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

Seasmoke at Sunrise



West Island and Buzzards Bay, Sunday - February 14, 2016 at 7:19 a.m. The temperature at town beach was 7.7 below zero with a deadly wind chill factor of 37 below zero. The wind was out of the northwest at 28 MPH gusting to 36 MPH. The ocean temperature was about 32 degrees which caused the "sea smoke" to form with the sub zero temperatures. Other temperatures observed at 7:26 a.m.: North Fairhaven, -6.9; Acushnet -7.5; Mattapoisett -9.8; WI State Reserv -7.6; Padanaram -9.0; Marion -8.9; New Bedford -9.6; Plymouth -10.0; Freetown -10.0. *Photo by ML Baron's West Island Weather Station Axis Cam at South Point, photo taken at the south end of Balsam Street.* More details, numbers, current conditions and island forecast: <http://www.westislandweather.com>



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

For heaven's sake, people, clean the snow off the top of your car (see page 13). Someone's going to get killed.

One of my neighbors was driving along, minding her own business, when a big chunk of ice flew off a car and smashed up her windshield. She managed to keep her cool, and, luckily, the windshield didn't break right through. Imagine if it had.

Really, it takes an extra minute or two. If you can't reach, then maybe you should get a shorter car. At the very least, stay off the highway until you can get it cleaned off by someone who can reach it.

Someone dumped a boat on the other side of the island last week (see page 13). Yup, a boat. I did manage to get a name of the person who is probably the owner, but I couldn't get it confirmed by press time, so I decided to hold off a bit. Maybe next week.....Mr. Dartmouth man.

The sadder part is, though, that someone vandalized the boat.

Really, people? You go out in the most frigid weather we've had for 20 years or more, traipse through the woods to the other side of the island and do what? You steal a freakin' anchor? You break a hatch and trash an abandoned boat? Really?

Stay home next time.

Geesh. How embarrassing. I mean, really, the thing was junked. What did you get? An old compass, maybe?

Some people just have too much time on their hands and are way too disrespectful of...of...everything.

Really, vandalizing a junked boat and stealing the Harbormaster's anchor. I hope it falls on your foot.

The candidate field is set!

We have three contested races in Fairhaven this year (see page 20). The Selectboard race has four candidates for one seat, and the Housing Authority and School Committee both have more candidates than openings.

Let the games begin!

We'll end on a sober note.

One of my neighbors had a very visible accident this week (see page 12). Dave Cardin's truck went over the rocks and into the water upside down on Wednesday.

One of my other neighbors, police officer Scott Coelho, jumped in the water to get him, along with several other police officers (God bless their young and strong little hearts).

It's the beauty of living in a small town, and also the hard part, sometimes. We know these people, and sometimes we know them well. In my case, more than 20 years for both of them.

As I write this, Dave is hanging in there, but he's critical. It's a scary accident, and one that we all think about, living near the water.

Be careful out there, folks. And please keep Dave in your thoughts.

Until next week then...

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Fhvn FD: know where shut-off valve is

Fairhaven Fire Dept. Press Release

Over the weekend the Fairhaven fire department has responded to approximately 12 calls for broken water pipes in residential properties within town due to the freezing temperatures.

We also had broken water pipes in town business such as Serenity Salon in the Lifestyles Plaza, Dollar Tree Store, Seaport Inn and the Fairhaven Recreation Center. There were also frozen sprinkler pipes at the S.E. Mass

Credit Union.

The Fire Department typically sees an increase in calls when the temperatures begin to warm and the frozen water pipes thaw after they have split. Residents are reminded to know where their water shut-off valves are in their homes to help minimize damage should a water pipe break.

Usually stopping the water flow is as simple as the turn of a valve.

Free Political PR

The *Neighb News* will give all candidates for townwide public office in Fairhaven and Acushnet a chance to get their message out. You may submit an article of approximately 500 words, with a picture, and we will publish at no charge before the April 4 election.

DEADLINE: Friday, 2/26.

Send by email (preferred) at NeighbNews@comcast.net, or by fax, 508-991-5580, or mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Please put text in the body of the email.

Call 508-979-593 or email with questions.

Shovel out mailboxes, sidewalks

Letter carriers need to be able to get to your mailbox. Please shovel so that the truck can reach your mailbox if you have one outside your house. If you have a group of mailboxes, such as those on West Island, please be

neighborly and shovel the snow.

Letter carriers are not required to deliver mail if there is snow in the way. It is the responsibility of the home owner to shovel.

Also, property owners are responsible for shoveling a pathway in front of their homes and businesses.

Support the Food Pantry

The Shepherd's Food Pantry at the Long Plain United Methodist Church in Acushnet spends more than \$5,500 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 120 families each week and has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food.

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



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The Fairhaven Lions Club wishes to thank everyone who made 2015 an outstanding year, whether through sponsorship, donations and/or attendance at events. Your support has made a difference for:

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<http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/fairhavenma>

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Planning Board supports two, rejects one street acceptance

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Planning Board voted to support two requests for street acceptances, and rejected one at its meeting on Tuesday, 2/9.

Town Planner and Economic Development Director Bill Roth recommended not accepting the south side of Welcome Street, but the board voted 4-2 to support it anyway.

All street acceptances must be passed at Town Meeting. The article will appear on the warrant of the TM in May.

Mr. Roth told the board that the south side of Welcome Street was not paved. He said the town should not accept ways that will require a lot of construction and cause a "burden" for the department of public works.

The DPW will have to handle upgrading the road, which is now a private way.

The Selectboard had received the article request by petition from residents and forwarded the article to the PB for a recommendation. The Selectboard had also used its own engineering funds to create a plan for the road.

PB Chairperson Wayne Hayward noted that the town has, in the past, accepted and upgraded at least one road that was much longer than the section of Welcome Street "without anybody living on it."

The Welcome Street portion is less than 1,000 feet long and has a handful of homes on it.

After some discussion about the addresses of those who signed the petition and whether or not all the homeowners on the street had been contacted, Mr. Hayward said they should know by now.

"If they are not in agreement and say that at Town Meeting...it ain't gonna happen," said Mr. Hayward.

In another matter, the Board of Public Works submitted a request for Rockland Street, between Scoticut Neck Road and Point Street, to be accepted.

Mr. Roth recommended accepting Rockland Street and authorizing associated costs, saying the street was paved and that the BPW had recommended it.

"I don't understand how this got missed," said Mr. Hayward, noting that all the streets around it had been accepted.

He said the town did a "blanket acceptance and weeded out the ones that had encroachments."

But Rockland Street has no encroachments.

"When I drove down it, I was shocked it wasn't accepted," said Mr. Roth.

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[Bill Roth]

The board voted unanimously to recommend acceptance at Town Meeting.

The board did reject one request for support of a street acceptance and associated costs.

Treasure Bay Lane between Reservation Road and Billy's Way is a gravel road.

In his memo to the board, Mr. Roth said the road is a "combination of gravel driveway to a house and the remainder is lawn area towards Billy's Way."

The road does not meet town standards, he said, so it should not be accepted.

"It makes no sense," said Mr. Roth, noting he looked at it on Google Earth and the road does not go anywhere.

"It's just a gravel driveway to a

house," he said. "It's a paper street, literally."

The board rejected the request unanimously.

All three requests will be on the TM warrant in May.

The board also received revised plans from Clean Energy Collective for a solar farm at 197 New Boston Road.

The two megawatt facility requires a special permit, and will be built on approximately 12.5 acres near the New Boston Road end of the Costa Farm. The farm itself is approximately 53.86 acres.

The hearing had been continued from 1/12 for some changes to be made, mostly to drainage issues.

The board approved the plan, after tweaking the 17 conditions of the special permit, ending up with 16 conditions.

Conditions include that lighting will not emit glare beyond the property line, and that pile driving during construction will be limited to the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The board approved the special permit unanimously, 6-0. Board member Rene Fleurent was absent, and Kaisa Cripps's seat is vacant.

The Costa Farm is a 61A property, meaning it gets tax breaks for being open space and the town has the right of first refusal in case of a sale or a change in use. The PB voted not to recommend exercising the right to buy the land. The Selectboard also has to vote on 61A properties.

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and applying the
wrong remedies.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Oyster Restoration

A meeting of the Fairhaven Marine Resources Committee, to be held at **6:30 p.m., Tues., 2/23**, will feature a public discussion of an oyster restoration project proposed by the Fairhaven shellfish department and The Nature Conservancy. The meeting will be held in the banquet room at **Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven.**

The proposed project would be entirely subtidal upon completion and would involve placement of aged shell and hatchery-produced oysters on the sea floor of Little Bay with the goal of establishing a permanent oyster population. Project goals include improving water quality and habitat, and enhancing harvestable shellfish populations. Public input is welcome.

HARC Meeting

Local environmental advocacy group Hands Across the River Coalition, Inc. meets monthly with the next meeting taking place **Wed., 2/24, from 6:00-7:45 p.m. at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven.** Open to the public. Attendees are advised to use the Walnut Street entrance on lower level.

HARC appeals to everyone to join them in working to protect our air, soil and water, and especially, the public's health by removing PCBs safely to an offsite TSCA, (Toxic Substances Control Act), approved landfill.

For more information, please contact Karen Vilandry 508-951-1184 Email: harcgnb@gmail.com

FHS Events

FAME Coffeehouse

FAME (Fairhaven Association for Music Education) will have its Coffeehouse on **Fri., 2/26, in the Performing Arts Center at Fairhaven High School at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5** and will be sold at the door. Come and view the talent that Fairhaven has to offer.

POPs Concert

The Fairhaven High School will be holding its annual **POPs Concert on Tues., 3/1, in the Fairhaven Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.** This year we have joined forces with the art department to have one spectacular

show. Join us for an evening of magical fantasy!

Musical

From **Mar. 31 to April 3**, Fairhaven High School will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* in the FHS Performing Arts Center. **Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors.** To order tickets visit the Fairhaven Performing Arts Center box office or call 508 979-4051 x11022.

Spring Concert

The Fairhaven Music Department will hold its Spring Concert on **Thurs., May 19, in the Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5** and will be sold at the door.

Cataldo Scholarship

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association's Joseph Cataldo Jr. Scholarship applications are now available at the Guidance Office of Fairhaven High School, Greater NB Reg Voc-Tech HS, Bishop Stang HS, and Bristol Agricultural HS.

The Joseph Cataldo Jr. Scholarships are open to qualified high school seniors who are Fairhaven residents enrolled in a full time degree program. **The deadline for filing the application is April 22, 2016.**

Applications may also be requested by mail: NFIA Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 877 Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Thrift Store

Heavenly Treasures is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays & Saturdays, featuring clothing, shoes, and household items, cotton and wool fabric. At First Congregational Church, William Street Entrance, Fairhaven

Cookies for Troops

Girls Scouts Troop 68116 would like to thank everyone who donated last year to our Cookies for a Cause during our Cookie Booth sales.

Girl Scout cookies are on sale now for \$5.00 and if you would like to donate or purchase cookies for yourself please contact me at the follow number.

With the help of many we collected over 75 boxes to send to our troops serving overseas which was very well appreciated.

If you have any questions or want information about joining Girl Scouts

please contact Debbie Rock at 508-984-5123.

Homecoming Fair Apps Available.

Vendor applications are now available for the 2016 Fairhaven Homecoming Fair hosted by the Fairhaven Improvement Association.

Applications are open to the community and can be found at the following locations: Fairhaven Town Hall (40 Center St.), the Millicent Library (45 Center St.), the Fairhaven Visitor's Center (141 Main St.) and on our Facebook page (Fairhaven Improvement Association).

Apply to become a part of this Fairhaven tradition. We hope to see you there!

For more information, please visit <http://fairhavenimprovement.org/> and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FairhavenImprovementAssociation>

Contact the FIA at fairhavenhomecoming@gmail.com

West Island 5k

Registration is open for the 5th annual West Island 5K Run/Walk to be held on Sunday, April 24, at 11 a.m., starting and finishing at 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven

The Fairhaven High School Cross Country program benefits from this event, run on a US Track and Field certified course. **Entry fees range from \$15 to \$25. There is also a Kids Mile Run with an entry fee of \$5.** Shirts to first 600 5k registrants; neoprene wrist bands to Kids Mile entrants. Cash prizes.

Register online at <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=5932> For more information visit <http://westisland5k.org> or email info@westisland5k.org.

Buzzards Bay Swim

Set a resolution to make a splash in 2016 by signing up for the Buzzards Bay Coalition's 23rd annual Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, June 25.

The 1.2-mile open water course begins in the South End of New Bedford and ends at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven. This year, swimmers will enjoy a new state-of-the-art chip timing system. Swimmers must raise a minimum of \$150. Register at savebuzzardsbay.org/swim.

Better Living Real Estate opens Fairhaven office

Press Release

Better Living Real Estate made its debut in the greater New Bedford area in 2016 with the Grand Opening celebration of its new Fairhaven Office on Saturday 1/30.

Over 100 people attended the gala which was co-hosted by long time area real estate brokers Nick and Paul Helgesen who manage the South Coast office for Better Living Real Estate located at 391 Huttleston Avenue (Route 6) in Fairhaven.

Joint sponsors of the event were NFM Lending with territory managers Barry Wyllie and Bill Driscoll and the law firm of Jake Winslow & Associates. Neal McCarthy and his five piece band, a favorite act in the New Bedford area, kept the party going all evening with their unique blend of blues and acoustic rock.

Better Living Real Estate has a 28-year presence in Greater Boston, and operates a groundbreaking social media, networking and mobile platform that more easily connects consumers with high quality local real estate agents.

Founder Bob Simone who attended

the event stated, "We're excited about our expansion into the South Coast market with an already established team of local real estate agents. We're bringing business systems and a level of teamwork that is getting everyone's attention by providing a better organized process for our South Coast clients. We are changing the way real estate is being practiced."

Executive Vice President, Nick Helgesen who leads the development of both the South Coast and Cape Cod expansion of the brokerage stated, "After being affiliated with a leading franchise for decades, I'm blown away with what Better Living Real Estate has developed. It caused me to make the switch to this amazing

system, and the experienced agents that have recently joined us now have even more resources to offer their clients. The level of teamwork and professionalism is unparalleled."

The Fairhaven office is open 24/7 via it's entirely mobile platform, with associates throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island ready to service clients and customers at 774-406-3980 or online at www.BetterLivingRE.com.



More than 100 people attended the grand opening of Better Living Real Estate's new office in Fairhaven on Jan. 30. *Submitted photo.*

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Fairhaven seniors celebrate Mardis Gras



On Tuesday 2/2, the clients & staff at Fairhaven Social Day celebrated the start of Mardi Gras with a huge celebration of food, dance and fun. *Submitted photos.*



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Art Reception

The Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture at UMass Dartmouth, through the event series, Cultures of the Portuguese-Speaking World, aims to promote the contemporary artistic expression of Portugal, Brazil and Cape Verde, among other Portuguese-speaking countries through a series of events to be held through April.

The first event of this series, which will be taking place at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, is the art exhibition entitled, METAPHYSICAL ADVERTISING SYSTEMS – vol.1 by Brazilian artist, Tizil. A New York City-based painter, Tizil draws from religious art and media to simultaneously expose and conceal the human body through a bold and dramatic use of brushstrokes and color, making his large canvases extremely compelling.

The Opening Reception, which will be open to the public, will be held in the **NB Whaling Museum's San Francisco room on Sat., 2/20 from 2-4 p.m.** Please check in at the Museum's main entrance, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, and mention the Exhibit to gain free admission. UMassD students also gain free admission with their University ID. Light refreshments.

The Exhibition will run until March 3rd. For more information and to RSVP for the event, please contact Lisa Tavares at the Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture by calling 508-999-8255 or via email at ltavares4@umassd.edu

Free Film

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on **Fri., 2/19 at 7 p.m., in the visitors center of the New Bedford Whaling National Park, 33 William St., New Bedford**, with a screening of *The Breach* a new award winning film written and directed by Mark Titus. Free Accessible. This month's program is co-sponsored by Eating with the Ecosystem.

Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, and the Working Waterfront Festival.

When fishing guide/filmmaker Mark Titus learns why wild salmon populations plummeted in his native Pacific Northwest, he embarks on a journey to discover where the fish

have gone and what might bring them back. Along the way, Titus unravels a trail of human hubris, historical amnesia and potential tragedy looming in Alaska — all conspiring to end the most sustainable wild food left on the planet. Battle lines are drawn and the fight for resource control begins as the story unfolds through the voices of the people who know the salmon best: Fishermen, tribal leaders, scientists, artists, authors and chefs — all with a shared knowledge and passion for wild salmon as cultural treasure, mystery from the sea and vital food source.

For information, call 508-996-4095, visit www.nps.gov/nebe or visit the park's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>.

Hockey Tryouts

The South Coast Panthers Youth Hockey Association will be holding spring tryouts for the upcoming 2016-17 season for both boys and girls. All tryouts will be held at the **Hetland Ice Rink at 310 Hathaway Blvd in New Bedford.**

All skaters **MUST:** Have a current USA Hockey registration number; Register online at www.southcoastpanthers.com; Pay a **\$150 (\$100 for midgets/U19 Girls)** non-refundable & non-transferable evaluation fee at the rink on the first tryout date. (Make check payable to SCPYHA)

- **Tues., 3/1, 5:30-6:20pm & Tues., 3/8 5:30-6:20pm:** Girls U10 (born in the years 2006, 2007....) & Girls U12 (born in 2004 & 2005)
- **Tues., 3/1, 6:30-7:20pm & Tues., 3/8 6:30-7:20pm:** Girls U14 (2002 & 2003) & Girls U16 (2000 & 2001)
- **Tues., 3/1 7:30-8:20pm & Tues., 3/8 7:30-8:20pm:** Girls U19 (1997-1999)
- **Thurs., 3/3 5:30-6:20pm & Thurs. 3/10 5:30-6:20pm:** Mites (2008, 2009)
- **Thurs., 3/3 6:30-7:20pm & Thurs., 3/10 6:30-7:20:** Squirts (2006 & 2007)
- **Thurs., 3/3 7:30-8:20pm & Thurs., 3/10 7:30-8:20 pm:** PeeWees (2004 & 2005)
- **Thurs., 3/3 8:30-9:20pm & Thurs., 3/10 8:30-9:20pm:** Bantams (2002 & 2003)**

**SCPYHA is offering full season Bantams only. No 1/2 season teams.

- **Mon., 3/21 8:30-9:20pm & Wed., 3/23 8-8:50pm;** Midgets (2001-1998)

For more information, email, southcoastpanthers@gmail.com or visit www.southcoastpanthers.com

Mini Grant Orientat.

Have an innovative community project that could enrich your town, school, neighborhood or all of Greater New Bedford? If you are working as a volunteer with a local all-volunteer group then consider applying for a United Way of Greater New Bedford Community Building Mini-Grant. Grants of up to \$2,500 can help put your ideas into action. Learn more about the program including how to apply online and the types of projects and programs that qualify by attending an orientation session.

Groups with budgets of \$40,000 or less are strongly encouraged to attend one of two orientations that will be held at United Way, **105 William St. 2nd floor on Wed., 3/2 from 10-11:30 a.m. or Tues., 3/8, from 6-7:30 p.m.**

These sessions will discuss the program, eligibility and the application process. Registration is required. Please call 508-994-9625 ext. 19 or email minigrants@unitedwayofgnb.org.

Applications will be available March 1st at www.unitedwayofgnb.org and will only be accepted electronically. Grants must be submitted by April 22, 2016.

In 2015, 37 all-volunteer groups made an impact throughout Great New Bedford with projects funded by United Way's Mini-Grant Program. These projects range from garden projects and healthier living programs to outreach campaigns and family engagement opportunities. Be the change in Greater New Bedford, visit www.unitedwayofgnb.org to learn more about the Mini-Grants Program.

Health Screenings

The Southcoast Wellness Van travels across the region bringing health screenings into the communities of Southeastern Massachusetts.

To schedule free screenings, call Susan Oliveira, RN, at 508-973-8740 or email oliveiras@southcoast.org.

- **Fri., 2/19, 1-3 p.m., Tripp Towers,** 12 Ruth St., New Bedford. Health Screenings
- **Thurs., 2/25, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Presidential Heights,** Community Room Filmore St., Health Screenings and Teen Program.

Visit www.southcoast.org/van/

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Firefighters Ball

The Firemen's Ball will be held on **Sat., 2/20, at the Century House, 107 South Main St., Acushnet.**

This event will benefit a Public Safety Scholarship. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. (cash bar) followed by dinner at 7 p.m. **This is a black tie event.** Class A uniforms for firefighters and formal attire requested for non-uniformed attendees.

Tickets are \$50.00 per person or \$80.00 per couple. Tickets can be purchased at Mike and Wayne's Uniforms, Dorothy Cox Chocolates or by calling David Wilson 774-930-5183 or Heidi Winnett 774-263-6872.

Dancing and a silent auction will follow dinner. Please support The Firemen's Ball and join in the fun to fundraise for a good cause to benefit the newly established Public Safety Scholarship.

Bird Club Meeting

The Nasketucket Bird Club will be presenting a program about "Bird Attracting: Covering all the Basics." Bill Gill, lifelong birder and proprietor of Blisscapes Landscape Design & Nursery in South Dartmouth, will talk about what to plant to attract birds to your yard. Design of your gardens and water features and your choice of shrubs, trees and flowers affect which birds you will see in the warm weather and will also enhance helping the birds through the winter.

The event will be held at **7 p.m. on Thurs., 2/25 at the Mattapoissett Public Library, 7 Barstow St.** Free and open to the public.

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

Saltwater Fish Show

The Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association presents the 13th New England **Saltwater Fishing Show, Fri.-Sun., 2/26-28**, the largest saltwater fishing show in the northeast, at the **RI Convention Center, One Sabin St., Providence.**

Features tackle, rods, reels, electronics, charter guides, boats, motors, kayaks, coolers, clothing and much more. Free non-stop seminars in four seminar areas; 60 seminars with an all-star lineup of regional

talent that will keep any fishing enthusiast busy for many hours. Meet the star of the show, "Wicked Tuna" Capt. Dave Carraro and mate Capt. Sandro Maniaci of tuna.com.

For schedule, exhibitor info, etc., visit www.nesaltwatershow.com/

Improv Workshop

Buzzards Play Productions continues its on-going Improvisational Workshop **Feb. 23 & Mar. 22.**

Participants will be given a phrase or situation to act out and go where their imagination takes them, also features theatre games, movement, breathing exercises and songs. Facilitated by Deanna Lohnes in the theatre at **3065 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham, from 7:30-9 p.m.** Join for as many (or as few) nights as you'd like. **All sessions free.** No pressure, no commitment.

Both inexperienced people and experienced actors/comedians are welcome. The inexperienced bring a freshness to the sessions and the experience bring tried and true ideas. All can learn new skills and develop old ones.

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For more information please e-mail Ms. Lohnes at DLX2976@me.com.

Kids Theatre Class

Ocean State Theatre Company is proud to announce the addition of theatre classes for students ages 9-14. The winter session, which **begins February 22**, will include classes focused on musical theatre, improvisation and acting.

Four classes will be offered during the winter session including Musical Theatre, Improvisation, Acting/Exploring Character Development, Acting/Making a Scene.

Classes will be held at OSTC's Education Annex located at One Echo Drive in Warwick, RI (adjacent to the theatre) from February 22 - April 14. The cost for each eight week session is \$225.00. Spots for all classes will be filled on a first come/first served basis. Space is limited.

For more information, including instructor bios, please visit www.oceanstatetheatre.org/for-

kids/classes/. To register, call or email OSTC's Director of Educational Programming & Community Outreach, Jason Loete at 401-921-1777 x118 or Jason.Loete@ostcri.org.

Water for Flint

During this the Year of Mercy LaSalette Shrine will have "An Island of Mercy" where we will be highlighting different corporal works of mercy. Each month you will be invited to participate in one work of mercy. This month we are focusing on "Give drink to the thirsty."

We've all been horrified by what is happening in Flint, Michigan and their water supply. Children have been poisoned.

We wish to help them; we have contacted Catholic Charities in Flint, and we will send all monetary donations to buy water for people through them. They ask that we not send water because it would have to be shipped. They would prefer we give the money and use the money we would use to send it to buy more water.

You'll see a Water Jug in the foyer at the Island of Mercy. If you wish to help, put some money in the jug. Paper money is welcome! "Give Drink to the Thirsty"

National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, 947 Park St., Attleboro, MA 02703; 508-222-5410

Comedy Dinner F-R

The Showstoppers community-service singing troupe has rescheduled its annual **Adult Comedy Night Fundraiser at Salerno's Seaside Function Hall located at 196 Onset Ave. in Onset Village on Fri., 2/26.** Doors will open at 6:00 for cocktails and crudites. The original date was cancelled due to storm conditions.

Tickets are \$30 and include an Italian dinner buffet and comedy show featuring 2 comedians. Also available will be a Chinese auction, raffle, and cash bar. A limited number of tickets remain available for the rescheduled event which sells out annually.

Showstoppers Performing Arts, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. For more information or for tickets, email info@showstoppers.us or call 508-758-4525.

Recipe of the Week

Seafood Lasagna

- 1 lb. cream cheese
- 3 scallions, trimmed and chopped
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2 teaspoons Creole seasoning
- 2 sweet red peppers, cored, seeded and finely diced
- 2 10-oz. boxes frozen chopped broccoli, thawed & squeezed dry
- 3/4 lb. crabmeat, shredded
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 1 1-lb. jar alfredo pasta sauce
- 12 no-boil lasagna noodles
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Heat oven to 350°. Coat 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking dish with nonstick spray. Stir cream cheese, scallions, milk and seasoning in bowl until smooth. Stir in peppers, reserving 1/2 cup, and broccoli, reserving 1 cup. Add crabmeat, 1 egg, salt and pepper. Whisk remaining egg into alfredo sauce.

Spread 1/3 cup alfredo sauce into baking dish. Top with 3 noodles, one-third of the crab mixture and one-fourth of alfredo sauce. Repeat layering twice. Top with 3 noodles; sprinkle with reserved red peppers and broccoli. Pour on remaining alfredo sauce. Sprinkle with Parmesan.

Bake, covered, at 350° for 30 minutes. Uncover; bake an additional 20 to 25 minutes, until browned and bubbly. Let stand 10 minutes.

From www.recipe.com

From our readers

Planning for annual Serve-A-Thon is underway

Improving our effort to help fund and support the Salvation Army and Mobile Loaves & Fishes, ministries in the Greater New Bedford area, is our goal for 2016.

Last year we conducted a Serve-A-Thon that generated \$27,929.99. Interestingly, there were no overhead costs, and all monies raised went directly to the two ministries.

In a brief review of our past Serve-A-Thon: A number of individuals and businesses sponsored people to serve at locations in the Greater New Bedford area. A veteran field was beautified in Fairhaven, a senior center recreation hall was freshly painted as the Mayor's Project in New Bedford, clothes and toys were sorted at Gifts to Give in Acushnet, crops were harvested at the YMCA farm in Dartmouth, and the grounds of the Salvation Army and a north end church facility were cleaned and renewed in New Bedford.

Other outstanding individual efforts like teaching a writing class, detailing the Mobile Loaves & Fishes vehicle, and doing carpentry work at a widow's home were sponsored and raised funds.

This year's Serve-A-Thon is

scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2016. A number of organizational and public orientation meetings will be held at the Salvation Army facility at 619 Purchase Street, beginning in March.

Along with several other service projects being finalized, a new and exciting component of our Serve-A-Thon effort for 2016 will be called "Our Bike Paths and Beyond."

The purpose will be to promote our Greater New Bedford area, using cycling as the sponsoring means. Participants will get others to sponsor them by the mile or by a specified amount. From a local bike path ride to a distant historic or tourist-attracting destination by safety-conscious cyclers will be the general format.

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Truck flips over on Goulart into water

By Beth David
Editor

A black Ford F250 pickup truck flipped over onto its roof and landed in about seven feet of water on Goulart Memorial Drive, trapping the driver inside at about 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 2/17.

Long time West Island resident David Cardin, 61, was taken to St. Luke's Hospital where he remained in critical condition as of press time on Wednesday.

Police and fire would not release the driver's name, but people on the scene and friends confirmed it was Mr. Cardin.

The truck went off the road and over the rocks on the north side just before Earl's Marina, landing in Jack's

Cove, where the small, private marina's mooring field is.

Police officers Scott Coelho and Alexander Kisla were first on the scene, jumped into the frigid water and pulled Mr. Cardin from the vehicle, which was about 15 feet from the road. Officer Kevin Chasse swam around to the passenger side to determine if there were any passengers.

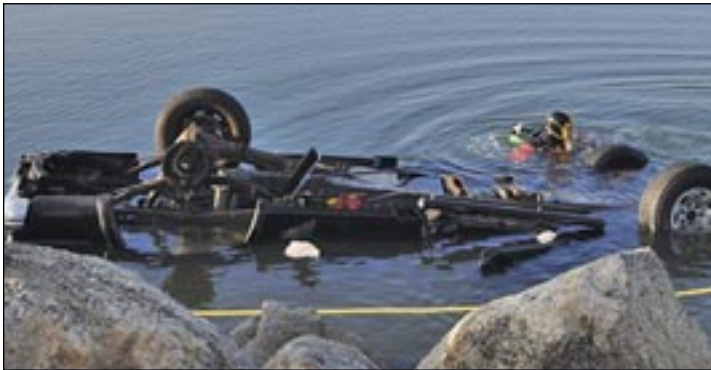
Nathan Picard, owner of Picard Tile, also jumped into the water and helped the officers bring Mr. Cardin back to the road.

Fairhaven Fire Department Deputy Chief Todd Correia had entered the water at that location and provided assistance in lifting the victim back to dry land. The victim was then lifted up to the road surface where paramedics from the Fairhaven Fire Depart-

ment began administering lifesaving treatment.

As the first round of officers were exiting the 39-degree water, Detectives Jerald Bettencourt and Scott Gordon jumped in and made

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ABOVE: Diver Tommy Johnson searches the submerged F250 Ford Pickup truck that flipped over and ended up in the water on Goulart Memorial Drive in Fairhaven on Wednesday. The 61-year-old driver, David Cardin, is in critical condition at St. Luke's Hospital. TOP RIGHT: Mr. Cardin's truck is hauled out of the water by Big Wheels Towing. RIGHT: Personal items, including a hard hat and a snow shovel, were pulled from the cove. Photos by Beth David.



Clean snow and ice off your vehicles, it's not just trucks



Marianne Brodo of Fairhaven was driving on 195 last week when a piece of ice flew off a vehicle and hit her windshield. It was not a big truck, she said, it was just a regular passenger vehicle. LEFT: What it looks like from the outside. RIGHT: What it looks like from the inside. Ms. Brodo was in the left lane and had her two small children in the car with her. She had to make it to the right lane and then had to drive home. She is lucky the windshield held out and that she had the wherewithal to keep her wits about her and keep control of the car. No one was hurt. Please, drivers, clean the snow off your car. It can be deadly if you don't. Photos submitted.

Boat aground on West Island abandoned

By Beth David
Editor

A boat that appears to have been purposely abandoned ran aground on West Island last week.

Fairhaven Harbormaster Timothy Cox said that he believed he had tracked down the owner and spoke to him once, but now he is having difficulty getting in touch with the Dartmouth man.

To complicate matters, the anchor Mr. Cox used to secure the boat has been stolen, and the boat has been vandalized.

The "Second Wind," previously homeported in Riverside, RI, was tossed up on the shore during the big winds, storms and extra-high tides last week. It was first noticed on Wednesday, 2/10.

Mr. Cox did some detective work and tracked down the most recent history of the boat. It had been donated to a charity that auctioned it off. The person who bought it decided it needed too much work, so he abandoned it on a mooring in Falmouth, owned by the former owners of the boat, the RI couple that gave it to the charity.

The charity managed to get a new title for the boat and sold it to a different person, a man who lives in Dartmouth.

"Last Saturday the boat left Falmouth around noon time and as far as it got was around West Island," said Mr. Cox, declining to speculate on how it only got part way to

Dartmouth.

There are few moorings between Falmouth and Dartmouth in a position for a boat to end up on West Island.

He said the new owner told him that he was motorsailing and had engine trouble, but it was unclear how the boat ended up adrift.

"I talked to him once," said Mr. Cox. "He said it was not really his, that he was moving it for someone else."

Although the boat is in Fairhaven, the east side of the island is actually state land, owned by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Mr. Cox contacted the Environmental Police and DCR. Both agencies are assisting in removing the boat.

"EPOs are the one to resolve this and to get this person to move the boat," said Carl Pastore of DCR. "They're the enforcement authority to work with the Harbormaster to try to get the owner to remove it."

He said Mr. Cox had done a great job of tracking down the owner so that someone can be held accountable for the costs of removing the boat. He said a ranger did go to look at the boat and get a status, but it is the EPOs who will handle getting it removed, not DCR.

"You do have to hunt this guy down," he said, meaning the owner.

The Environmental Police did not have any information on the



ABOVE AND BELOW: The sail boat Second Wind washed up on the east side of West Island last week and officials are having difficulty getting someone to take responsibility for the boat. Photos courtesy of Kim Hyland.

progress of the situation by press time. Katie Gronendyke, press secretary for the EP said in an email that the EP was still "gathering information," and had no comment in time for this week's issue.

Meanwhile, the weather is still fierce and the boat could break up or float away if the tide gets high enough.

"You can't just abandon a boat," said Mr. Cox. "It's against the law to do that."

The boat is a 25-foot O'Day, "a pretty decent boat," said Mr. Cox.

He said it will be quite the project to move it. There is no way to get a trailer to it by land, and it will require a tugboat by water. Then it will have to be hauled out of the water to be stored.

"I don't have the money to pull this off," said Mr. Cox, adding he already lost a \$200 anchor. "I don't want to leave it there."

If it stays, he said, it will break up eventually and cause pollution to East Cove, arguably, the closest thing to pristine we have in this area.

"It's [going to] be a mess," said Mr. Cox. "It's [going to] be a mess back there and we don't need that."



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We need eight signs to cover the roads coming into Acushnet. We need DONATIONS from our town residents and businesses to buy the signs.

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Our email address is acushagcom@gmail.com. Our next meeting will be on February 18, 7 PM at town meeting room.

Thank you for your support.

Acushnet Senior Center to host free series on heart health

Press Release

Community Nurse Presents “Healthy Living with Heart Failure, a series that offers those living with Heart Failure a chance to learn healthy strategies from healthcare professionals.

Community Nurse Home Care is a Not-For-Profit home care agency dedicated to the wellness of our Community. We are proud to announce a new upcoming wellness program offered to members of our community at no cost.

This program will focus on Heart Failure Education and will include four one-hour sessions. Each section will feature a different guest speaker who will be available for questions

after the presentation. Guest speakers will include Nurse Practitioners, Physical therapists, Dieticians and Physicians. The program will be held at the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59½ Main St. Acushnet, MA, on Thursdays from 10–11:30 a.m. beginning on March 10

March 10: Erin Van der Veer, N.P. and Lisa Russell, R. N. from Community Nurse will discuss the Course of heart failure and how lifestyle, medication and monitoring at home can influence your condition.

March 17: Barbara Canuel, R.D., Community Nurse, is a registered dietician. She will discuss Nutrition concerns and make recipe suggestions

March 24: Maria Pine, PTA, Community Nurse, is a physical therapy assistant. She will discuss exercise, breathing exercises and shortness of breath

March 31: Dr. Michael Rocha M.D. is a cardiologist at Hawthorn Medical Associates and director of Heart Failure Services at St. Luke’s Hospital. He will discuss sensible, down-to-earth strategies for health and wellness.

The series is complimentary, but registration is required. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information or to register, please call Community Nurse at 508-992-6278.

Cold weather safety tips for propane users

Press release from Gas Association of New England

Homes and business that use propane to generate heat or run appliances should make sure to take the following steps to keep everyone safe and warm:

- Check your chimneys, flue pipes, vent connectors, and propane tank for damage, blockage, or debris caused by snow or ice. Use a broom rather than a shovel, and clear these areas frequently. This will help reduce the possibility of carbon monoxide poisoning due to blocked or damaged chimneys, flues, and vents.
- Use extreme caution when operating portable generators. Never use a portable generator (gasoline, diesel, or propane) indoors or in enclosed areas. This can result in carbon monoxide poisoning or death.
- Never use a stove for space heating and never use outdoor propane appliances indoors or in enclosed areas. Proper ventilation is

necessary for their safe operation; and carbon monoxide fumes emitted can be lethal. Only use appliances indoors that are designed and approved for indoor use.

If you smell gas

If you smell gas inside or outside of your home or business, follow these instructions:

- **No flames or sparks!** Immediately put out all smoking materials and other open flames. Do not operate or turn on or off lights, appliances, telephones or cell phones.
- **Leave the area immediately.** Get everyone out of the building or area where you suspect gas is leaking.
- **Shut off the gas.** Turn off the main gas supply valve on your propane tank, if it is safe to do so. To close the valve, turn it to the right (clockwise).
- **Report the leak.** From a neighbor’s home or other building away from the gas leak, call your propane

retailer right away. If you can’t reach your propane retailer, call 911 or your local fire department.

- **Do not return** to the building or area until your propane retailer, emergency responder, or qualified service technician determines that it is safe to do so.
 - **Get your system checked.** Before you attempt to use any of your propane appliances, your propane retailer or a qualified service technician must check your entire system to ensure that it is leak-free.
- The Propane Gas Association of New England also offers an interactive online safety module for winter preparedness at www.propanesafety.com/winterstorm-preparedness.

More safety tips are online at www.pgane.org and www.propanecomfort.com.

The Propane Gas Association of New England serves more than 700 members of the propane industry by promoting safety, education, and public awareness of the uses of propane.

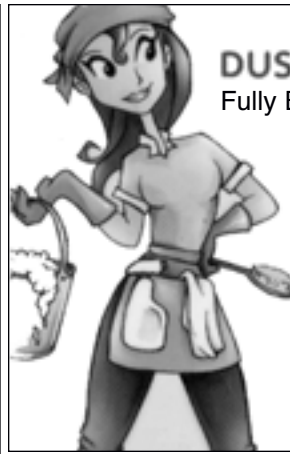


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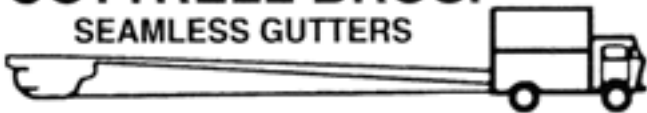
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from Louise Dupre

ORR/Fairhaven Hockey beats Apponequet 8-2



The ORR/FHVN Co-Op hockey team kept the pressure on Apponequet from the drop of the puck and left Driscoll Arena with an 8-2 victory on Saturday, February 13. With the lopsided victory, the Bulldogs continue their march to the State tournament with a 12-3-4 overall record and 9-0-1 in the South Coast Conference. ABOVE LEFT: Ryan Labonte wrists a shot on net for the Bulldogs in their 8-2 victory over Apponequet at Driscoll Arena on Saturday, February 13. ABOVE MIDDLE: Ryan Rapheal tries to contain the bouncing puck. ABOVE RIGHT: Evan Stanley moves the puck to the slot after getting Apponequet to commit to him coming in off the boards. BELOW LEFT: Ryan Raphael backhands the puck past the Apponequet goalie. BELOW MIDDLE: The Bulldogs celebrate Ryan Raphael's goal. BELOW RIGHT: Ben Pinard slides in from the point to rip a shot from the top of the faceoff circle. *Photos by Ryan Feeney.*



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Dan Freitas wins two professional awards

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven resident and Board of Public Works member Dan Freitas received a professional award from the Environmental Protection Agency on January 27.

Mr. Freitas, Chief Operator of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy Wastewater Treatment Plant received the "2015 Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator of the Year Excellence Award" by the US Environmental Protection Agency's New England regional office. Mr. Freitas was recognized for having done an outstanding job over the years in operating and maintaining the Mass. Maritime Academy's wastewater treatment facility in Buzzards Bay, Mass.

"I think it's a great honor," said Mr. Freitas.

The EPA Regional Wastewater Awards Program recognizes personnel in the wastewater field who have provided invaluable public service managing and operating wastewater treatment facilities throughout New England. The Massachusetts Depart-

ment of Environmental Protection was instrumental in Mr. Freitas's nomination.

"The professionals operating these wastewater treatment plants, as well as the municipalities and the state environmental agencies that support them, are essential to keeping our environment and our communities healthy by protecting water quality," said Curt Spalding, regional administrator of EPA's New England Office. "I am proud to acknowledge Mr. Freitas's outstanding contributions to help protect public health and water quality for so many years and to give him the credit he deserves."

"This program serves to recognize and honor the employees of publicly owned wastewater treatment plants for their commitment to improving water quality with outstanding plant operations and maintenance," said Mark Spinale, Manager Municipal Assistance Unit, EPA Region 1, adding that Mr. Freitas actually won two



Mark Spinale, Manager Municipal Assistance Unit EPA Region 1 (LEFT) and EPA Regional Pretreatment Coordinator (RIGHT) present the Wastewater Operator of the Year Award to Dan Freitas (MIDDLE) of Fairhaven on January 27. Submitted photo.

awards, one to himself and one for the plant.

"The second award (which he accepted on behalf of the treatment plant) was to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy Wastewater Treatment Plant for being a well-run plant during 2015," wrote Mr. Spinale in an email. "Both of these nominations were submitted to EPA by the

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Candidate field set for April 4 election; three contested races

By Beth David

Editor

The papers are in, the field is set, and it looks like Fairhaven has three real races in the April 4 election.

Four people are vying for one seat on the Selectboard, including incumbent Geoffrey Haworth. Bernard Roderick, who was up for re-election for his seat on the School Committee decided to forgo that race and opted to run for Selectboard instead. Daniel Freitas, a member of the Board of Public Works, and Pattie Pacella, who works as a temporary secretary in the planning office on the Community Development Block Grant, are also running for Selectboard.

The School Committee race, with two seats up for election, including the one vacated by Mr. Roderick, has three contenders. Incumbent Stasia Powers is running for re-election and two newcomers, Michael McNamara and Tatiana Andrade, also returned papers.

The Fairhaven Housing Authority will see three people vying for one, unexpired term that became vacant when Paul Days, who was elected last year, resigned.

Thomas Arsenault, who lives in one of the FHA properties, is running for the seat. John K. Farrell, Jr., who is a member of the Planning Board is also running for the seat. An old name in Fairhaven politics, Michelle Merolla, also resurfaced, with Mr. Merolla returning papers for the FHA.

...there will be a total 90 blank spots on the ballots throughout town for TM members.

Mr. Merolla is a former School Committee member, having served in the late 1990s and early 2000s. Ms. Andrade, who is running for School Committee, listed the same address as Mr. Merolla on filing papers.

The resignation of Kaisa Cripps from the Planning Board has resulted in an unexpired term on the ballot for that seat. Cathy Melanson, owner of Emma Jean's and EJs is the only one

who will be on the ballot for that seat. Ms. Melanson has had public and prolonged clashes with the PB over various aspects of building and renovating for her two businesses, but mostly over parking.

Most of the fields are uncontested.

Peter DeTerra will run unopposed for re-election to his seat on the Board of Health.

Jeffrey Lucas and Ann Richard will run for their seats on the Planning Board unopposed.

Town Clerk Eileen Lowney, Board of Public Works member Michael Ristuccia, and Commissioner of Trust Funds Barbara Acksen will all be unopposed on the ballot

Town Meeting members will also be voted in on April 4. According to town clerk Eileen Lowney, there will be a total 90 blank spots on the ballots throughout town for TM members. Each precinct votes for TM members separately.

Precinct 1 will have 7 blanks; Precinct 2 will have 17; Precinct 3 will have 27; Precincts 4, 5, & 6, will all have 13 blank spots on the ballot for TM members. ●●●



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Mass. Department of Environmental Protection, where they noted that Dan was instrumental in recent upgrades to the plant...which helped the plant improve performance."

"I'm really happy," said Mr. Freitas. "When they first called me, I thought they were playing a trick on me."

Mr. Freitas received the awards during the annual New England Water Environment Association Conference.

officers jumped right in the water. It's Fairhaven's finest. They went right in the water."

Big Wheels Towing used a crane to lift the truck out of the water and turn it right-side up. Then a tow truck took it away.

Diver Tommy Johnson scoured the bottom to remove personal items that fell out of the truck.

Officials from the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection were also on scene to assess possible pollution. They said that part of the cove would be posted for a few days so no one would quahog there until the tide could clear away any leakage from the truck.

The Fairhaven Board of Public Works removed a light pole that was snapped off from its base by the truck before launching into the bay. All exposed wires from the severed light pole were rendered safe by Fairhaven Electrical Inspector John Cottrill.

Fairhaven Meetings

Bell Committee

Thurs., 2/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Cable Advisory Comm.

Thurs., 2/18, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 2/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 2/18, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 2/25, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Green/Sustainability Comm

Wed., 2/24, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

At Board of Health Mtg

Marine Resources Comm.

Tues., 2/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 2/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 2/24, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Fri., 2/26, Town Hall, noon

Mon., 2/29, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Agricultural Commission

Thurs., 2/18, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 2/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 2/10, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Council on Aging

Mon., 2/22, Senior Ctr., 10 a.m.

Library Trustees

Tues., 2/9, 232 Middle Rd., 3:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Thurs., 2/18, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Thurs., 2/18, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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Monday	22	0727	1950	0213	1442*
Tuesday	23	0808	2031	0222	1428
Wednesday	24	0849	2111	0214	1428*
Thursday	25	0928	2150	0240	1454*
Friday	26	1008	2231	0311	1524*

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Students can use common application for scholarships

Press Release

The Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts has launched a new, streamlined application process for its scholarship program, through which graduating high school seniors and current college students can apply online for 28 scholarships using a “common application.”

Students can apply online for these scholarships by clicking the “Apply for a Scholarship” link on our website, www.cfsema.org. Students can save the application as a draft and return to it, and once they submit it they will receive an email confirming their submission and instructing them to log back into Application Part 2 to see what scholarships they are eligible for, based on their responses, and any additional

questions or requirements for each.

The deadline for both parts of the application is April 1.

The application platform was created for the Community Foundation by WizeHive, which is used by Foundations, universities and other organizations to automate applications for grants, scholarships and awards.

“The Community Foundation is pleased to help increase the opportunities for students in Southeastern Massachusetts to pursue a higher education, and to make the process easier along the way,” said Seth Garfield, CFSEMA Board and Scholarship Committee Chair. “With rising tuition costs, it is more and more difficult for students and their families to pay for a college education. We hope that many students throughout our region will check out

our website and apply for these scholarships.”

Improving Educational attainment in the region has been one of the four pillars of the Community Foundation’s strategic plan. The Community Foundation’s focus on education has resulted in a multi-year strategy which supports expanding early literacy programs, advocacy programs to increase educational attainment, support of STEM programs and adult education, as well as scholarships for students to pursue higher education.

The Foundation also offers 20 scholarships that do not have online applications, and whose recipients are selected by outside committees.

Visit <http://www.cfsema.org/scholarships/other-scholarship-descriptions> for descriptions and application details.

Law students win against “trademark bully”

Press Release

Suffolk University Law School students helped secure a victory for a small-business client whose use of the MonsterFishKeepers name was opposed by the Monster Beverage Corp.

The holding company for the Monster energy drink empire maintained that it owns the word “Monster,” but the U.S. Trademark Trial and Appeal Board disagreed, dismissing the company’s opposition to the name that businessman Li-Wei Chih of Silver Spring, Md., uses for his MonsterFishKeepers.com tropical aquarium website. Chih had sought to register the brand name for use on apparel.

Students from Suffolk Law’s Intellectual Property & Entrepreneurship Clinic worked on the case for more than three years under the direction of former clinic director Eve Brown. Brown and Intellectual Property Clinic students also won a trademark case against Nautica in October 2015 on behalf of another small business, Nautigirl Brands, LLC. Brown refers to both Monster and Nautica as “trademark bullies.”

Monster Energy’s claims that it owns a “family” of trademarks all using the word “Monster” was struck down by the U.S. Trademark Trial and Appeal Board ruling.

“In defeating the world’s Number One trademark bully,” the students are helping MonsterFishKeepers and hundreds of other small businesses

faced with Monster Energy’s “overreaching argument that it owns the word ‘Monster,’” said Brown.

“Monster Energy’s claim that they are so famous that they should be able to exclude anyone else from using ‘monster’ was struck down,” she said. “Monster Energy was deemed to be famous only for energy drinks, which will again negatively impact their ability to prevent others from using the word in other categories.”

The board did rule that the MonsterFishKeepers logo, which featured an M with a devil’s horns and tail, was too similar to the beverage company’s logo.

Chih’s MonsterFishKeepers forum featured a Feb 1 post saying: “I have been battling my MonsterFishKeepers trademark with Monster Energy since 2012. As of today I can say I’ve beaten the monster! Monster Energy now has a ruling against its ludicrous and overreaching argument that it owns the word ‘Monster.’ Hope this ruling will help the hundreds of other small businesses being bullied by them.”

The blog post then goes on to thank Brown and Suffolk University.

The Suffolk Law students involved in the case, some of whom have graduated, included: Carl Alexander Chiulli, ’13; Jerome Daniel Duval, ’13; Laura Lipinski, ’14; Casey Parent, ’14; Maria Jose Rivera, ’15; Emmanuel Gonzalez, ’15; Meaghen Kenney, ’16

“The future holds promising collaborations between the Law School and its alumni in the battle for access to justice for small business,” said Brown.

Triumphs spur new legal firm

Their success in these cases has led to the formation of Bricolage Law, a legal services organization comprised of several intellectual property clinic graduates and their former professors: attorney Brown and entrepreneurship consultant Paul Nagy. The new firm will represent small, independent businesses of moderate means in intellectual property and business-law related matters.

“The goal is to fill the gap between clinic-eligible clients who cannot afford any legal fees and the highly profitable large corporations that can afford biglaw,” said Brown.

“There is, unfortunately, a massive population of small-business owners in the middle who don’t qualify for pro bono help but need sophisticated, experienced legal assistance to keep them afloat,” said Brown, who currently directs an Entrepreneurship & Intellectual Property Clinic at Boston University School of Law. “Clinic alumni are uniquely and perfectly situated to offer this help, since they have all been specially trained in providing this type of counsel, have a deep understanding of both law and business.”

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FEBRUARY 2016		12 FRIDAY OPEN SESSION 7-10PM	13 SATURDAY OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM & 7-10PM
14 SUNDAY SKATING CLUB 9-10AM VALENTINE'S DAY SKATE 2-4:30PM	15 MONDAY PRESIDENTS DAY OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM	16 TUESDAY CAROUSEL KIDS 10-11:30AM COME HANG OUT WITH BUTTONS AND RABBIT! OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM	17 WEDNESDAY OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM FAMILY NIGHT JACKPOT 6-8PM
18 THURSDAY OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM	19 FRIDAY OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM TEENS FOR JEANS 7-10PM	20 SATURDAY OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM OPEN SESSION 7-10PM	21 SUNDAY SKATING CLUB 9-10AM OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM

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