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Think summer!



At least 150 people take the plunge on New Year's Day, 2020, at the annual Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge at Fort Phoenix State Beach in Fairhaven, while hundreds more cheer them on. See page 12 for story. Photo by Glenn C. Silva for the Neighb News.

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Brrr...it's cold out there. Actually, it's still above average, but these old bones are spoiled with spring weather. I guess we're getting more of that this weekend, too. So, last chance to do all that stuff you didn't do to get ready for winter (okay, I mean ME).

We have fun stuff in this week's issue to be sure. Although it was warm for the season, it was still COLD out there on New Year's Day, when at least 150 people jumped into the Atlantic. Nope...I was NOT one of them. No way, no how. I took pictures. That's good enough for me. Glenn got a great shot for our cover, too. See pages 12 and 13 for some great shots.

Glenn also managed to get out to see the new scalloper Viking Power that is definitely turning heads (see page 6). The boat is a new design, and lots of people are anxious to see how it handles on a real scallop trip.

The *Moby-Dick* marathon was this weekend. And I was able to get there for the Chapter 40 performance (see page 19). What fun! Thank you Culture*Park for a fun time.

This coming weekend, our own Alyssa Botelho will be on hand for a local screening of her film, *Junkie*. We missed her when she was filming in Fairhaven a couple of months ago, so we are very excited for the opportunity to see the film (see page 3), which will be shown in our own Town Hall auditorium. So, c'mon, My Faithful Readers, let's show some hometown love to the local kid. Let's fill up that room (it holds a LOT of people). It's supposed to be nice and warm that night and dry, too. You know you want to get out and do something different, right? This movie's not for kids, though. It's serious stuff, so keep that in mind.

There's more in here of course. You'll have to thumb through to find it all. Please note who our advertisers are and be sure to tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*. Until next week then... see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Free screening for Fairhaven native's film

Fairhaven TV presents a free public film screening featuring the SouthCoast short film *Junkie* by Fairhaven filmmaker, Alyssa Botelho, on **Fri., 1/10, at 7 p.m., Town Hall auditorium, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven.** Light refreshments, Q&A. Recommended for mature audiences.

Be among the first to see *Junkie*, a SouthCoast, Mass., film about the

struggles of drug addiction and the role of law enforcement in a community of broken people.

Hosted by Fairhaven's Cable Access Channel, Fairhaven TV, this event is free & open to the public. Light refreshments will be served courtesy of Fairhaven Village Militia and Rotary Fairhaven.

DISCLAIMER: *Junkie* is intended for

Mature Audiences only. Profanity, drugs, and smoking are included.

Runtime: 20 minutes

Q&A panel with writer/director Alyssa Botelho, director of photography Sean Campbell, wardrobe/hair/makeup artist Claudia Marie Negalha, and other crew members will follow.

For more information about *Junkie*, visit <https://igg.me/at/junkie-film>

Local immigrants to share challenges, dangers, and hopes

Three local foreign immigrants will present "Stories of Challenge/Voices of Hope: Immigrant Journeys, in their Own Words," **Wed., 1/15, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the auditorium at Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., Fairhaven.**

One of the presenters arrived in New Bedford early in 2019 from

Guatemala, where she fled in fear for the lives of her and her child. She seeks asylum in the United States. A second presenter has lived in the United States for many years but experiences ongoing separation from her husband, the father of her five children, who was deported in 2016. The final presenter recently came to

the United States as an unaccompanied minor.

The local sponsor for "Stories of Challenge/Voices of Hope" is the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven, through its South Coast Progressive Voices bimonthly speaker series. SCPV features experts

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BPW discusses recycling center hours

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 12/30, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed the winter hours for the Recycling Center, and scheduling for the Cable Access Channel.

The board first met with Raymond Arruda about his sewer system on Akin Street. BPW Superintendent Vincent Furtado explained that there is an extension fee and a development fee for adding Mr. Arruda's residence into the sewer system.

Mr. Furtado explained that Mr. Arruda would not be having the sewer extended therefore Mr. Arruda came to ask to have the extension fee waived.

Mr. Furtado said that Mr. Arruda should only have to pay the development fee because he is not extending the sewer.

The board voted unanimously to waive the sewer extension fee.

In another matter BPW member Cameron Durant asked Mr. Furtado about the upcoming park budget modifications.

Mr. Furtado said that the budget

has not been determined yet, but that they will be asking for a higher budget than they currently have.

Board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson brought up the issue of the new recycling center hours. He said residents will need a new recycling sticker after January 1st.

Mr. Furtado also explained that the new winter hours for the recycling center are half days on Wednesdays and the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

Mr. Hobson also mentioned that neighbors around Hiller Avenue and Timothy Street are concerned about a new housing development being proposed. He said neighbors have asked him why trees are being cut down and how many houses are being built. Mr. Furtado said he would find out about the situation.

Mr. Hobson also asked about the uniforms for town workers. He said he noticed a lot of workers walking around with old dirty sweatshirts.

Mr. Furtado said that the employees receive 11 shirts and pants and can opt to change out some shirts for sweatshirts or buy extra. He said the employees are responsible

for washing them, but some of the stains that happen on the job are hard to get out.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton mentioned that depending on the job an employee is doing that day they may opt to wear an already dirty or worn out uniform

that way a newer/cleaner one does not get ruined by a dirty job site.

Mr. Hobson also asked Mr. Furtado if the board could meet with the Cable Access Channel director to discuss the scheduling of BPW meetings running on Channel 18, the government access channel

Mr. Hobson explained that the BPW meetings never air at an appropriate time on TV. He said the channel plays the BPW meetings at 2 a.m.. when no one can watch them.

The only meetings that are shown between 6 and 10 p.m. are the Selectboard and the Planning board, said Mr. Hobson.

Mr. Furtado said he would contact the CAC director when he returns from vacation.

Mr. Wotton took a vote for the meeting to adjourn and to move into executive session to discuss the BPW taking over the tree department.

Mr. Hobson refused to vote to go to an executive session because he wanted to discuss the tree warden issues in open session.

Mr. Wotton informed Mr. Hobson that they cannot discuss the tree warden issues without the presence of Town Administrator Mark Rees.

Mr. Hobson said then he would just make a motion.

Mr. Hobson made a motion to add an article to town meeting suggesting that the BPW be in charge of the tree warden/tree department.

Mr. Wotton said he could not make a motion because it was not on the agenda.

Mr. Wotton made another motion to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session to discuss the tree warden for the second time. All were in a favor except Mr. Hobson.

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While immigration issues are complex and multifaceted, and reasonable people can come to quite different opinions about how to fix a broken system, UUSF bases its support for immigrants in the Seven Principles of Unitarian-Universalism (<https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/principles>), specifically, belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every person; and in justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

The presentation is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:45 PM. The venue is handicap accessible via the Center Street driveway. Refreshments will be served.

Book Group

When one reads *Ruthless River: Love and Survival by Raft on the Amazon's Relentless Madre de Dios* by Holly Fitzgerald you will be reading a harrowing saga of a raft trip down the dangerous deadly animal and fish infested river. The author and her husband on a honeymoon trip backpacking around the world were stranded in the Peruvian jungle after their plane crashed. On advice of the locals they were advised to take a raft down the river as transportation out would be months away.

The selection will be discussed at Fairhaven's **Millicent Library, 45 Center Street on Thurs., 1/16, 10 a.m.**, in the library's meeting room accessible through the Walnut Street entrance

The discussion is free and open to the public. The book is available at the library or visit www.millicentlibrary.org. Call Norma Markey at 508-993-3745.

Scholarships

The Mariner Youth Soccer Association, which has provided soccer instruction, skills clinics and both recreational and competitive soccer opportunities to children 4-18 in the communities of Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester and

Acushnet for over 25 years, is pleased to announce that it will be offering a scholarship opportunity to Mariner Youth Soccer Alumni this Spring. Criteria are at a minimum: must be a high school senior living in one of the above listed communities and must have played for Mariner Youth Soccer for a minimum of 4 years. Scholarship deadline is April 11, 2020.

Applications can be requested by emailing: marinerscholarship@gmail.com or on our website: www.marineryouthsoccer.com

Rec Fish Regs

The 2020 fishing limits for the recreational harvest of summer flounder (fluke), scup, and black sea bass in Massachusetts are listed below. These status quo regulations result from recent decisions made by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (see the ASMFC meeting summary for more details).

Summer Flounder, May 23–October 9, 5 fish, 17" minimum

Scup, Private Vessels & Shore, January 1–December 31, 30 fish (150 fish/vessel maximum), 9" minimum

Scup, For-Hire Vessels, January 1–April 30, 30 fish, 9" minimum; May 1–June 30, 50 fish; July 1–December 31, 30 fish

Black Sea Bass, May 18–September 8, 5 fish, 15" Possession limits are per person per day.

While the Commission and Council also selected new recreational possession limits for bluefish (including a 3-fish limit for anglers fishing from shore or aboard private vessels and a 5-fish limit for anglers fishing aboard for-hire vessels), states have the ability to request alternative rules that have the same conservational value. The Division of Marine Fisheries is evaluating possible options for Massachusetts anglers; final bluefish rules will be announced by this spring.

For more information, please contact the Division of Marine Fisheries at 617-626-1520 or visit our website at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.

Snow Park Ban

No vehicles shall be permitted to remain on the hydrant side of all streets in Fairhaven from December

1st to March 31st from midnight to 8:00 a.m. and also during the time of any snowfall or snow removal operations. On streets with no hydrants, NO vehicles shall be permitted to remain either on the east side of streets running north and south or on the north side of streets running east and west. Violators will be towed and/or ticketed.

Fhvn Hist Soc Scholarship

A \$1000 scholarship recognizing a graduating Fairhaven-resident high school senior planning to pursue post-secondary education at an accredited institution of higher learning will be awarded by the Fairhaven Historical Society. The scholarship honors Enrique Goytizolo's dedication to preserving the history of the Town of Fairhaven and his vital and long-time leadership role with the Fairhaven Historical Society, a 501C3 organization.

The Enrique Goytizolo Scholarship is open to any graduating high school senior whose primary residence is in Fairhaven, Mass. and plans to matriculate to an accredited institution of higher learning in the fall of 2020. **Deadline for scholarship applications is January 31, 2020.**

To obtain an application form students can email historical_society_fairhaven@gmail.com. In addition to the application, students must submit an essay of no more than 400 words focusing on Fairhaven, what the town means to the applicant, and how that has impacted the applicant's interest in future studies. Three references as specified on the application are also required.

Applications and essays must be submitted via email to historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com. The scholarship award recipient will be notified via email on or before April 1, 2019.

A minimum of three hours of volunteer time at the Fairhaven Historical Society Museum or Fairhaven Historical Society events/activities within one year of scholarship award notification is required of each annual scholarship recipient.

For more information or a scholarship application contact historical_society_fairhaven@gmail.com.

Harbor's newest fishing boat is turning heads

By Beth David
Editor

The newest addition to New Bedford Harbor's scallop fishing fleet, "Viking Power," arrived in the city on Friday, 12/20/19, after traveling for 7 1/2 days from Alabama, where it was built.

The innovative bow shape is designed to cut through water with ease to give the crew a smoother ride and more stable work area.

Powered by its main engine, a Mitsubishi 1100HP, and twin John

Deer 150Kw engines, the vessel holds 27,000 gallons of fuel and burns through about 700 gallons each day.

It can hold about 80,000 pounds of scallops, which, according to the crew is a near-impossible feat, but... just in case, right?

At 110 feet long by 30 feet wide, the boat hit 14.5 knots in the Gulf Stream, according to Capt. Martin Harris.

"But she cruises a comfy 11 knots," he said.

The boat includes many features that are different and designed to

streamline the work process and keep the fishing crew safer as they work.

Commissioned and owned by Lars Vinjerud, owner of Fleet Fisheries, the new addition was docked at Fish Island Bridge Terminal and open for viewing by the public on 12/21/19.

The boat should start fishing to earn its keep later this month.

According to news reports, Mr. Vinjerud said he did not have the final price, but believes it will be in the \$5 million range, about 40% more than a typical scalloper



ABOVE LEFT: In this view of the Viking Power, New Bedford's newest scallop boat, the innovative design of the bow is evident as it sits at the dock on 12/21/19 after arriving in port the day before. ABOVE RIGHT: The helm showcases all the latest technology on 12/21/19 when it was open to the public after arriving in port the day before. BELOW LEFT: The Viking Power has an innovative design all around, as seen in this view from the stern. BELOW RIGHT: The engine room is still clean and shiny. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva for the Neighbor News.*



Fairhaven Sustainability Committee unveils new logo



Press Release

The Fairhaven Sustainability Committee is pleased to share our new logo, designed by local residents Caitlyn Foster and Lauren Crowley and in collaboration with Christine Neville's graphic design class at Fairhaven High School. The logo will now be used by the Sustainability Committee to promote various events and projects that support sustainable living in our town.

Now that Fairhaven has been design-

ated a Green Community by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Town is eligible for new sources of funding and grant monies. Recent funding provided new lights at the Council on Aging and Recreation Center, which have been replaced and are now exclusively LED. LED lights are up to 80 percent more efficient than traditional lighting, and this project will reduce the carbon dioxide emissions of these buildings by 67.2 tons annually — that's the same amount of emissions as 10.6 homes' electricity use in one year.

The recent Special Town Meeting welcomed the approval of the PILOT agreements for the rooftop solar arrays at East Fairhaven Elementary School and LeRoy L. Wood Elementary School. The project will include an educational outreach component for the respective schools' students to learn more about solar panels and their importance in practicing sustainability.

Most recently, the town received a \$12,500 grant from the MassDEP Electric Vehicle Incentive Program Fleets grant for electric charging

equipment and two (2) electric vehicles for Town use. As the grant does not cover the full cost of this project, approximately \$10,000 will be needed to fund it in completion. Our sustainability coordinator, Whitney McClees, is actively working to secure this remaining amount.

We are pleased that these new incentives and programs are available to the Town, and as a Green Community we look forward to additional opportunities in years to come.

For any questions please contact Whitney McClees at sustainability@fairhaven-ma.gov or 508-979-4023, ext. 128.

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YTI Production

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In the wake of Neil Simon's passing in 2018, what better way to celebrate his work than to stage one of his most uncommon gems, a dark comedy that finds the humor in life's biggest challenges. Our lead, Evy, has experienced her fair share of challenges, including a recent rehab stint, yet manages to take us on a ride of humorous proportions! Weaving through fast-paced scenes of the 1960's New York social scene, Evy must navigate her daughter's straight-laced leanings, her best friend's struggles with vanity, and the desperation of her washed up actor friend, Jimmy, who tries to find a new "off-stage" normal. Meanwhile, her ex-lover throws yet more fuel to the fire before a tragic and touching ending that keeps you laughing through life's curveballs.

Performance dates are January 9, 10, 11, 12, and 16, 17, 18, 19. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. for all performances except the 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinees. Performances are held at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse, 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church complex. Free off-street parking entrance is on County Street.

Tickets are \$18 general admission, \$13 for season subscribers, and \$15 for senior citizens, students, and military personnel. For further information call Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or send an email to info@yourtheatre.org. The theatre's web site is www.yourtheatre.org.

NBSO Pops Concert

Everyone loved our Holiday Pops concerts, so don't miss the next pops concert! By the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra: All John Williams, Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase St. New Bedford, MA 02740, Sat., 1/11, at 7:30 p.m. Yaniv Dinur, Conductor. Visit <http://zeiterion.org>

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CPA Meetings

The City of New Bedford's invites all interested community members to review the Fiscal Year 2020 Community Preservation Act (CPA) applications before the Community Preservation Committee and offer feedback at two remaining community meetings in January.

The application process began in September. Twenty-one applications seeking more than \$3.1 million in CPA funding were received by the deadline. For Fiscal Year 2020, the CPA fund has more than \$1.1 million available for eligible projects.

All meetings will be held at the Main Library in the third-floor meeting room at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting is on Thurs., 1/16, for discussion on: City Clerk Record Preservation Phase I; James Arnold Mansion Restoration; Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens Bird Coop Restoration; Car Barn Masonry & Façade Restoration; 117 Union Street; Moby Dick Building Restoration; Temple Landing II

For further information and to read the applications, please visit CPC webpage on the city website at: <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/planning/community-preservation/>, or call the CPA Coordinator at 508.979.1488 or email CPA@NewBedford-MA.gov.

At the Fishing Ctr

The following events take place at the New Bedford Fishing Heritage

Center, 35 Bethel St., New Bedford. For more info visit: <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/programs/calendar/> or call 508-993-8894.

Scanning Days & Immigration Stories

Sat., 1/1, and Sat., 2/8, 10 a.m.-noon. New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center's upcoming gallery exhibits will tell stories of immigration and cultural heritage in New Bedford and the fishing industry. We are interested in photographs, objects, or documents that tell stories of what life and work was like in your country of origin, what brought you to New Bedford, and what it was like to immigrate to this area. Bring any photographs, documents, or objects related to these topics to be scanned and documented by Fishing Heritage Center staff and volunteers. These items will help us tell a more complete story of immigration and cultural heritage in New Bedford's working waterfront.

These upcoming exhibits will be supported by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Creative Commonwealth Initiative.

To learn more visit <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/programs/community-documentation/>

Model Boat Building Demonstration

Sat., 1/11, 1:00 - 4:00PM. Model boat builder Bruce Gifford will be the Fishing Heritage Center to talk about the process of model making and to display a selection of his models. Learn about this intricate and detailed art form from an experienced maker!

Dock-U-Mentary

Fri., 1/17, 7 p.m., *Tugboat Annie Sails Again* Join us for the first Dock-u-mentary of 2020. *Tugboat Annie Sails Again!* is the story of "Tugboat" Annie Brennan, skipper on the Narcissus, and her ongoing feud with arch-rival, Captain Bullwinkle.

The screening takes place at the New Bedford Whaling National Park's Theater, 33 William Street, downtown New Bedford. The event is free and open to the public. Click here for more information.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Author Event

Spend a morning with Acushnet resident Deborah Morse-Raposa, author of *Music, Muse and Mutterings*, as she discusses her journey of sharing her story through poetry. Books will be available to purchase that day: **Fri., 1/10, 10-11 a.m., Acushnet Senior Ctr., 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet.**

Postcards

A Westport Postcard Collection presented by Peter Meggison at 2 p.m. on Sat., 1/11, Westport Public Library, 408 Old County Road

Discover the world of deltiology (the study and collection of postcards)! Deltiologist Peter Meggison will present a session on postcard collecting as a hobby. His presentation will include the history and development of postcards as a means of communication from the late 19th century, through the 20th century, and into our present century. He will share a wide array of postcard views from his vast collection including many views of Westport from the early 20th century. He will describe what deltiologists seek out for their collections.

Peter Meggison is a Professor of Computer Technology at Massasoit Community College, Brockton, and has been collecting postcards for 60 years. He is a Westport resident and he has been a member of the Rhode Island Postcard Club since 1964. Suggested donation \$5.

Woman's Club Mtg.

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club (MWC) is pleased to have Jennifer McIntire, President of the Mattapoissett Historical Society, as our guest speaker at our first meeting of 2020. Ms. McIntire will talk about Mattapoissett's rich history and the role of Mattapoissett women in the community.

Our meeting is on Thurs., 1/16, at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and concluding around 2:00 p.m. An informal luncheon is provided by our members. We welcome anyone who wishes to attend our meeting(s) and/or join our Club.

For more information, contact Christine Voss at 508-758-3348 or visit our website at mattapoissett

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Restaurateur Norma Jean Darden is author of the bestselling cookbook, *Spoonbread and Strawberry Wine: Recipes and Reminiscences of a Family*. Darden, a former model, has appeared in *Bazaar*, *Glamour*, *Mademoiselle* and *Vogue* and, as a film actress, in "The Cotton Club." Darden worked on Eddie Murphy's film "Boomerang" as a food-stylist. Her New York City catering empire has amassed a client list that includes Fortune 500 companies and celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey.

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How did New England families spend their evenings before the intrusion of texting, telephones, TVs and computers? Visitors to Old Sturbridge Village will get a rare chance find out as they tour the historic Village lit only by candles, oil lamps, lanterns, and firelight during Old Sturbridge Village's "Evening of Illumination." Guided by lantern light around the Village Common, guests visit select homes and shops to see how early New Englanders spent their evenings in the days before electricity. Visitors will be treated to music and storytelling throughout the tour, and will see Village artisans at work by candlelight.

Following the tours, visitors return to the Bullard Tavern for light refreshments, mulled cider, and a cash bar. Advance registration is recommended as this event historically sells out.

According to Old Sturbridge Village historians, early New Englanders stayed warm and productive during the fall and winter despite dwindling daylight and long hours of darkness. With light and heat coming only from candles, oil lamps, lanterns, and fireplaces, 19th-century families gathered around the fire and played music, games, or listened quietly as someone read aloud by candlelight. In contrast, today's hectic schedules rarely allow for quiet time like this in the evening, unless the power goes out in a snowstorm.

Snow Park Ban/ Acushnet

By vote of Acushnet Town Meeting, parking is restricted, as follows: in water district parking allowed opposite side of hydrants, out of water district parking allowed north side of street running east and west and parking allowed on west side of streets running north and south. Violators subject to being towed away at owner's expense. Parking restriction is from November 16, 2019 to April 15, 2020.

Recipe of the Week

Caramel Pecan Corn

In honor of National Popcorn Day:
1/19/20

- 10 cups freshly popped popcorn
- 2 cups pecans pieces
- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Preheat oven to 225 degrees. Spray 15x10 baking sheet with non-stick spray. Mix popcorn and pecans in large bowl.

Combine brown sugar, butter and corn syrup in medium saucepan. Over low heat, stir mixture until sugar dissolves. Increase heat to high and boil 5 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla extract and baking soda.

Pour over popcorn and pecans, immediately stirring gently to coat. Pour mixture onto prepared baking sheet, spreading evenly.

Bake for 1 hour in preheated oven. Cool completely. Break into pieces and store in airtight container.

From *The Popcorn Board: popcorn.org*

Student Eversource Challenge

Eversource invites Massachusetts students to demonstrate their energy efficiency knowledge by entering its seventh annual Eversource Challenge.

The competition promotes energy conservation, energy efficiency and sustainability, and is open to kindergarten to high school students in Eversource's Massachusetts electric service territory. **Deadline for registration is March 17, 2020.** All entries must be received or postmarked by March 27, 2020.

Students in grades K-8 are assigned grade-specific challenges and asked to submit entries in the form of a poster (Grades K-2), a limerick (Grade 3), an outdoor billboard (Grade 4), a narrative and an image of an energy-saving super-hero (Grade 5), a letter to parents (Grade 6), a news article (Grade 7), or public

service announcement (Grade 8).

Students competing in Grades 9-12 will create a persuasive image that advocates for an energy topic. Options include a short poem (125 words or less) or a cartoon strip (12 cells or less) that addresses energy efficiency, a renewable energy source, or environmental concern.

Eversource Challenge finalists in all categories and grade levels will be honored at a special awards ceremony in early May, and winners will receive Amazon® Gift Cards. All entries are judged on the use of accurate and scientific facts, creativity, readability, persuasiveness, originality, and appearance.

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Think summer! Warmer temps not quite warm enough?

By Beth David
Editor

This year's Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge had 150 registered plungers, and hundreds more who turned out on a relatively mild New Year's Day to watch the brave ones plunge into the chilly Atlantic at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven. The annual event is held in honor of domestic violence victims. Proceeds benefit Dollars for Scholars. Registration is free, t-shirts cost \$25.

Jordan Torres of New Bedford took the plunge in response to losing a bet. Dressed in a very elegant gown, the young man also carried a large banner that read: "I suck at Fantasy Football."

He was there, for his very first plunge, with a group of friends who decidedly did NOT plunge, because they did not come in dead last in fantasy football.

"I'm excited," said Mr. Torres, adding that it is for a good cause.

He said his banner (and outfit, no doubt), made people laugh.

"So it feels good."

Of course, that was before he actually jumped into the water. Unfortunately, the *Neighb News* was not able to catch up to him after he



Jordan Torres holds a banner reading "I suck at Fantasy Football," surrounded by his friends who did not lose, and so did not have to plunge into the cold Atlantic on 1/1/20 at the annual Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge at Fort Phoenix State Beach in Fairhaven. *Photo by Beth David.*

plunged.

Air temperature was around 39 degrees, but a stiff wind made it feel much colder. Water temperature was also 39 degrees.

Young pals Mason Demello and Jonathan Gibbs plunged, with Mr. Gibbs going in for the third time. He said he liked it because it's fun.

His father Jon said his son likes to do crazy things.

Mason said he was plunging in

honor of his cousin Mark Cormier, who was recently lost at sea aboard the F/V Leonardo in November.

Paul Motoso and Carmen Pollice said they plunged to support domestic violence victims, and they use the pictures working with veterans and especially women's programs for veterans.

Jason Rutledge plunged with a group of at least seven friends who all

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ABOVE, L-R (back row): Juan Forbes, Mike Crudup, Kara Seccareccia, Joe Forbes, Micky Seccareccia, Jerry Pilkington, Jason Rutledge; L-R (front): Margaret Pilkington, Jessica Pilkington, are all smiles after jumping in the water at the annual Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge on 1/1/20 at Fort Phoenix State Beach in Fairhaven, which had a theme of "Under the Sea" this year. RIGHT L-R: Judi Grimley, Sabrina Raposa, Joseph Raposa, Eileen Raposa, and Mary Myers (seated), pose for a picture after Judi, Sabrina and Eileen jumped into the water. *Photos by Beth David.*



PLUNGE: cont'd from previous page

seemed to point to each other as the reason why. Some have plunged for 10 years.

Carlos Fragata and Heather Frongillo plunged as Neptune (with Trident of course) and a mermaid. Mr. Frongillo, who lives in Florida, plunged for the first time this year.

"It was colder, definitely," she said, compared to Florida.

He said he wanted to plunge; she said she'd go with him.

She checked it out, saw there was a theme, "Under the Sea," and... "I was on it."

Other costumes included lobsters, Dory from "Finding Dory," and, of course, the Polar Bear himself.

According to a Facebook post by organizers, the states represented were California, Florida, Virginia, Vermont, and Massachusetts. East Camdon, England was represented by John, who took the plunge!

Massachusetts towns represented were: Acushnet, Dartmouth, E. Freetown, E. Taunton, Fairhaven, Fall River,

Freetown, Hopedale, Lakeville, Lexington, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, North Dartmouth, Plainfield, Plymouth, Pocasset, Raynham, Rochester, Rockland, Seekonk, Somerset, Springfield, Swansea, Taunton, Walpole, Wareham, Westport,

Youngest participant was 7 and the

most senior participant was 68.

"A special shoutout to our registration crew: Helen Devo, Sue Jesus, Nancy Zuber, Kathy Knutsen, Carol Morton, Sarah Days-Merrill, Flo Days, and Stephen Days-Merrill. Thank you!" reads the post.



LEFT, L-R: Mason Demello and Jonathan Gibbs are all smiles before they jump into the water at the annual Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge on 1/1/20 at Fort Phoenix State Beach in Fairhaven. RIGHT, L-R: Carlos Fragata as Neptune, and Heather Frongillo as a mermaid, are all smiles after jumping in the water. *Photos by Beth David.*



ABOVE: At least 150 people take the plunge on New Year's Day, 2020, at the annual Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge at Fort Phoenix State Beach in Fairhaven, while hundreds more cheer them on. ABOVE RIGHT: Two young women show that they did in fact did keep going at the plunge, which had a theme of "Under the Sea" this year. BELOW RIGHT: Mark Hurley from Fairhaven in the "Very Customized Hello Kitty Pirate hat" and Lena Almeida from Fairhaven are dressed for the plunge. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva for the Neighb News.*

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Acushnet schedules PJ Keating public hearing

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard had their first meeting of the new year on January 7, 2020 when they heard from Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher who recommended scheduling a public hearing regarding the P.J. Keating project.

Chief Gallagher told the board the public hearing would be to discuss PJ Keating's land use license. He said the State Fire Marshall was still reviewing the the project in accordance with the project, and it would ultimately be back in front of the Selectboard to issue the land use license.

The company is proposing two 20,000 gallon tanks and one 30,000 gallon tank with combustible liquid to be moved to the southeast corner front lot on South Main Street. He said the newly erected silos in the front portion of the land would hold the solid asphalt.

State law allows the Selectboard to hold a public hearing with the company to hear from neighbors and answer questions. The board is being asked to issue the land use license.

Chief Gallagher said there is most definitely a process, but the Select-

board had a right to condition the license, and one of the conditions could be to put a nuisance abatement plan in place and make sure any conditions that the company agrees to are enforced.

Chief Gallagher stated that he has been working closely with Board of Health Agent Joe Correia regarding a part-time position of a board of health agent that would be the "boots on the ground" to enforce any conditions once the license is issued, and asked for the Selectboard's support to create that position.

Selectboard Chairperson Roger Cabral said he wanted the public notified and to be able to speak about their concerns at the public hearing.

Mr. Correia said the Soil Board Committee receives and reviews the application, but it is up to the Selectboard to issue the license or not.

Residents who attended the meeting asked why the silos were being moved closer to South Main Street to begin with.

Mr. Gallagher stated that they wanted to increase the quarry portion of the property.

The residents complained of dust

everywhere, not being able to open windows in the summer and were deeply concerned of what will happen in their neighborhoods if the project moves forward.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar encouraged all residents to come out in force to complain about their neighborhood so that P.J. Keating understands their frustrations.

The Selectboard agreed to February 11, for the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m., at the Council of Aging building. Chief Gallagher stated they would use reverse 9-1-1 to call residents informing them of the meeting; and would also put the information on the Town website.

In other business, the Selectboard heard from Edward Issac of the Golf Committee to review a wage classification for the second assistant superintendent. He said the Golf Committee had a rough time in the past year finding someone to fill the position at \$15.00/hour. In reviewing the wage classification schedule, they found they would be underpaying someone, therefore they increased it to a Step 5 at \$17.00 per hour and

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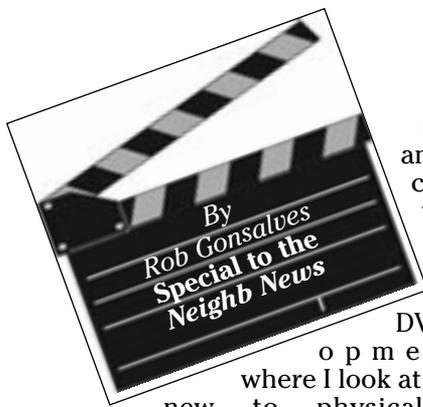


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DVDdevelopments



Howdy and welcome to installment #2 of

DVDdevelopments,

where I look at what's new to physical and streaming home media in January and give you the best options. This month's packed, so let's get to it.

BATMAN VS. THE JOKER

The big dog in January is likely to be the controversial but mega-popular *Joker* (January 7), whose star Joaquin Phoenix has had Oscar buzz attached to him for months. In the creative synchronicity department, someone at A24 had the amusing idea of releasing their indie thriller *The Lighthouse* on the same day; the movie co-stars Robert Pattinson, who will soon be the next screen Batman. Fun double feature here, no?

Other comics-related discs this month: *Krypton: The Complete Series* (January 14); *The Addams Family* (January 21).

HOLA, PEDRO

One of the giants on the world stage of film is Pedro Almodóvar. The one-time enfant terrible of post-Franco Spain (I guess that would be niño terrible?) is now 70, and his latest, *Pain and Glory* starring his old friend Antonio Banderas, hits stores January 21. That's one of two foreign-language films you'll likely hear a lot about as the Oscars approach; the other is Bong Joon-ho's wildly acclaimed *Parasite*, which comes out

on disc a week later. When Oscar nominations are announced on January 13th, you'll be able to see two probable nominees for yourself.

THEY'RE BAAACK

Way back there in 2001, Kevin Smith swore up and down that his popular characters Jay and Silent Bob (played by Jason Mewes and himself) would be retired after *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back*. It didn't stick (the duo were back just five years later in *Clerks II*, and have never really gone away since. Now Smith comes to the table with *Jay and Silent Bob Reboot*, which he describes in relation to the 2001 film as "literally the same [expletive] movie all over again." It lands on January 21. Jay and Silent Bob will never die.

UPHOLDING THE LAWLESS

Between her *Xena* residuals and being married to one of the more successful producers (Rob Tapert), Lucy Lawless is probably set for life. But she hasn't slowed down much, and her latest project is an Aussie mystery series, *My Life Is Murder*, in which she plays a private eye described as "not your average cop." What that means, you'll find out on January 27, when the show's first ten episodes hit DVD.

Other notable TV in January: *Big Little Lies* season 2 (Jan. 7), *Veep* season 7 (Jan. 20), *Ballers* season 5 (Jan. 27).

ROB RECOMMENDS

A couple of releases this month are goodies I personally can vouch for. *Chained for Life* (January 7) tells the story of a not-quite-romance that develops between an insecure actress

(Jess Weixler) and a disabled man (Adam Pearson) working on a movie. It's one of the rare non-pitying takes on disability. On the same day, there's *Paradise Hills*, a feminist piece of eye candy starring Emma Roberts as a young woman sent to a lush island for troublesome girls. Both are worth your time, and *Paradise Hills* is doubly shiny on Blu-ray (the Millicent Library will stock it).

DREAM A LITTLE STREAM

January is traditionally a slow month, but new stuff continues to pop up on the various streaming services. For instance, HBO will offer a series based on Stephen King's novel *The Outsider* on January 12, as well as the sci-fi/comedy show *Avenue 5*, starring Hugh Laurie, on the 19th; *Curb Your Enthusiasm* fans will embrace the show's return on January 19 for its first new episodes in over two years. (It's not the longest time spent between seasons, though — six years passed between seasons 8 and 9.) Netflix welcomes back *Chilling Adventures of Sabrina* on January 24 and introduces *A.J. and the Queen*, starring RuPaul, on the 10th. Hulu drops season 2 of *Shrill*, based on the memoir by Lindy West, on January 24.

NEXT MONTH

Is February the new Halloween? Find out why I ask in the next column, which will be heavy on horror movies but also previewing fun stuff like *The Oscar* and *Fleabag*. Until then, stay warm.

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By Beth David
Editor

The last two remaining Fairhaven casualties of the Vietnam War finally received a long-lasting symbol recognizing their sacrifice, 50 years later.

On 12/4/19, town and state officials, friends and family of Staff Sergeant Donald Roger Desmarais and SPC-4 Henry Anthony Chevalier, who were both killed in Vietnam in 1969, gathered at the overpass of I-195 on River Avenue in Fairhaven for the dedication of the bridge to the two men. The westbound side is named after Mr. Chevalier; the eastbound side is named after Mr. Desmarais.

At the ceremony, MassDOT State Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver told the crowd that naming a bridge in Massachusetts is not an easy process. He said bridges hold a lot of special meaning to communities. They connect neighborhoods and people. They are a meaningful part of the community, more than just the utility they serve.

Naming them is reserved for only the best people in the commonwealth, he said. It is an honor that will stand the

test of time.

"We want them to be remembered forever," said Mr. Gulliver. "And this bridge will forever bear their names. And everyone who drives by these bridges and sees those markers are going to know that they are named for people who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country."

Cathy Melanson said she has been working on the dedication since 2012 when the Vietnam Moving Wall came to Fairhaven.

She was 10 years old when the news came that Mr. Desmarais, a neighbor, had been killed. The kids were out playing in the yard, the family was called in.

"And then they were all crying," said Ms. Melanson. "And that was the day I knew what war was because it came very close to me."

Ms. Melanson told the crowd she was "overwhelmed" that they were all there. It has been 50 years, she said, time marches on. She told the crowd that we hear on news reports about service members being killed in the line of duty.

"Those people are dying for all of us here, for our freedom," said Ms.

Melanson. "And to have this bridge named after Henry and Donald is just a small, and I mean very small, token of our appreciation for their giving their lives for our freedom."

State Rep. Bill Straus and Fairhaven Town Administrator Mark Rees also spoke at the dedication.

The event is available for viewing on the town's cable access page at: <https://www.fairhaventv.com/single-post/2019/12/04/Fairhaven-I-195-Bridge-Dedication>

Mr. Chevalier was laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery in Fairhaven. Mr. Desmarais was interred at Rural Cemetery in New Bedford in the veterans section.

For more information about Mr. Chevalier visit <https://www.virtualwall.org/dc/ChevalierHA01a.htm>; for more information about Mr. Desmarais, visit <https://www.virtualwall.org/dd/DesmaraisDR01a.htm>

For information about Fairhaven Veterans or benefits you may be entitled to, contact Fairhaven Veterans Services Officer Brad Fish at 508-979-4023 ext 114.



LEFT: After a ceremony on 12/4/19, officials, friends, and family pose with replicas of the sign that now officially dedicates the eastbound side of the I-195 bridge on River Avenue in Fairhaven to Staff Sgt. Donald Roger Desmarais, who was killed in Vietnam; the westbound side was also dedicated to SPC-4 Henry Anthony Chevalier. RIGHT: Fairhaven and state officials stand in for family with a replica of the sign recognizing SPC-4 Henry Anthony Chevalier. Photos by Glenn C. Silva for the Neighb News.

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Moby-Dick Marathon draws readers, listeners from near & far

By Beth David
Editor

Readers and listeners from near and far converge upon the New Bedford Whaling Museum for the 2020 *Moby-Dick* Marathon this weekend. Opening night was Friday, with a meal and presentations, but the main event was the annual reading of Herman Melville's beloved tale about the white whale and an obsessed Captain Ahab.

Most of the readings took place at the museum, but Father Mapple's sermon took place at the Seamen's Bethel, where the podium replicates the bow of a ship, just like the 1956 movie starring Gregory Peck.

At about 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Culture*Park Theatre performed Chapter 40, "Midnight on the Forecastle," in the Cook Memorial Theatre of the museum.

The show included singing, dancing, and lyrics like: "Until we sight Gayhead off old Martha's Vineyard, And straight up the channel to New Bedford we'll go," sung with the gusto of a whaler.

Up in the Harbor View Gallery, Zack Atkinson from Syracuse, NY, and his friend Steve Peters, followed along to chapter 36 at about 7 p.m.

Mr. Atkinson said it was his first time participating in the marathon.

Mr. Peters said he attended an author event and she talked about the marathon, so he looked into it.

"I always wanted to read it," said Mr. Peters. "So I started now."

Michael Obel-Omia from Barrington, RI, said he has been reading in the marathon since 2011, even though he had a stroke in 2016, including aphasia (difficulty forming language).

Happy Readers



Michael Obel-Omia (middle), and a group of "Happy Readers" pose for a picture with the local free sheet at the 2020 *Moby-Dick* Marathon at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, with the skeletons of whales in the Jacobs Family Gallery in the background, on Saturday, 1/4/20. Photo by Beth David.

He and a group of friends, "happy readers," stopped on the stairs to grab a photo with the whale bones of the Jacobs Family Gallery in the background.

To learn more about the museum and the annual marathon, visit <https://www.whalingmuseum.org>



ABOVE LEFT: Zack Atkinson reads along on his phone in the Harbor View Room of the New Bedford Whaling Museum during the 2020 *Moby-Dick* Marathon on Saturday, 1/4/20. ABOVE RIGHT: The actors of Culture*Park Theatre sing a sea shanty in Chapter 40, "Midnight on the Forecastle," in the Cook Memorial Theater. BELOW LEFT & RIGHT: Culture*Park actors act out two scenes, including a fight scene (right) from Chapter 40. Photos by Beth David.



From our readers

Pantry says “thank you” to all who contributed

This letter of thanks goes out to all the generous people who contributed money and/or non-perishable food to the 16th annual Shepherd's Pantry holiday fundraiser. With a monthly expenditure of over \$7,000.00 used to purchase food that is either running low or out of completely, monetary donations are necessary to keep the pantry running smoothly. Blanche Pepin, the pantry's administrator, and all of the hard working and dedicated volunteers, handed out thousands of food items to over 6,000 families during this past year. Broken down, that's over 16,000 individuals helped; with 33% of this total going to children and an average of over 95 families that come looking for help each Saturday between the hours of 9 and 11 AM.

A BIG thank you for this year's success goes to the much needed and appreciated newspaper articles from *The Standard-Times*, *The Fairhaven/Acushnet Advocate* and the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News*. Also, a BIG thank you to some of the area's businesses, churches, schools and non-profit groups and organizations that have donated their time and money towards our yearly venture. I'd also like to acknowledge the donors who have visited our web site: shepherdsparntry.org and felt inspired to help our cause.

Another big contributor this year was both The Greater New Bedford Track Club, and Union Running from Fairhaven for their hard work of promoting and running our annual Turkey Trot road race. This annual Thanksgiving morning event brought in over 700 registered runners. After expenses, \$15,600.00 and over 3,000 lbs. of food were donated to help out the Shepherd's Pantry. I also want to thank all of the many sponsors who made this road race exceptional.

Another notable contributors were Fairhaven Stop & Shop Manager Blair Cote, and Asst. Manager Tom Rodrigues, who made sure that the pantry received one thousand \$10.00 boxes of donated non-perishable food, which is a new record, that was purchased by their generous customers. Also, a big thank you to the friendly bakery workers, at this same store, who hand me outdated bread and pastries each Friday to be given out the next morning to the needy who frequent the pantry.

Also, I need to thank Skip's Marine Inc. and its scheduler/coordinator, Steve Xavier, who donate their time and much needed truck to transport the food that is delivered to the pantry throughout the year. And also the Long Plain United Methodist Church, located at 1215 Main St. Acushnet, for housing the Shepherd's Pantry. Without the church, we would not have a home.

And finally, the food bins located at the Millicent Library, and Stop & Shop Supermarket, both located in Fairhaven, the Acushnet Library and the area's 7 Churches where generous people have dropped off thousands of pounds of non-perishable food this past year, will continue. If you have any questions about the pantry or need help, please call 508-763-9289.

Gerry Payette, Holiday fund raiser coordinator and Executive Director

GOP members: Be active

As we enter the New Year, it's time to make our resolutions. If you are a registered Republican, resolve to join or become more active in your Republican town/ward or city committee in 2020! Municipal committees are the foundation and backbone of the Massachusetts Republican Party and where you, an activist, can have the most positive influence and impact. For more information as to how to join your local GOP committee, or start your own if there is not yet one organized, then please contact the Massachusetts Republican Party (www.MassGOP.com) at info@massgop.com or 617-523-5005. Chairman Jim Lyons and his team would love to speak with you! If you live in New Bedford, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Acushnet or Mattapoisett then please reach out to either Brock N. Cordeiro at BNCordeiro@comcast.net or 508-979-8930, or Jill Ussach at JillUssach@aol.com or 508-728-7116, who represent you as Republican State Committee members for the Second Bristol and Plymouth State Senate District.

2020 will be both an exciting and crucial year for both the Republican Party and the United States of America! The Massachusetts Presidential Primary is March 3, and this is when you can be elected to your town/ward Committee, as well as elect State Committee members, and choose your nominee for President. The Republican National Convention is August 24-27, and now is the time to officially declare your interest with the MassGOP to become a delegate. The Massachusetts

State Primary is September 15 and Election Day is November 3.

We need YOU, as grassroots advocates, to be the army to support Republican candidates — to become candidates — and to elect our candidates! We need YOU to grow and build the Grand Old Party here in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts! Perhaps you were once a registered Republican but for some reason you changed your affiliation? If so, put that “R” back next to your name and join your local committee because the Republican Party is a reflection of its grassroots membership. The MassGOP is not merely some group of elected officials but rather we are YOU! Keep America great and keep moving Massachusetts forward with and through the GOP. We are here for you because you will be here for the People!

Brock N. Cordeiro, Dartmouth

Democrats have obsession

The psychological derangement obsession of the Democrats of the defeat of Hillary in the election in 2016 has driven them to remove Donald Trump from office by any means they can, legal or otherwise. The truth is they hate Trump more than they love the country.

Consider the Mueller investigation after 2+ years 35+ million dollars, over 100 witnesses million of pages of documents. The result no conclusion. Then obstruction again nothing, now impeachment I guarantee nothing. The only credible witness the Democrats have is the [European Union] ambassador Gordon Sunderland who was questioned by Rep John Ratcliffe as to what he heard, he heard nothing illegal, in fact he heard Trump repeatedly say no quid pro quo there you have it. The rest of their case is hearsay and conjecture by Washington bureaucrats

There is far more evidence of Biden blackmailing the Ukrainian President to fire the investigator investigating his son Hunter who with no experience with gas or oil who was receiving 75,000,00* monthly. It's on tape,** consider Hillary FBI director Comey writes her a letter of exoneration before the investigation is completed.

Meanwhile the economy roars on, unemployment in most sectors is at an all time low, stock market at an all time high, 7 million new jobs, 600,000*** manufacturing brought back, new

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they were able to find someone to fill the position.
Mr. Issac was asking for the Select-board's support in increasing the wage from Step 4 to Step 5 to make it a viable position. The board approvee the increase.***

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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

NOTE: All legal notices are available on the Neighb News website, www.NeighbNews.com, under the "Legal Notices" tab on the top of the main page. Legal ads are also available at http://masspublicnotices.org, search under "Fairhaven Neighborhood News"

Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, January 21 st, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Case # 2019.10.08A** A continuation on the case of Manuel Almeida, of 8 Wildrose Lane, Acushnet who is petitioning the Board for a Special Permit for the use and parking of more than one commercial vehicle for business use at his address. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 Residence "A" District- Section "B" (8)- Use and Parking of More Than One Commercial Vehicle for Business Use.
- Case #2020.01.07A** A hearing on the case of David Menard, of 130 Conduit Street, Acushnet, who is requesting a Special Permit to be able to construct an accessory apartment located at 289 Main Street, Acushnet. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (1) and Section 3.4 "B": Accessory Apartments.
- Case #2020.01.21A** A hearing on the case of Garrett Soucy, of 5 Williams Street, Acushnet who is petitioning for a Special Permit to be able to turn renovations or additions of his dwelling into an accessory apartment. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (1) and

Section 3.4 "B": Accessory Apartments.
Plans are available for Public view in the Town Clerk's office during their normal business hours.
FNN, 1/2/20, 1/9/20

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Fairhaven Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, January 28, 2020**, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following *Special Permit* applications:

- Special Permit:* SP 2019-13 Lewis Landing; a proposed 12-unit housing complex on Huttleston Avenue in Fairhaven.
- Special Permit:* SP 2019-15 Carapace/Mazda; a proposed new car dealership on Bridge Street in Fairhaven.

Copies of the applications are 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. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9.

John Farrell, Chairman, Fairhaven Planning Board
FNN: 1/9/20, 1/16/20

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Public Works

Mon., 1/13, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Community Preservation

Thurs., 1/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 1/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 1/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Registrars

Thurs., 1/9, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 1/15, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 1/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Committee

Tues., 1/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Town Meeting Review Com

Thurs., 1/9, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 1/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Tues., 1/14, Parting Ways, 6 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 1/16, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 1/21, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Selectboard PJ Keating

Public Hearing

Tues., 2/11, COA Sr. Ctr., 6 p.m.

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factories opening up. Compare this to the Obama administration's record who when questioned about the loss of these jobs the best he could offer was what do you want me do wave a magic wand and bring them back.

For the first time China has been confronted about its unfair trade polices the trade secrets and technology it stole, and as result we have the best economy in the world, China's economy is the worst in 20 years. I'll bet they will sign a fair trade agreement.

ISIS is on the run, the ISIS caliphate is gone, their top leader Al Baghdadi who was responsible together with his followers for the deaths of thousands of Christians and other innocents is dead thanks to President Trump, Navy Seals, and our intelligence services.

The contrast between Trump's presidency and the others can't be more stark, Obama's included. First off he loves this country he is not a career politician, he is a successful businessman who understands business and trade deals. This is in stark contrast to the many career politicians and Washington bureaucrats where insider deals are made and quid pro quo is rampant, where Hunter Biden makes

thousands with no experience at all while on the board of a Ukrainian gas and oil firm. Millions pour into the Clinton foundation with no accountability, in Haiti it had a terrible record there was no accountability at all for the Clinton foundation.

In reality the Democrats care little about the people they represent, what they care about is power and control. Most of our large cities are controlled by Democrats in many crime and drugs are rampant, the homeless live in tents while they step over them to go to their gated communities protected by armed guards.

If the Democrats gain control of the presidency I can guarantee these results, the stock market will dive, unemployment will rise, all the gains we have with Trump will be wiped out. China will reassert its control on our economy. ISIS will regroup, immigrants and drugs will pour through our Mexican border together with terrorists and gang members like MS 13.

Some of the leading candidates sound like leaders of a cult, vote for me and you will have free health care, free college education, 1000 dollars a month whether you work or not. Socialism promises you everything, the govern-

ment will take care of you.

One problem, full blown socialism has never worked, just look at the countries where it exists, it becomes a ruthless police state where there is no freedom, the government controls everything.

I thank God that I was born in a country were I enjoyed the freedom and opportunity I had, I feel I owe debt of gratitude to the soldiers who fought and died for it I am mindful of the signers of our constitution some of who sacrificed their lives for it and our bill of rights which guarantees our freedoms. I have worked 55+ years as a machinist, welder, fisherman, I am a strong believer in the free enterprise capitalist system with some control, where you either succeed or fail upon your own merits, skills and work effort. It's the fairest system.

John Pond, Fairhaven

EDITOR'S NOTES: *There is no concrete number on what Biden earned in that role. According to credible news sources, the figure is probably about \$50,000/month. **This doctored video has been debunked. ***This number has been widely criticized as completely made up.

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