order? Nah, probably not. Even if he could, now THAT would cause an uprising the likes of which the world has never seen.

It's been a long time since I was an Irish pub rat. I used to follow those bands around all over the place. I must be getting old, because I can't remember the last time I was in an Irish pub listening to *The Unicorn*. Ah, to be young and drunk again...Oops...I mean to be young and ....., nah, I meant drunk.

We have serious stuff in here, too.

It's been 10 years since Win Eckenreiter died so suddenly. It's hard to believe it's been that long. I'm in year 12 with the paper, so I remember Win. He was a Selectboard member and an interesting character. I used to call him for a quick quote on some story or other and we'd end up talking forever about all kinds of stuff. A personal injury lawyer, he would never let 10 minutes of his first conversation with you go by without making sure you had enough insurance line 5 (and 3). So, check it...make sure you have more than the compulsory. In memory of Win.

See page 12 to learn how his kids are doing. I know he's be very proud of each of them.

And now, for the pitch. C'mon my faithful readers. The New York Times and ACLU got oodles of money in the last few months. Surely you can kick a few bucks towards your favorite local newspaper. The local news is the news you use the most. Geesh...just the Happenings pages alone are worth 20 bucks a year, aren't they?

Until next week then...

See ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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### CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Carter case in court on Monday

By Beth David  
Editor

Michelle Carter, 20, the Plainville woman charged with involuntary manslaughter in the suicide death of Conrad Roy III in 2014, will be back in court on Monday, 3/20, for a hearing to decide which expert testimony will be allowed to testify at trial. The trial is scheduled to start on June 5.

The Daubert Standard, sometimes called a Daubert-Lanigan, is used by a judge to determine if the science behind a proposed expert's testimony is based on a standard that is scientifically valid.

Mr. Roy was 18 when his body was found in the cab of his pickup truck on July 13, 2014, at the KMart Plaza in Fairhaven with a gasoline powered water pump in the vehicle with him. He died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Detectives uncovered text messages and emails between Ms. Carter and Mr. Roy and between Ms. Carter and her friends leading a grand jury to indict her on the charge.

The case is being tried in juvenile

court because Ms. Carter was 17 at the time, but she is being charged as an adult.

As part of his defense of Ms. Carter, defense attorney Joseph Cataldo wants to call experts to testify on the effects of certain anti-depressants on the teenage brain, as well as the development of the brain and impulse control of 18-year-olds. Both Mr. Roy and Ms. Carter were taking anti-depressants in 2014.

In court on 3/6, Mr. Cataldo tried to change the date of the Daubert hearing, saying that one of his experts could not make it. Judge Lawrence Moniz did not budge.

"Well, it works for the court," said Judge Moniz. "[The expert] is going to have to change his schedule. I was very specific about this. I have canceled a session in another court to be available. You picked the date. It's the 21st. That's the end of that discussion."

The court also set a date of May 10 for a Dwyer Hearing, which will decide if certain confidential medical records can be used at trial.

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# Oxford project continued, ZBA awaiting traffic study

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals continued the petition by Stratford Capital Group to convert the Oxford School Building into affordable housing units. At its meeting on 3/7, the ZBA received more information from SCG, including a rendering showing the heights of the various parts of the building.

ZBA members and members of the public complained that the drawing was only made available the same day. SCG also did not have the traffic study that town officials had asked for.

The biggest problem, said Building Inspector Wayne Fostin, is that the company used data from a 2004 study.

Keith McDonald, Vice President of the Stratford Capital Group, said that the town had agreed they could use data from previous studies.

Mr. Fostin said that there was information more current than the 13-year old study.

"There's got to be something newer than that," he said.

The Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

might have newer numbers that the company can use.

The board also discussed drainage and storm mitigation plans for the site, which is already completely paved.

"Everything we do is going to be an improvement over there," said Mr. McDonald.

The company is looking for a waiver of the town's regulations, which are stricter than the Department of Environmental Protection.

ZBA chairperson Peter DeTerra also asked about visitor parking for the residents. He said that although the company is constructing a lot for town residents, that lot will clearly be marked for the use of Livesey Park and will have no overnight parking.

Mr. McDonald and Town Planner and Economic Development Director Bill Roth both noted that the project meets the parking required by the town's bylaws.

Resident and North Fairhaven Improvement Association member John Medeiros voiced several concerns he had regarding access to and around the lot, parking, and the design of some of the apartments that

seem as though they will be built into the hill. That design, coupled with a retaining wall made some apartments seem less than desirable.

"Like living in a cellar," said Mr. Medeiros.

Engineer Kelly Killeen said that the wall will not extend the whole way.

Other parking issues and navigation issues around Benoit Square have "nothing to do with the project," said Mr. Killeen. "The project can't solve these problems."

The petition was continued to the April 4 meeting.

In other business, the ZBA approved a petition by Michael Botelho of 6 Jameson Street, who was seeking to build a garage that is 452 square feet over the town's maximum of 700 sf for an accessory structure.

Mr. Botelho told the board he wanted to store his boat in the garage. He has a boat tent now, he said, but wants to make a permanent structure. He said the garage would be in the same place as the tent and just a little bit bigger.

He also had a letter of support from an abutter.



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## AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

### Special Ed. Fair

**RSVP by 3/17**

A Special Education and Transition Services Fair will be held on **Tues., 3/28, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Fairhaven High School.** The Special Education Department will deliver an informational fair designed to clarify the needs of students with disabilities to improve their post-high school outcomes in the area of education. For all students who currently attend FHS who have an active IEP as well as their families, guardians, teachers, administrators, service providers and others who enrich their lives.

Guest(s) from various colleges and agencies will be in attendance to explain the role of the Office of Disabilities at the colleges and to delineate the services that agencies offer for students. This includes UMASS Dartmouth, Curry College, Dean College, Job Corp., Mass. Rehabilitation, just to name a few!

**RSVP by Friday March 17, 2017:**

Ann Lacasse-Elliott [alacasse-elliott@fairhavenps.net](mailto:alacasse-elliott@fairhavenps.net); Jacqueline Vernacchio [jvernacchio@fairhavenps.net](mailto:jvernacchio@fairhavenps.net); Angela Allaire [aallaire@fairhavenps.net](mailto:aallaire@fairhavenps.net); Michael Santos [msantos@fairhavenps.net](mailto:msantos@fairhavenps.net); or call the school and ask to be connected to one of the teachers listed, 508-979-4052

ALL students and their families are strongly encouraged to attend and benefit from this event.

### Pancake Breakfast

**Fairhaven Lions Club** will be hosting our annual Pancake Breakfast **Sat., 3/18, from 8-11 a.m. at the Oxford Terrace Community Center 275 Main St., Fairhaven.** Pancakes, Sausages, Fruit and Coffee/Beverage. **Cost \$7/\$5 for Seniors & Children under 5.** All proceeds will go to our Scholarship Fund. Sponsored by Rockland Trust Fairhaven. For tickets call: Bill Moniz 508-996-3420 or any Fairhaven Lions Club member.

### Seed Exchange

The Fairhaven Seed Exchange is now available at the Millicent Library. This very popular free exchange is set up in the front of the library with a display about our community gardens. Please start some seeds and try to forget about the snow.

Many different seed packages are

available to share and exchange. This is sponsored by the Fairhaven Green Committee. For more information contact [ann.richard@gmail.com](mailto:ann.richard@gmail.com).

### OSRP mtg

Fairhaven's for the Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee will hold a Public Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Thurs., 3/23, at Town Hall. See legal ad on page 20 for details.

### Thrift Store Sale

First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, Heavenly Treasures, 34 Center St. Fairhaven/William St. Entrance, 10 am to 1 pm Wednesdays & Saturdays. **Half Price Sale on Clothes & Shoes, March 15 to 29**

### For Women's Fund

The Women's Fund of Southeastern Mass. presents "Stand Up For Women," a fun and laughter-filled fundraiser with comedians Kerri Louise and Carolyn Plummer.

**At the Seaport Inn & Marina Grand Ballroom at 110 Middle St., Fairhaven on April 1, from 7-10 p.m. For tickets, \$50 pp, visit <http://www.womensfundsema.org/stand-up-for-women>.**

Stand Up For Women is a fun and laughter filled fundraiser offering entertainment by nationally recognized comedienne Kerri Louise and Carolyn Plummer.

### Lenten Movie Series

Please join us at the **First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, 34 Center St., William St. Entrance, on March 16, 23, & 30, from 1-3 p.m.** for our Lenten movie series. All are welcome!

### Douglass Lecture

**Fri., 3/17, at 7:00 p.m., Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven.** Call Ricky Goytizolo at 508-991-5675. See ad on page 17.

### Candidates Night

The West Island Improvement Association will hold its annual Candidates Night on **Wed., 3/29, at 7 p.m., at the Community House, 41 Causeway Rd. (Top of the Hill), West Island, Fairhaven.**

Candidates have been invited to

participate and share their views regarding the upcoming town election to be held on 4/3. All are welcome to come and meet the candidates and get their questions answered.

Refreshments will be provided. For information please call Terry Pereira, 508-994-7266

### Rabies Clinic

Sun., 3/19. See ad on page 3.

### New Scholarship

The FHS Class of 1986 is proud to announce the David A. Sisson Memorial Scholarship established in memory of their recently passed classmate. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating student who most embodies the qualities of their beloved friend.

David Sisson was a proud member of Fairhaven High School's Class of 1986, deemed by him as the "Class with Class." He passed away unexpectedly on December 8, 2016, just weeks before a pre-holiday gathering of his classmates and friends that he enthusiastically organized. His passing left many in shock and with a profound sadness. David's larger-than-life personality, compassion for others, winning smile, great sense of humor, love for gathering with friends, and his affinity for 80's rock & roll are just a handful of the salient traits that David was known for, now greatly missed. Once a proud member of the Fairhaven High School marching band and likely the most school-spirited student to have walked the halls at FHS, David's classmates thought it fitting to establish a scholarship to honor his memory.

Scholarship applications are now available in the high school Guidance Department. The successful candidate will be a graduating senior from Fairhaven High School who is furthering his or her education at an institution of higher education (degree or certificate program). The student must display a high level of school spirit via participation in school activities and events and must possess a passion for music as evidenced by his or her participation in at least one of the school's music programs. Completed applications must be returned to guidance by the end of the day on April 3.

# Whaling Museum explores Irish connection

## The Curious Ties between Old Dartmouth and Ireland

By The New Bedford Whaling Museum

Freedom, equality, and civil rights are timeless themes and yearnings that resonate as powerfully today as they did from the 1840s to 1916. During that time, New Bedford's Quaker community (or Friends) played a pivotal role not only in the United States' struggle for those ideals, but also in Ireland's tortuous struggle for independence. New Bedford stood front and center in a sweep of history.

In the 18th century and early 19th century, Irish emigration to America unfolded. At first, these newcomers were largely Scot-Irish Presbyterians who left the north of Ireland for economic and religious reasons. Then, in 1845, the potato crop in many parts of Ireland failed as a disease that made its way from America turned potatoes into a rancid, gelatinous, inedible mess.

An Gorta Mor, Gaelic for "the Great Hunger," ravaged the Irish Catholic peasants. From a total population of eight million, over the next six years at least one million died of starvation and disease, and several million more fled in a desperate hope to make a living in the U.S., Britain, Canada, Australia and elsewhere. An Irish community, as a result, slowly took root in and around New Bedford.

During the harsh winter of 1846-47, Ireland was in dire straits. The near complete failure of the potato crop, and the British government's laissez-faire economic approach to the problem only made matters worse.

Outrage sparked Famine relief efforts across the U.S., and New Bedford's Quakers pitched in. Congress approved the use of the

warship U.S.S. Jamestown as a Famine-relief vessel, and in March 1847 it set sail for Cork, marking this country's first humanitarian mission abroad.

The "warship of peace," commanded by Boston China trader Capt. Robert Bennet Forbes, "carried more than 8,000 barrels of flour, rice, cornmeal, bread, beans, ham, pork, peas and clothing."

Famine-relief pledgebooks reveal that donations from New Bedford and Fairhaven played an important role in provisioning that humanitarian cargo. New Bedford even furnished part of the crew.

New Bedford-born brothers Henry and Moses Grinnell, partners in the great New York shipping firm of Grinnell, Minton & Co., did more than just donate and collect funds. As major shareholders, they sent no less than four ships, and the Patrick Henry sailed twice and at their own expense on voyages. Captain Joseph C. Delano of New Bedford, a distant relative of future President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, commanded both voyages.

As the large and influential Quaker community of Old Dartmouth (Dartmouth, New Bedford, Westport, Fairhaven, Acushnet, and others) stepped up for Famine relief, the spirit behind the effort became entwined with, and embraced, two other causes: abolition of slavery and women's rights.

In the early 1840s, a runaway slave named Frederick Douglass found sanctuary in New Bedford with the aid of local Quakers Joseph Ricketson, a merchant, and William C. Taber, a bookseller. In the bustling seaport, Douglass set forth on his path to fame as an abolitionist author, orator, and activist.

The region's relief effort during that time is just one of the curious ties between Old Dartmouth and Ireland. To explore the subject deeper, relive the stories at the New Bedford Whaling Museum and spend time within the current exhibit, Famine, Friends & Fenians, or catch the lecture series of the same name currently taking place at the museum. There are two more lectures scheduled in the series, on 3/16 and 4/20. Cost at the door is \$10 for members, \$15 for non members.

The exhibit runs through Labor Day. For more information, visit [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org).



The Bark *Catalpa* painted by Charles Sidney Raleigh, donated by Mrs. James A. Ryan in 1961, is part of the Famine, Friends and Fenians exhibit. Photo courtesy of New Bedford Whaling Museum.



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# Fairhaven signs community compact with state

By Beth David

Editor

On Thursday, 3/9, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito signed a Community Compact agreement with officials from the town of Fairhaven.

"The Commonwealth is thrilled to announce a new partnership between state government and the town of Fairhaven," said Lt. Gov. Polito. "On behalf of the Commonwealth, the Baker-Polito Administration looks forward to working with town officials to implement all of their selected best practices."

Community Compacts are one of the various tools the administration utilizes to strengthen the partnership between cities and towns and the Commonwealth. By entering a Community Compact, a community agrees to implement self-selected best practices. As part of this partnership, the Commonwealth agrees to fulfill a set of commitments and works to provide assistance for a specific community based on their chosen best practice.

Through its Compact, Fairhaven will work with the Commonwealth to implement the following best practices:

**Housing & Economic Development — Preparing for Success:** Fairhaven will receive \$15,000 to either hire a consultant or to use as a match to engage the services of Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) to assist with the creation of a plan. Town Administrator Mark Rees said the goal is to attract businesses to town.

**Human Resources:** Fairhaven will received \$20,000 to hire a consultant to assist in the development of formal Employee Policies. Mr. Rees said the

town will use the money to draft personnel rules and regulations, create an employee handbook, and train town employees.

**Information Technology — Strategic Planning:** The town will receive \$20,000 to hire a consultant to assist with the development of an IT Consolidation Strategy. Mr. Rees said the money will help the town review the current IT infrastructure and integrate Town Hall's IT with the School Department's IT.

The Community Compact is a voluntary, mutual agreement entered into between the Baker-Polito Administration and individual cities and towns of the Commonwealth. In a Community Compact, a community will agree to implement a best practice they select from across a variety of areas. The Compact also articulates the commitments the Commonwealth will make on behalf of all communities, including helping the community attain their chosen best practice.

In addition to the "best practices" CC, Mr. Rees said the school department will also receive a grant through the Efficiency and Regionalization

grant program to explore regionalization with Acushnet.

Mr. Rees credited Selectboard member Bob Espindola with starting the process of using the state's Community Compact process.

"And we took it from there," said Mr. Rees. "In my 30 years in government, this administration (Baker-Polito) has showed the greatest amount of support for local government, that I've seen."

To learn more about the Community Compact Program visit <http://www.mass.gov/governor/administration/groups/communitycompact/cabinet/>



Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito came to Fairhaven to sign the Community Compact agreement on Thursday, 3/9. L-R, back row: Fairhaven Collector/Treasurer/Finance Director Wendy Graves, Assessor Delfino Garcia. L-R, middle row: Harbormaster Timothy Cox, Selectboard member Bob Espindola, Director of Planning and Economic Development Bill Roth. L-R, front row: Town Clerk, Eileen Lowney, Town Accountant Anne Carreiro, Assistant to the Town Administrator Anne O'Brien, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, Selectboard Chairperson Charles Murphy, Town Administrator Mark Rees. Photo courtesy of Lt. Todd Correia



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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

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On March 16, 2017, Your Theatre, Inc. will open the 4th production of their 70th consecutive season with an eight show run of "The House of Blue Leaves" by John Guare. With a cast of eleven experienced South Coast actors, the play is directed by Bob Gillet of Fall River.

Artie Shaughnessy is a songwriter with visions of glory. Toiling by day as a zookeeper, he suffers in seedy lounges by night, plying his wares at piano bars in Queens, New York, where he lives with his wife, Bananas, much to the chagrin of Artie's downstairs mistress, Bunny Flingus, who'll sleep with him anytime but refuses to cook until they are married. **Remaining performance dates are March 23-25 at 8:00 p.m. and March 26 at 2:30PM.** Performances are held in the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse located at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church Complex. Free off-street parking and entrance are on County St.

**Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 for season subscribers and \$13 for senior citizens,** students and military personnel. For tickets and further information call YTI at 508-993-0772, or send an e mail to [info@yourtheatre.org](mailto:info@yourtheatre.org). The theatre's web site is [www.yourtheatre.org](http://www.yourtheatre.org)

## NB Half Marathon

The New Bedford Half-Marathon will be held on Sun. 11/19, 11 a.m. Route starts downtown. Visit <http://newbedfordhalfmarathon.com>

## Volunteers Needed

The Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford, is looking for volunteers to help with day to day operations, walking tours, educational programs and maintaining the Center's growing archive. For info: [operations@fishingheritagecenter.org](mailto:operations@fishingheritagecenter.org) or call (508) 993-8894.

## Bike Summit/FREE

The South Coast Bikeway Alliance (SCBA) is pleased to announce their **7th Annual Bike Summit will be held Thursday, March 23, 2017 at the Fort Taber Community Center, 1000A S Rodney French BLVD, New Bedford,**

**MA 02744.** This year's summit focuses on "Building the South Coast Bikeway" and hopes to bring awareness to the numerous pathway projects, large and small, within the South Coast communities.

A welcoming reception with exhibitors begins at 5:30 p.m. The speakers program begins at 6:00 p.m. and concludes at 7:30 p.m. All who have an interest in pathways for recreation, alternative transportation, promotion of tourism and economic development on the South Coast are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event. Light refreshments will be offered. Pre registration is appreciated. Go to <http://www.southcoastbikeway.com> and click on "events calendar," or call SRPEDD (508) 824-1367 ext 234 and ask to speak to Jackie Jones.

## Summer prog apps

Applications are now available for parents to register their children to participate in the New Bedford Parks Recreation and Beaches Kennedy Summer Day Program. During the summer months, the Program engages children in a variety of sports, games, crafts, environmental education, and other outdoor fun while making new friends. Activities include beach and swim time as well as special visitor programming from places like the New Bedford Art Mobile, the Buzzards Bay Coalition, and many more.

The Day Program operates out of beautiful Fort Taber Park and includes breakfast, lunch and transportation. The program is open to children who are eligible for kindergarten in September of 2017 through the age of fourteen. **For New Bedford residents, each 2-week session is \$190.** Scholarships are available for those who qualify. **If space allows, non-residents may register for \$225 per session.**

Available Sessions: 8:00AM through 3:00PM daily: Session 1 July 3-July 14; Session 2 July 17-July 28; Session 3 July 31-August 11; Session 4 August 14-August 25

Space is limited, so parents are encouraged to complete and submit an application as soon as possible. Registration packets are available at the Administrative Offices of Parks, Recreation, and Beaches located at

181 Hillman Street in Building 3, at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center located at 181 Hillman Street or at [www.newbedford-ma.gov/parks-recreation-beaches](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/parks-recreation-beaches). Please contact New Bedford Parks, Recreation and Beaches for more information at (508) 961-3015.

## Women of NB project

A newly formed alliance of organizations and individuals has come together to explore the impact of women from Greater New Bedford on its history. The Women of Greater New Bedford project will tell the stories of commitment, determination and sacrifice of women from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Organizers envision creating a walking trail, a website, an online application and school curriculum by fall 2018.

To identify inspirational women, organizers are asking the public to suggest names for consideration by May 1, 2017, to Ann O'Leary, Emily Bourne Fellow, at [WomenNB@whalingmuseum.org](mailto:WomenNB@whalingmuseum.org). A brief biography and summary of accomplishments along with dates of birth and death will assist the committee in their selection of women to reflect the diversity of time and place.

## Meals Grant

Coastline Elderly Services, Inc. recently received funding of \$4,490 from Meals on Wheels America through partnership with CBS EcoMedia and Bayada Home Health Care. The funding is in recognition for participation in the 2016 Mass. Emergency Relief Program.

According to Coastline's Nutrition Program Director Philip Beard, prior to inclement weather conditions, shelf-stable emergency meals are delivered to elders because delivery may not be possible in bad weather.

In addition to emergency meals to community's elders, for the last 40 years Coastline has been the Meals on Wheels provider ensuring delivery of over 321,000 meals annually throughout seven communities.

For more information on Coastline's home delivered or congregate meal program, please call Coastline at 508-999-6400.



## HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

### Acushnet Cand night

Acushnet will hold a candidates night on **Mon., 3/20, at 6 p.m., at the Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet.** Candidates will face questions from a moderator and the public. All Acushnet residents are encouraged to attend.

### MO LIFE Ball

M.O. L.I.F.E. annual charity ball will be held on **Sat., 4/1, from 6-midnight, at White's of Westport, 6 State St., Westport, MA 02790.** DJ and photobooth, silent auction. Semi-formal attire. **Tickets: \$50 per person.** For tickets, call 508-992-5978, opt. 1. Tickets available online at [www.molifeinc.com](http://www.molifeinc.com), or at MO LIFE office, 105 Sconticut Neck Rd., Fairhaven.

### Sewing 101

Have you inherited a sewing machine and want to use it but don't know where to start? Have you always wanted to learn how to sew? Do you want to brush up on your sewing skills to mend or make a garment or household item? Come to the **Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., on Sat., 3/18, from 12:30-2:30 p.m.** to learn the basics of using a sewing machine with Barbara Gaspar and Mary Chaplain. The Library will supply the fabric and machines and you will leave with a finished pillow! The number of participants is limited, so be sure to sign up by calling the library at 508-758-4171, signing up at the circulation desk, or emailing [rsmith@sailsinc.org](mailto:rsmith@sailsinc.org). Accessible.

### Breakfast at VFW

All you can eat breakfast, served meal, every Sunday in **March: 3/19, 26, from 8-11 a.m., hosted by the Men of VFW Post 6643, 89 Middleboro Rd., E. Freetown, \$7 per person**

### Vendors Wanted

The Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Rd. in Mattapoisett, is having a Flea Market on Saturday April 29th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendors are needed to fill the hall **for \$20 a table (we supply 8ft. tables to be used).**

Antiques, collectibles and crafts are welcome. For information about

renting table space call Jim at 508-863-3496.

### La Salette St. Pat

Join La Salette for a St. Patrick's celebration with the The Noel Henry Irish Show Band with Haley's School of Irish Dancers. **Dinner, Dancing, and Show, on Sat., 3/18, from 5-9 p.m. in the Welcome Center**

Tickets: \$20 (\$10 for kids 10 & under) Reservations required! No tickets at door! To purchase tickets, please call 508-222-5410 or visit our website [atlasaletteattleboroshrine.org/saint-patricks](http://atlasaletteattleboroshrine.org/saint-patricks)

### Hansel & Gretel

Spindle City Ballet's Junior Company will be presenting the heartwarming tale of "Hansel & Gretel" **Sat., 3/25, at 2 pm at Bristol Community College in Fall River.**

Along with the Junior Company the cast is supported by 20 local children, transporting audiences through into an Enchanted Forest filled with courage, hope, and bravery as they lead Hansel and Gretel Home.

**Tickets to the performance are \$15.00-\$25.00.** For more information call 508-536-6073 or go to [spindlecityballet.org](http://spindlecityballet.org). or email [lisabibeau@spindlecityballet.org](mailto:lisabibeau@spindlecityballet.org)

Spindle City Ballet is the South Coast's only non-profit professional ballet company celebrating it's 22nd season presenting performances that excite, educate and inspire.

### Bird Club Mtg

Ever wonder about those summertime flying cigars with wings way up in the sky? Find out more about those mosquito-eating machines at the next meeting of the Nasketucket Bird Club, **Thurs., 3/24, at 7 p.m. the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St.** Accessible.

Chimney Swifts have a unique relationship with, and dependency upon, humans. Come learn about this fascinating connection and how you can help.

Alan Kneidel is currently doing research at Delaware State University focusing on how climate change may affect the ecological functioning of barrier island ecosystems as globally important avian stopover sites.

Previously Alan has worked at Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences as a Lead Bander and shorebird Scientist; Klamath Bird Observatory; and field work for a variety of Universities.

Check our website at: <http://massbird.org/Nasketucket/> or email our Prez Justin Barrett at [jmbarrett426@gmail.com](mailto:jmbarrett426@gmail.com)

### Teen Dance

The **Next Knights Teen Dance is Fri., 3/24, from 7-10 p.m for \$8/00 at The Knights, 57 Fairhaven Rd. in Mattapoisett.** A safe place for 6th, 7th and 8th graders to socialize, dance and listen to their favorite music on a Friday Night. Knights of Columbus Chaperones and a uniformed police officer are on site at all of our dances.

### Dem Comm. Caucus

The Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee will hold its annual caucus on **Sat., 3/25 from 10:15 to 10:45 in the conference room of the Mattapoisett Library 7 Barstow St, Mattapoisett** to elect delegates to the State Democratic Convention which will be held in June. All Mattapoisett residents registered as Democrats are eligible for election, but must be physically present at the caucus.

Following the brief caucus, at 10:45 to noon, Mass. State representative Dylan Fernandes who was elected in November of 2015 to serve the Barnstable, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket district will share his experiences as a first time candidate for public office. During his presentation Rep. Fernandes will discuss his experiences working in campaigns for Elizabeth Warren and Maura Healey and how he came to the decision to run for office himself. He will share with the audience the organizing and campaigning processes needed to be a successful candidate. Representative Fernandes who is 27 is one of Massachusetts's youngest state representatives.

If you have ever considered running for public office or if you are just curious to learn what drives some people to want to serve the public in a political office, you will find this talk very informative.

The public is welcome to this event regardless of political affiliation.

## Recipe of the Week

### Homemade Chili

2 lbs. ground beef  
1 medium onion, chopped  
3 tablespoons chili powder  
4 cans kidney beans  
2 cans tomato sauce  
1 cup water  
Shredded cheese

Brown beef and onions, drain grease.

Add rest of ingredients, except cheese, and cook for 1/2 hour on stove.

Serve hot and top with shredded cheese.

*By Hannah Harris*

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## MO LIFE announces persons of year

### Press Release

On April 1st, 2017, M.O., L.I.F.E., Inc. (Murphy and Others, Living Inter-dependently for Future Endeavors) will sponsor its thirteenth Annual Semi-Formal Ball to be held at White's of Westport from 6 p.m. to Midnight. Each year, M.O., L.I.F.E., Inc. gives awards for Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, and Personal Achievement.

This year's recipients are: Man of the Year – Brett St. Gelaix; Woman of the Year – Anne Silvia; Lifetime Achievement Award – Victorina Brito; and Katie Brienzo Personal Achievement Award – Brian Rego.

M.O., L.I.F.E., Inc. services the vocational and community needs of individuals with disabilities in the Greater New Bedford area. All proceeds of this event will go toward supporting individuals with disabilities. Without fund-raisers, M.O.,

L.I.F.E., Inc. would not be able to support people on a continuous basis or provide the means for additional basic needs.

Join us once again this April 1st for a night of dining, dancing, photographs, awards, and a fine opportunity to assist other members of our community to live fuller lives. We will also hold a silent auction with merchandise donated from several local merchants and restaurants.

White's of Westport is located on Route 6 in Westport, MA and is fully accessible. Tickets may be purchased at our Fairhaven location or by calling 508-992-5978 or through our website at [www.molifeinc.com](http://www.molifeinc.com). Tickets are \$50.00 per person. All proceeds will benefit people with disabilities affiliated with M.O., L.I.F.E., Inc.

M.O., L.I.F.E., Inc. is a 501 (3) c recognized non-profit organization, and donations are tax deductible.

## Macy Joseph dead at 68

Veteran Fairhaven police officer Macy Joseph III died unexpectedly on Tuesday, 3/7, at home. He was the husband of 45 years of Sharon A. (Bosse) Joseph.

Mr. Joseph served in the Fairhaven police department for 32 years and was also a paramedic for the town. He retired in 2012.

Funeral service was held on Monday, 3/13. Arrangements were by

Fairhaven Funeral Home (<http://www.hathawayfunerals.com>)

Mr. Joseph was a 1968 graduate of Fairhaven High School.

He is survived by his wife and mother; two daughters, Kristin Sapp and her husband Darrel of North Oxford and Bethany Joseph of Spencer; a son, Macy F. Joseph, IV and his wife Vanessa of Marlboro; and twelve grandchildren.

## To share a recipe with your neighbors

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# March still lioning, but last storm fails to deliver snow

By Beth David  
Editor

Winter Storm Stella was a big one that wreaked havoc throughout the East Coast, including parts of Massachusetts. But it fizzled in Fairhaven. it struck hard on Tuesday morning, 3/14, and it came with high winds, but the snow accumulations just did not live up to expectations.

The snow total was 2.5" in Fairhaven, with only 2" on West Island. Then the rain came on Tuesday afternoon and washed it all way, including some snow left over from a storm on Friday.

Peak wind gust was 71 miles per hour at 2:21 p.m. on Tuesday. For comparison, hurricane force winds start at 74 mph. The highest snow total in Bristol County was Taunton, with 7.8"

In Mass., the town of Granville, in Hampton County, won the jackpot at 21.5 inches.

In other parts of the country, the storm dumped three feet of snow in some places. West Winfield, NY, reported 42 inches of snow. More than 6,000 flights got cancelled and

500 million people lost power. At least 16 people were killed in the storm, including a 10-year-old boy in New York who was trapped in a pile of snow, and a 47-year-old man who died of heart attack while shoveling snow in Pennsylvania.

The bigger story was the wind in these parts, with 19,000 National Grid customers losing power. Trees knocked over by the wind smashed

through houses and fell on top of cars.

New Bedford activated its emergency shelters and towed cars parked in the streets.

Fairhaven treated the storm like any other nor'easter.

The forecast calls for cold but clear weather for the next few days, but it's still too early to know if March will go out like the proverbial lamb.



The apple trees at Perry Hill Orchard are covered in snow during the no-name storm on Friday, 3/10, which dumped more snow on the region that the mega storm Stella which hit on Tuesday, 3/14. Photo by Beth David.

## State Police: Clear the snow off your car



LEFT: Massachusetts State Police posted this picture on its Facebook page on Wednesday, 3/15, at about noon with this caption: "Soooo..... this just happened. Trooper Paul Copponi just stopped this vehicle on the Massachusetts Turnpike in Weston. How little regard do you have to have for the lives and safety of your fellow citizens, not to mention your own life and safety, to do this? Rest assured, we are aggressively looking for anyone who is driving around like this today. Don't be this guy." RIGHT, also from MSP Facebook page about two hours later: "And then this happened on Route 146 in Sutton..luckily, no one was injured. Following yesterday's snowfall, Troopers are actively engaging in the enforcement of motorists not properly clearing off their vehicles of snow and ice. This includes all the windows, lights, roof, hood and truck bed. Please take the extra time to do so before driving and avoid a citation. Photos from Mass. State Police Facebook Page.

# After 10 years, Eckenreiter family looks back, and ahead

By Beth David  
Editor

It's been 10 years since Winfred Eckenreiter succumbed to a heart attack at the age of 56. A sitting Fairhaven Selectboard member at the time, Mr. Eckenreiter was remembered as a good friend, a good boss, and a family man.

He left behind a wife and four children. His youngest was in kindergarten, the oldest was a sophomore in high school. They are now 14 to 26 and, by all accounts, would make their dad proud.

Sandra Eckenreiter said she wanted to remember her husband and celebrate "his life on earth."

He would be so proud of his children, she said.

"Every time I look I think, 'wow,'" she said. "It makes me sad of all the things he missed with his children. He would be so proud of them. They're all doing well."

Three are in college and one is in high school. They are all talented in theater, music, acting, singing.

"Nothing has stopped these kids,"

said Sandra. "They deal with things differently than other kids their age. They accept things, the good and the bad."

As sad as it sounds, she said, the world continues to go on, "therefore, we've got to continue to go on."

Along the way, enjoy every minute. "Because life doesn't come with guarantees," she said. "It's moment by moment. You've got to appreciate those moments. Take them for what they're worth, learn from them and move on."

When it comes to the children, she uses the word "accomplished" a lot, when describing them. Rachel is in pre-veterinary medicine and plans on going to graduate school to study epidemiology, Michael is studying theater at Bridgewater State, Joshua is at Bristol Community College studying video game development, Christina is an accomplished cellist.

"I think of him whenever they accomplish something," said Sandra.

As for the children, they think of him often, too. They said he supported their passions, even as they switched

from one passion to another.

Christina, who was so young when her father died, said she has to live through photos more than her older siblings, and she gets emotional when she thinks about it. She just remembers being with him, and that they were close.

It's the small things that they all remember the most.

He loved nature, and had a farm in Fairhaven where he could get outdoors often.

"He loved life," said Christina. "And that's beautiful."

Michael remembers playing baseball in the yard and other sports. Joshua got to stay up late watching wrestling. He remembers playing wrestling video games with his dad.

But all that just translates to the same thing: He loved life and supported their passions.

Rachel, the oldest, asked her siblings to name what part of their dad's parenting they would bring to their own parenting.

The results, she said, were unanimous: "To ardently support our

children's passions and dreams."

She and her mother recalled how Michael kept changing which instrument he wanted to play.

"He went to piano lessons and came home with a guitar," said Sandra.

"It's all about pursuing our happiness. He had such a passion for life," said Rachel. "My father took care to show us how important the pursuit of our dreams was. Currently, we are all tirelessly chasing our dreams," said Rachel. "I miss him. We all miss him every day. I hope he knew how much his encouragement meant to us."

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LEFT: Former Fairhaven Selectboard member Winfred Eckenreiter gets off the bus in China in 2003 on the trip to get his daughter Christina, who was adopted from an orphanage there. RIGHT, L-R: The Eckenreiters now (back row) mom Sandra, daughter Christina, 14. Seated, L-R: Joshua, 19, Michael, 21, and Rachel, 26. Sandra says her children have learned to accept the good and the bad in life after losing their father when they were so young. Mr. Eckenreiter died suddenly of a heart attack on March 13, 2007. He was 56 years old. Photos submitted.



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**3/29:** South Shore Plaza

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The Fairhaven Rotary Club's 2nd Annual Senior Talent Show Sunday, April 30, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Fairhaven Town Hall. Do you have a special talent that you would like to share? Call MK at 508-330-4837 or Anne Silvia at the Fairhaven COA at 508-979-4029 for more information or to sign up to perform.

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#### The Savvy Caregiver

Six Wednesday Evenings March 15th-April 19th, 5:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the Fairhaven Council On Aging. Carolyn Lazaris from Coastline will be presenting an informational supportive program for those who are providing care to their loved ones. If you are caring for a loved one and are feeling overwhelmed and alone, this program will provide support and options for assistance. Please call Carolyn Lazaris or Stephanie Gibson for more information or to sign up at 508-999-6400.

#### Easter Dinner

The Fairhaven COPA will be hosting an Easter Dinner on Easter Sunday, April 16th from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for any Fairhaven Senior who would like to attend. Dinner includes Ham with pineapple sauce, cheese potatoes, glazed carrots, rolls, and assorted pies for dessert. There is no cost to attend this event. Transportation can be arranged.

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## Acushnet Fire takes a look backs



While cleaning out our attic today we came across this photo of the 1982 Acushnet Fire Department Muster Team — winners of the New Bedford Muster's "Best Overall Time." BOTTOM ROW, L-R: Donald Crocker, Richard Gonneville, Paul Cote and George Pimental. STANDING L-R: Richard Neagus, James Knox, Ralph Almeida, Tom LaFleur, David Makuch, Mike Lake, Frank Knox. George Pimental, Don Crocker and David Makuch continue to serve. *From Acushnet Fire & EMS Department's Facebook page, on 3/14/17*

## Collin's challenge still helping

"Thanks to the Acushnet Council on Aging and the 'Meals on Wheels' program our firefighters visited 24 homes of Acushnet seniors and installed 62 carbon monoxide detectors," according to the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department's Facebook page, posted on 3/13. "Most of the homes were without any CO detectors and all are now code compliant. Collin's Challenge is making a very big difference in many people's lives!"

Collin's Challenge is an initiative by the Acushnet Police, Fire and School Departments started in response to the accidental carbon monoxide deaths of nine-year-old Collin Lopes and his father Joseph "JP" Lopes, 41, in December.

The campaign ended on January 31, which would have been Collin's 10th birthday, but residents are still encouraged to contact the fire or police department. The detectors were donated by local businesses and individuals through donations. Previously, 70 CO detectors were installed in Acushnet homes and 47 were dropped off at schools.



### ENTERTAINMENT:

Fri., 3/17, Shipyard Wreck Unplugged  
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# Red Cross to recognize Fairhaven police officers

## Press Release

The American Red Cross of the Cape, Islands & Southeast Mass. will once again honor local community members who have done extraordinary things at its 15th Annual Heroes Breakfast, 4/7, at The Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis.

The Red Cross is proud to showcase how local heroes change lives. Selfless heroics, whether through saving a life or enriching and transforming lives over years of service to our community, make a difference in the Cape, Islands and Southeast Mass. communities.

This year we are proud to honor Joanne Peterson as special guest presenter and Hero. Ms. Peterson is the Founder and Executive Director of Learn to Cope, a non-profit peer-led support group for parents and family members coping with a loved one addicted to opiates or other drugs. Learn to Cope has 25 chapters in Mass., two in Florida and one in Idaho, serving over 7600 people.

Sheriff James Cummings, Barnstable County Sheriff, is this year's Honorary Chair. Sheriff Cummings

has been a supporter of the Heroes Breakfast almost since its inception in 2003 and has been a leader in treating inmates who suffer from substance abuse. He implemented a Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program (RSAT) for the inmates at the county correctional facility and has received national recognition for its success in reducing recidivism.

This year's emcee will be Colonel Virginia Doonan, Commander of the 102nd Intelligence Wing. Col. Doonan is a board member of the local Red Cross chapter, and is the first female Commander of the 102nd IW.

This year's list of heroes includes three people who donated an organ to someone in need, eight people who helped save a life, local Red Cross volunteers who helped victims of disaster all over our country, community service and impact heroes who truly made a difference in our communities by their unselfish work to help others and youth, professional and Armed Forces heroes; a total of twenty-one heroes.

This year's class continues the tradition of local community members

doing extraordinary things, and includes officers from the Fairhaven Police Department: Sgt. Michael Botelho, Det. Sgt. Matthew Botelho, Det. Jerald Bettencourt III, Det. Scott R. Gordon, Officer Kevin W. Chasse, Officer Alexander J. Kislak and Officer Scott D. Coelho

The Fairhaven Police and Fire Department first responders received a vivid report of a truck that veered off the road into water. Not having specific information, including how many passengers, or if there were any children or elderly, did not deter the first responders from quick action. Officers found a pickup truck upside down in the water.

Officers sprang into action, ripping off their belts and jumping into the freezing February water. Officers were able to cut off the operator's seatbelt freeing him, and checked the passenger side for other occupants. Despite the ice cold water up to their necks, they responded to the life threatening emergency efficiently, maintaining composure and communication at all times.

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## Geoff Haworth Write-In for Board of Public Works

On Monday April 3rd I ask for your Write-In Vote for the Board of Public Works open seat. I had served on the BPW for 5 years and would appreciate your support to return to the BPW. I would like to continue to be your voice in town government. Visit my Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/haworth](http://www.facebook.com/haworth) for more information about me.



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# Power, passion, percussion: Che Malambo at Zeiterion

*Press Release by Sean McCarthy*  
Power. Passion. Percussion.

Che Malambo is a dance and musical spectacle — a performance that debuted in Paris in 2007 and has earned international acclaim for its precision footwork, rhythmic stomping, drumming and song.

Uniquely inspired by the traditional culture of the 17th Century Argentinian cowboy, the “gaucho,” this performance will command the stage of the Zeiterion Theatre on Thursday, March 30th for an 8 p.m. start. Tickets are \$25, \$35, \$45 and \$60. They can be purchased online at [www.zeiterion.org](http://www.zeiterion.org), and the Zeiterion box office will have tickets available at 684 Purchase Street or by calling 508-984-2900.

The Boston Globe says that this performance sees the dancers “build into a kind of ecstasy,” while the New York Times says that the show “sent the audience into uproarious applause.”

Che Malambo, “the dance of the cowboy,” is a thrilling performance that transcends the dance world and entertains audiences of many interests. It is a celebration of the inimitable melting pot culture of Argentina that produced this art form — a mix of traditions that created this distinct form of expression.

“Audience members will notice the outstanding dexterity and precision of the dancers,” says Matthew Bledsoe, Manager of Che Malambo. “They will also be impressed by the speed and energy of the dancers as well as the rhythms of the percussive footwork and the playing of the drums.”

Malambo began as competitive duels that challenged the skills of agility, strength and dexterity amongst the gauchos. It would come to be influenced by three major contributing cultures.

Beginning with the Portuguese slave trade in 1587, West Africans were brought to South America. Many were sold to ranchers who would have them working alongside the gauchos. Eventually the dances and rhythms that were essential to the storytelling of the Africans caught favor with the cowboys and led to a blending of customs. The gauchos took on elements such as syncopated rhythms, asymmetrical use of arms and legs, and a wide vocabulary of

movements that would serve as the basis of Malambo.

“Like many percussive dance forms, such as North American styles of tap and dance, there is an important intersection with West African dance,” Bledsoe says.

Another cultural influence that contributed to Malambo was Irish step dancing. The leg kicks and stiff torsos that are hallmarks of these dancers made their way to Argentina in the early 1800’s. The Irish who were working as laborers and sheep herders also comingled with the gauchos, and eventually many of their customs were incorporated into the Argentinian cultural identity.

A third major influence on the gaucho was Flamenco, which of itself is a melting pot. Flamenco was comprised of a mesh of Indian, Jewish, and Moorish traditions, and was rooted in what is now modern day Spain. After moving to Argentina to take refuge during the Inquisition of the 1400’s and 1500’s, their techniques of twisting hips, the movements of their arms, and the fast-paced footwork known as the zapateo, contributed to the development of Malambo. Zapateo is the fast-paced footwork inspired by the rhythm of galloping horses.

Another contribution to Malambo by the West African slaves was the use of drums known as bombos. They were originally used as communication tools but they were eventually

incorporated into the celebrations of the Malambo.

Another unique element to Che Malambo is the use of the “boleadoras,” primitive hunting tools originally used by the gauchos while on horseback as they pursued the capture of animals. Boleadoras were throwing devices that would wrap around the appendages of the animals, functioning as lassos with stones at the end. During a Malambo performance they are used as whirling spectacles spun at break-neck speeds, rhythmically striking the floor while being accompanied by the percussive footwork of the dancers.

The chronicling of the Argentinian gaucho began in the 1970’s when French dancer and choreographer Gilles Brinas saw a short vignette of Malambo at a Parisian cabaret. He was inspired and attracted to the rhythms of the dance with the powerful presence of the dancers. He saw the unique potential for it and so in the early 2000’s he travelled to Buenos Aires to scout the dancers. Within a few months, he had gathered a group of dancers and began creating the show that would become a world class performance.

Today the troupe is comprised of 14 male dancers, touring throughout North America and around the world.

“This is a show that appeals to all cultures,” Bledsoe says. “There’s a lot of machismo, it’s very powerful. It’s unlike any show you’ve ever seen.”



The dance troupe Che Malambo will perform at the Zeiterion Theatre on March 30. Submitted photo.

# HARC cites Iowa study to warn of airborne PCBs

*Press Release from  
Hands Across the River Coalition*

Sediment contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyl, or PCBs, from the bottom of the New Bedford Harbor is the No. 1 source of airborne PCBs in the neighborhoods surrounding the port, according to new research by the University of Iowa and Boston University School of Public Health.

In fact, airborne PCB emissions from the harbor are so high that researchers say it is the single largest continuous source of airborne PCBs ever measured from natural waters in the U.S. and Canada.

The East Coast harbor is one of the largest PCB Superfund sites in the nation, currently undergoing clean-up. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has monitored airborne PCB levels near the harbor since 1999, the levels measured in this study are consistent with levels measured by EPA, however this is the first time that researchers have focused on the harbor as a unique source of airborne PCBs.

"Our study shows that people in the neighborhoods around the harbor are being exposed to airborne PCBs and that those PCBs are coming from the harbor, not from a variety of sources," says Keri Hornbuckle, professor of civil and environmental engineering at IIHR-Hydroscience & Engineering at the University of Iowa, and core leader of the Iowa Superfund Research Program.

Residents have been concerned with air quality since dredging to clean the port started in 1994. Industry in the area used PCBs to produce electric devices from 1940 until the late 1970s, when the EPA

banned the manufacture of PCBs due to health concerns.

"As our knowledge grew about the high levels of PCBs in the sediments and water, we began to question the air from this site," explains Karen Vilandry, President of the community-based organization, Hands Across the River Coalition.

"The community requested this study and they played an integral role in its completion," says Wendy Heiger-Bernays, associate professor at the Boston University School of Public Health and co-author of the study, which was published in Environmental Science & Technology Letters.

Researchers used calculated emissions and atmospheric dispersion modeling to confirm New Bedford Harbor as the source of airborne PCBs. PCBs are released from the sludge at the bottom of the port and escape into the water and air.

Researchers worked with residents affiliated with Hands Across the River Coalition to select air sampling locations at 18 sites in New Bedford, Fairhaven, Dartmouth, and Acushnet. Air samples were taken during three consecutive periods from July to November, 2015. The highest readings for airborne PCBs were from air sampling locations closest to the harbor.

"In terms of remediation, it is important to understand that the harbor is the largest contributor to local levels of airborne PCBs," says Hornbuckle.

PCBs can cause a variety of adverse health effects, including an increased risk for cancer in humans. However, researchers are quick to add that the effects of long-term

inhalation of airborne PCBs is still uncertain.

"There is much more work to be done," says Andres Martinez, lead author and research engineer at IIHR-Hydroscience & Engineering at the University of Iowa. "For example, some members of the community believe that the local mud flats are also a source of PCBs. We haven't looked at that yet."

Researchers are hopeful that residents will continue to help them prioritize next steps.

Community engagement in the study was assisted by Alternatives for Community & the Environment (ACE) and Toxics Action Center.

"Every time we went to collect the monitors from residents' homes, we were faced with the same question: 'Should I be worried?'" said Claire Miller of Toxics Action Center. "Exposure is a 24/7 reality for folks living near the harbor, and this study is an important step forward."

The Iowa Superfund Research Program (ISRP) at the University of Iowa conducts research on PCBs and related toxic chemicals, especially those found in air. The ISRP has been funded since 2006 by the National Institute of Environmental Health Science, an institute of the National Institute of Health. For more information: <https://iowasuperfund.uiowa.edu/>

The lead author on this study is Martinez. Co-authors from the University of Iowa include Hornbuckle, Bailey N. Hadnott, Andrew M. Awad, and Nicholas J. Herkert. Besides Heiger-Bernays, co-authors from the Boston University School of Public Health include Kathryn Tomsho,

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### Town of Fairhaven Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee Notice of Public Meeting

The Town will hold a Public Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The purpose of the meeting will be for the Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee and the Town's consultant, to hold the second in a series of public meetings to take input and recommendation for the goals, objectives and priorities for a new Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP).

If you are interested in the Open Space & Recreation needs for the future, you are urged to attend the meeting. All OSRP documents are available on the Town web site at [http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/FairhavenMA\\_OpenSpace/index](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/FairhavenMA_OpenSpace/index). Those unable to attend the meeting may submit comments or questions to the Department of Planning & Economic Development at [billr@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:billr@fairhaven-ma.gov) or call (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9. The Town will make reasonable accommodations for the disabled with prior notice to Planning & Economic Development.

William D. Roth, Jr., Director  
Planning & Economic Development Department  
3/16/17

### Planning Board Fairhaven 2040 – Master Plan Notice of Public Meeting

The Town will hold a Public Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, April 4, 2017, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The purpose of the meeting will be for the Planning Board and the Town's consultant, to hold the first in a series of public meetings to take input and recommendation for the goals, objectives and priorities for FAIRHAVEN 2040 – Master Plan.

As we embark on this effort, we invite you to come and share your thoughts...

- What do you enjoy most about Fairhaven?
- What are the Town's biggest challenges?
- What are the Town's biggest opportunities?

- What can be done to enhance the Town's built and natural environments?
- What is your vision for the Town's future?

Please join us for an interactive meeting where we will learn about Fairhaven's unique qualities, and discuss how we will develop a forward-thinking Master Plan for Fairhaven 2040!

If you are interested in the Fairhaven's needs for the future, you are urged to attend the meeting. All FAIRHAVEN 2040 documents are available on the Town web site at [http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/FairhavenMA\\_MasterPlan/index](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/FairhavenMA_MasterPlan/index). Those unable to attend the meeting may submit comments or questions to the Department of Planning & Economic Development at [billr@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:billr@fairhaven-ma.gov) or call (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9. The Town will make reasonable accommodations for the disabled with prior notice to Planning & Economic Development.

Wayne Hayward  
Chairman, Planning Board  
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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 March 28, 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, Enrico Picozza, is requesting Special Permit to use the proposed site as an Artist Studio, artist workshop, classroom and retail space.

The location of the property is 67 Main Street, Map 9, Lot 29.

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  
3/9/17 & 3/16/17

## From our readers

### Macy Joseph was valuable asset to PD

It was tough to read about the loss of retired police officer Macy Joseph this week. In his obituary he was described in his private life as "a regular Mr. Fix It."

Well, that portrayal would certainly hold true also to his career on the police department. Mostly behind the scenes, he played a significant role in so many functions within the agency. Macy was an extremely valuable asset to the department and a person that all of us would go to when we needed something done.

For many years he was in charge of the ambulance service along with being our town "safety officer."

In this latter role "Officer Joseph" was a police icon to so many kids, long before we had school resource officers. There is likely a generation of adults in town now who can recall only one police officer by name from when they were growing up. That would be Macy Joseph.

Without doubt his family and friends and a lot of old, retired co-workers are going to miss him greatly.

Ted Silva, Fairhaven

Mr. Silva police chief in Fairhaven  
from 1993 until 2002

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Komal Basra, and Madeleine K. Scammell.

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the town's sewer. The town would not be collecting \$12,000 in betterment fees from each house on his road if it wasn't for the sewer line that Mr. Tonnessen installed.

Ms. Tripp explained that every house that has sewer from the Sconticut Project has to pay the \$12,000 betterment fee.

Mr. Tonnessen said that the town did not leave any line for him to tie into, which is why he had to install one with his own money.

Ms. Tripp explained that the town's sewer trunk was there to tie into, but it was far away from the house, which is why a line had to be added, but Mr. Tonnessen still tied into the town's trunk, which is why the betterment fee is necessary.

Mr. Tonnessen explained that the town will benefit from the line he installed.

"As much as I would love to help, I'm looking for a way, but not one is appearing to me," said Mr. Ristuccia. "I understand where you're coming from."

He said the reality is that everyone has to pay the betterment fee and

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"I wish I could find a way to charge you less, but I don't see it," Mr. Ristuccia said.

"I don't know how we could do anything," Mr. Wotton said. "With the law, everyone that ties into the project pays the 12,000 dollars."

"There is not a right answer, probably," Mr. Tonnessen said.

"I agree, it's not fair," board member, Jarrod Lussier said. "I get it."

Mr. Tonnessen explained that because some of the street is private, he would like to find out if it is possible that he may own the cul-de-sac. He thanked the board for listening and understanding his concerns.

In another matter the board discussed sewer rates. Mr. Ristuccia recommended increasing the sewer rates by 20 cents per 100 cubic feet. The increase will raise the average sewer bill by \$9 a year give the town more money for repairs.

The board voted unanimously to the increase, effective April 1.

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## Fairhaven Meetings

### Bell Committee

Thurs., 3/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Bikeway Committee

Thurs., 3/16, Town Hall 7 p.m.

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/4, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 3/27, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 3/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Finance Committee

Thurs., 3/16, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Marine Resources

Thurs., 3/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 3/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 3/22, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 3/20, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Mon., 3/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Agricultural Commission

Thurs., 3/23, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Planning Commission

Thurs., 3/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Tues., 3/21, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Joint meeting with School Comm.

Tues., 3/21, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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

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Saturday	25	0646	1907	----	1212
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Monday	27	0809	2032	0118*	1337*
Tuesday	28	0854	2118	0207*	1424*
Wednesday	29	0942	2206	0258*	1513*

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# BPW takes over street lights; will revisit Sunset Beach decision

By Mary Macedo

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 3/13, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works met with the Town Administrator, Mark Rees to discuss street light maintenance and a new human resources position.

Mr. Rees went to the BPW to discuss his responsibilities with maintaining the street lights in town. He asked the board if the street light maintenance is a responsibility that the BPW would like to oversee, explaining that he would like the BPW to take it over.

Mr. Rees said the street lights are all LED now, so they do not need to be replaced often. He said the most of the time lights just needed to be replaced due to accidents.

BPW Superintendent, Vincent Furtado explained that the BPW would get into a contract with a company who fixes the lights and then contact the company when something needs to be fixed.

"Whose budget does it come out of," board member, Robert "Hoppy" Hobson asked.

"There is a street light account," Mr. Rees said.

Mr. Furtado explained that the BPW is in charge of most of the maintenance issues in town, so adding the street light maintenance to their duties made sense.

The board voted to take over the responsibilities of maintaining the street lights, with Mr. Hobson voting "no."

Mr. Rees also discussed the creation of a new Human Resources position in Town Hall. He explained that the HR person will help the Selectboard with the hiring of new employees, job injuries, personnel policies, practices, benefit programs and training.

He asked the BPW if they would be interested in have the public works department be included under the new HR person's jurisdiction. The BPW would sign a memorandum of understanding.

BPW chairperson Mike Ristuccia said that the board would look over the information.

In another matter, the board met with Steve Riley about a previous issue involving a sewer extension on Sunset Beach Road.

At the 2/27 meeting, the board

approved a sewer line for James Wing, on Sunset Beach Road, allowing Mr. Wing to run a line on his property instead of the middle of the street.

Mr. Wing told the board at that meeting that he had asked his neighbors if they wanted to tie into the town sewer, but no one wanted to.

The BPW approved Mr. Wing's request as long as the line runs within his own property and he pays two betterment fees.

Mr. Riley, who is a neighbor and a former BPW member, said he heard that a sewer extension was granted by the BPW and had concerns.

He told the board that at some point other neighbors on the street are going to want to tie in. Mr. Riley said that the board should have considered the whole street when

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making their decision at the last meeting, because the whole street could use a sewer extension.

"I did not vote for the guy," Mr. Hobson said. "But this issue does involve Mr. Wing, so I feel like he should be here."

At the last meeting Mr. Hobson was the only board member that did not approve of the sewer extension.

Mr. Ristuccia told Mr. Riley that when he first looked at Mr. Wing's plans for the sewer extension, he did not agree with them, but when it was decided that the sewer extension would go through Mr. Wing's own property and he would pay two betterment fees, Mr. Ristuccia saw no problems with the extension.

He said that maybe a sewer line should be put out there for everyone. He said everyone on the street should get together to decide if installing a sewer line for the whole street is something everyone wants.

"Mr. Wing said that he asked all the neighbors if they wanted to tie in and

they said no," Mr. Hobson said.

"He did not ask," neighbor Eric Braitmayer said.

Mr. Riley agreed with Mr. Braitmayer, explaining that Mr. Wing's private sewer extension line will pass one of their neighbors, the Normandins. Mr. Riley said that since the line will pass the Normandin's house, Mr. Wing should put a tap on it, so the Normandins can tie in.

Mr. Ristuccia suggested that the board notify Mr. Wing and have him come in, so the board can amend the motion to add taps where necessary.

"Do the Normandins want to tie in," Mr. Wotton asked.

Mr. Riley said that he was not sure if the Normandins wanted to tie in.

"Right of the bat, I'm pissed off, Mr. Wing lied to us and didn't talk to you guys," Mr. Wotton said, reiterating that Mr. Wing said he had spoken with all the neighbors no one wanted to tie in.

Mr. Wotton said that this issue needs to be tabled and Mr. Wing, as well as all of the other neighbors that it would affect need to be brought in to discuss it with the board.

"They are not here to represent themselves," Mr. Wotton said.

The board voted to have Mr. Wing and the neighbors attend a meeting.

"Notify everyone," Mr. Wotton said.

In a follow-up interview, Administrative assistant Kathy Tripp said she would be the one to do that.

In another matter the board met with Troy Tonnessen about his sewer line on Torrington Road.

Mr. Tonnessen explained that when he moved he installed a sewer line to connect to the town's line. The line he installed goes all the way around the cul-de-sac, so other houses on the street can tie into it.

Now there is a 4,000 square foot house being built and two more houses are planned, which will then tie in to his sewer line.

Mr. Tonnessen said he spent over 30,000 dollars to put the sewer line in and now has to pay the town an additional \$12,000 for the betterment fee to tie into the town's sewer trunk.

"I feel like I am being double hit," Mr. Tonnessen said.

Mr. Tonnessen explained that if he had not paid for and installed that sewer line none of the other houses on the street would be able to tie into

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