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Union Wharf slated for repairs



Fairhaven has been approved for \$2 million from the Seaport Advisory Council for improvements to the dock at Union Wharf. See page 12 for story. The money will be used to replace and repair rotten and damaged pilings and shore up the structure. The town also received federal funds to demolish the building and is acquiring permits to build a platform in its place. See page 13 for story. *Photo by Beth David. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Well, we got our share of snow this week, but at least we didn't get socked too hard (see page 4). Some places got 18 inches. Ouch! We got eight. It just occurs to me as I write this, that I took some cool pictures of the DPW guys loading up the sand/salt onto the trucks just as the storm started. Totally forgot I had those pictures, so I was begging ML for something good at the last minute. See page 4 for his really cool satellite picture. I'll put my DPW pictures on Facebook.

Now we're settled in with some super cold weather, though. My poor little wood stove is working overtime.

I also just remembered that I told Fairhaven Health Agent Pat Fowle that I would mention that she had nine flu shots left as of Tuesday of this week. Geesh. I meant to get it on page 6, but...the old mind just ain't what it used to be. Anyway, if you want a shot, call the Board of Health, 508-979-4023, ext. 125.

I went to Your Theatre's play last weekend. You still have time to catch it (see page 7) this weekend. This one's pretty edgy. It almost seems quaint, though, dealing with gay love and stigma and all that the way it does. We've come a long way since 2006 I'm happy to say. Anyway, as usual, the production was absolutely wonderful. The acting was great, professional, and lots of fun to watch. If you are squeamish about gay love scenes, then make it a point to see their next production, "Twelve Angry Men," in March.

This theater company has been around since 1946, that's 67 years of theater. Amazing. They do it for the art of it, and it's lots of fun to watch. I have never been disappointed in a production there. So, if you want to see live theater, but don't have a lot of money and don't want to go far, you can just hop over the river to New Bedford.

The wind turbines are back in the news this week. See page 12 for a story on the latest study done by the state. It says that WTs have no significant impact on home values. But some local people disagree with that assessment.

Our cover story is a long time in the making. The building on Union Wharf has been falling apart for a long time, so has the dock. We have some grant money, though, so things are looking up at the bottom of Union Street (see page 13 for that).

Well, I had planned on writing another story in our series on Fairhaven murders past, but I ran into some research issues. Hopefully I'll have that for next week's issue.

Meanwhile, just thumb through looking for all the other good stuff in here, including our advertisers, new and old. 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

Warren fighting against new flood maps

From press release materials

United States Senator Elizabeth Warren spoke on the Senate floor on Wednesday 12/11, to renew her call for a delay in the implementation of new Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood maps, and to urge her colleagues to immediately take up, debate, and vote to pass the Homeowner Flood Affordability Act. Many homeowners in Massachusetts and across the country are facing unexpected and unaffordable rate hikes as a result of the new maps.

"Families purchase flood insurance to prevent the loss of their homes," said Senator Warren. "But now many families fear that the price of flood insurance could be just as devastating as any storm. You can't protect someone's home by pricing them out of it. Yet that's exactly what's taking place around the country."

"Congress changed the national flood program to move toward a more market-based system that more accurately reflects the true costs and risks of flood damage. This is a well-intentioned bill, but unfortunately

homeowners are being blindsided by high rate increases and new flood zone maps."

"When FEMA released these flood maps this year and last, they knew they were placing hundreds of thousands of homeowners into a flood zone for the first time. It's critical that these maps be spot-on and correct — but people don't trust many of the new changes and concerns are growing by the day. In fact, a recent independent review conducted by coastal scientists at the behest of my colleague, Congressman Bill Keating, concluded that FEMA used outdated wave methodology better suited for the Pacific coast when they drafted the new flood maps for Massachusetts. They believe this resulted in FEMA over predicting the flooding that could occur from once-in-a-century storms for much of our state.

"The Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act that I have proudly cosponsored will provide relief to homeowners who built their homes to code and were later remapped into a higher risk area... Homeowners are

facing flood insurance premium increases that can cost \$500, \$1,000, even more per month. Most hard-working families and seniors don't have that kind of extra money on hand to spend on flood insurance premiums they never knew they were going to need... I'm pleased to join colleagues on both sides of the aisle in this call for common-sense delay which will give FEMA time to get this right."

The Homeowner Flood Affordability Act will protect millions of homeowners from facing huge flood insurance premium rate hikes and require FEMA to complete an affordability study and propose real solutions to address affordability issues before any flood insurance premiums can be raised in the future. The bill includes a provision to compensate homeowners who successfully appeal their inclusion in new flood maps and are granted new elevation certificates.

For the full text of her remarks visit <http://www.warren.senate.gov/files/documents/Flood%20Maps%20Speech%202013-12-11.pdf>



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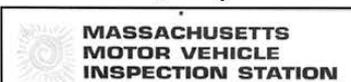
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Second major snowstorm hits area in month; brace for more

By Beth David
Editor

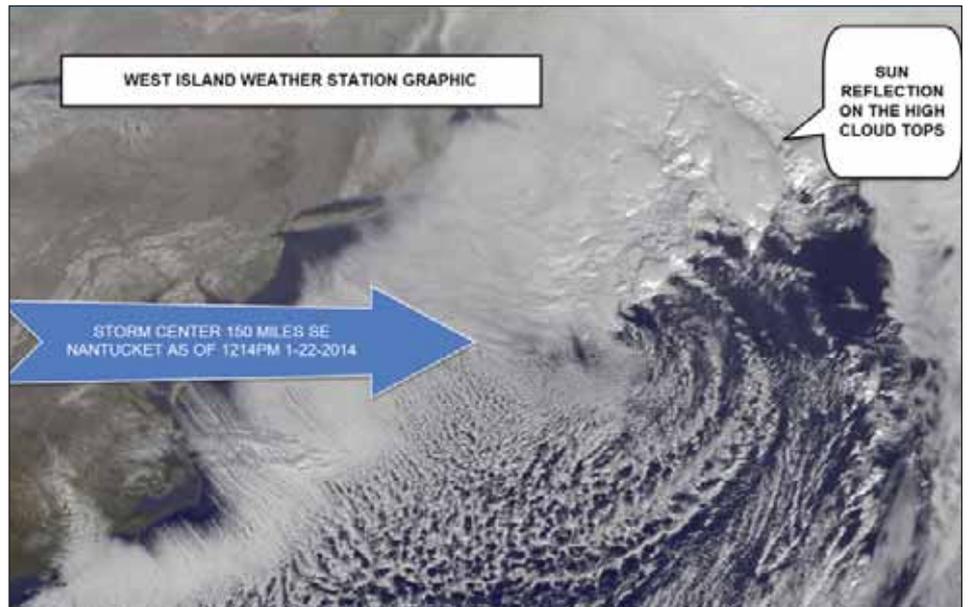
For the second time this month, a major snowstorm hit the area, although this time not quite reaching blizzard conditions in Fairhaven. On January 3, the area was hit with a blizzard that dumped seven inches of snow in town. This week, Fairhaven saw eight inches of fluffy snow on Tuesday night through Wednesday, with frigid temperatures and biting wind causing below-zero temperatures, but not quite reaching blizzard status. The coastal nor'easter wreaked havoc in Barnstable, Norfolk and Plymouth Counties where snow totals ranged from 6.2 inches in So. Dennis to 18.3 inches in Norwell.

In Fairhaven and surrounding towns, no power outages and only a few fender benders were reported. Schools were closed on Wednesday, and so was town hall, New Bedford City Hall and other government offices, although most state offices were open. Boston and areas north and west of Providence got lower totals.

The West Island Weather Station recorded a wind gust of 33 MPH, while some Cape towns recorded 50 MPH and higher. The storm headed out to

sea early Wednesday afternoon, leaving arctic air in place that is expected to stay at least into the

weekend. Another potential snow storm is on the horizon, possibly for Monday.



THE BEAUTY AND POWER OF NATURE FROM A VIEW 22,300 MILES UP IN SPACE - The exiting storm system is speeding out to sea leaving an intricate cloud pattern as it continues to develop. The fanning out of the clouds (bottom center) and the sun reflections of the cloud tops (upper right) illustrate the dynamics of the atmosphere in motion. Note the cloud behavior to the far left as the cold arctic air helps push the system away from the coast. Recent weather patterns suggest further storm action in 3-4 day cycles, which sooner or later could yield something even more significant for the Northeast over the next week or two. If you own a snowplow, it looks like this is going to be your year! GOES Satellite image 1-22-2014 1214HRS. Submitted by ML Baron.

Police looking for man who allegedly stole from Rec Center

Press Release

The Fairhaven Police Department is requesting assistance with identifying and locating this male. He is wanted for a larceny that occurred at the Fairhaven Recreation Center. He is described as being heavy set, with a lazy eye, and tattoos on his

hands and neck. One of the hand tattoos has the letters "AB" in it.

The larceny occurred Tuesday, 1/21, between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. The suspect allegedly broke into a locker in the men's locker room and stole a wallet belonging to someone who was using the facilities. He then went to

the Fairhaven Walgreen's Pharmacy across the street and purchased hundreds of dollars worth of gift certificates.

If anyone has any information on this male please contact Fairhaven Police Detectives at 508-997-7421.



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

SuperSub Sunday

Fairhaven Association for Music Education, Inc. (FAME) is holding its annual Super Sub Sunday Fund-raiser on February 2, to benefit the Fairhaven Public School Music Program.

Our Super Subs are layered with ham, bologna, salami, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, peppers and onions made fresh that day.

Only \$5 each. Cash only payment required on pick-up. Subs MUST be ordered by Monday, January 27.

All subs can be picked up between 3:30 & 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 3, at the William Street side entrance lobby of the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven.

For more information or to order subs, call Doreen Nelsen, 508-994-1098.

FAME Coffehouse

FAME's 7th annual music coffee house is right around the corner! Join us for an evening of music and poetry and help support music in our schools.

Performances by Fairhaven public school students, family, faculty, and alumni. **Friday Jan. 24, at the First Congregational Church Babbit Hall, Center Street, Fairhaven, at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$5 adults and \$3 students**

If you would like to perform, donate, or volunteer please contact Brian Simmons at 508-801-7103 or email at fame2014coffeeshouse@gmail.com. Hosted by the Fairhaven Association for Music Education.

Spread the Warmth

Mobile Loaves and Fishes is collecting warm clothing, socks, boots/shoes, coats, hats, mittens/gloves, and blankets. Any new or gently used items are distributed weekly in downtown New Bedford. Drop boxes are located in the Fairhaven Town Hall and the Fairhaven Fire Station. For large donations please call Jenn at 774-263-9280 to arrange pick up.

Please remember those in need of warmth this winter. Your used items can make a difference in another person's life!

For more information visit <http://mlf.org/locations/new-bedford/> or visit our Facebook page: Let's Spread the Warmth.

Catholic Schools Week

At St. Joseph's in Fairhaven. See ad on page 3

Free Film

Aftershock, Inequality for All, a thought provoking documentary film by Professor Robert Reich, a well-known author, political economist and former Labor Secretary to the Clinton administration, will be shown on **Friday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Parish House, Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., Fairhaven. Free. Refreshments.**

The US now has the greatest inequality and less economic mobility than any of the western democracies. Learn more and attend the upcoming showing of the movie *Aftershock Inequality for All*.

Dog park committee revived

The Dog Park Committee has been revived after more than a year of inactivity. All Fairhaven residents are welcome to attend our first meeting on **Mon., 1/27 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Town Hall's banquet room. Bring a friend, not the canine kind, and your ideas!

Golden Agers

The Fairhaven Golden Agers Club will hold an open house on **Wed., 1/29 in the Oxford Terrace Community Room, 275 Main St., Fairhaven**, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Accessible. All ages, 18+ are welcome to the Open House. Do come by to see how to spend a pleasant afternoon.

On Open House day, membership is not required to take part in club activities, including: Bingo, 25 cents/card; 10 different games including dogs (\$1/ball) and a chance to win \$5 if you're a dog winner.

Raffle of household items (tickets 4 for \$1), food, refreshments, coffee, cake and door prizes (free).

Call Dot for more information, 508-991-5936.

Little League Reg.

Fairhaven Acushnet Little League (FALL) will be holding registration days for the 2014 season on the following dates:

January 28 and 30 from 5-8 PM at the Fairhaven Shaw Rd complex.

February 1 from 10-2 PM at the Fairhaven Rec Center.

February 6 and 11 from 5-8 PM at the Acushnet VFW.

This is for all new and returning players in all divisions (ages 4-15 on or before April 30, 2014)

For further information or questions, please visit fairhavenacushnetll.com, our Facebook page, or email fairhavenacushnetlittleleague@gmail.com

Rossi Family FR

Friends of the Rossi family are holding a meat-pie supper and raffle on **Sat., 2/8, from 4-8p.m. at St. Joseph School Hall, 100 Spring St., Fairhaven. Accessible. \$10/ pp.** All proceeds will go directly to the Rossi family, whose house on Wilbur Point burned down Dec. 30.

Donations may also be sent to St. Anne's Credit Union, Rossi Family Fund, any branch.

The raffle will have lots of gift certificates from area restaurants and a variety of other items. For more information or to donate an item for the raffle, call Michelle Soulard 508-996-4083, or call Carol at St. Joseph's Rectory, 508-994-9714.

WI 5K Registration

Registration is open for the 2014 West Island 5K! **This year's event will be Sun., April 27.** New this year will be some super accurate chip timing and smoother online registration from RaceWire and new technical race shirts. We are wicked excited for this year's race. A great way to kick start your fitness program for the year is to register for the 5K run or 5K walk at www.westisland5k.org!

Donate Vehicles

Your car, truck or camper may be worth more as a donation than a trade-in. Call the Mass. Association for the Blind at 1-888-613-2777 or 508-854-0700 for details. This is a free town, quick pick-up, and donations are tax deductible.

Proceeds benefit blind and vision impaired persons in Massachusetts. The Mass. Association for the blind is a 501(c)3 organization.

Visit www.mabcommunity.org

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Winter Social

Come together to **support the work of the Women's Fund** and celebrate two of their grantees, Artworks! and Dream Out Loud. **Join us on Thurs., Jan. 30, from 6-8pm at The Waypoint Event Center, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, to celebrate art, music, community and giving.**

You'll have a chance to meet local artists and singers who benefit directly from the fundraising efforts of the Women's Fund. Artworks! students will have their works on display. Dream Out Loud will feature a group of female singers performing original music, from a fellow songwriter. Speak directly with the artists about their works and about their experiences. It's a chance to get up close and personal with the work of the Women's Fund.

Sponsored for the 3rd year in a row by Keches Law Firm, LLC, enjoy a glass of wine, appetizers, and learn more about the important community efforts of the Women's Fund.

Pre-registration is encouraged and can be done online at www.womensfundsema.org. If you have questions or would prefer to register by phone or email, please contact Jeannette at 508-717-0283 or jdoyle@womensfundsema.org. The registration fee is \$25.00, this includes wine, beer, soft drinks and appetizers.

The Women's Fund, an endowed fund of the Community Foundation of SE Mass., is a fundraising organization with a mission to advance the educational attainment and economic security of women and girls in SE Mass. Since its first year of grant-making in 2005, the Women's Fund has made more than \$1M in grants.

Fish Bowl FR

The Ocean Explorium will hold its Fish Bowl bowling tournament on Sunday, January 26, from 1- 3 pm at Wonder Bowl, Hathaway Road, in New Bedford. This fundraiser is guaranteed to be great fun for a good cause: education programs at the Ocean Explorium. Whether you are league-certified or just looking to have a good time with friends and family, the Fish Bowl is for you!

Bowlers of all ages are welcome, but each bowler must raise a minimum of \$50 to participate. Fish Bowl participants receive a free

t-shirt, pizza and snacks. Prizes will be awarded for Top Score, Top Fundraiser, Best Team Costume and more! Fun raffle, with items and gift certificates donated by area businesses.

If you would like to support Fish Bowl with a sponsorship, an item for our raffle, or if you would like to sign up to bowl, please contact Pat Cassan at pcassan@oceanexplorium.org, or visit the Ocean Explorium website at www.oceanexplorium.org.

YTI Play

Under the direction of Robin Richard of New Bedford, Douglas Carter Beane's *The Little Dog Laughed* is now playing. When closeted screen idol, Mitchell Green, develops feelings for the 'rent boy' Alex, complications arise for the hard-driving Diane, Mitchell's agent. NOTE: INCLUDES ADULT CONTENT AND LANGUAGE.

Performances run Jan. 23, 24, 25, at 8:00pm and Jan. 26 at 2:30pm at St. Martin's Church, 136 Rivet St. at County St., New Bedford. Accessible.

General admission is \$15; students, seniors, and military personnel \$13. For tickets and other information about the production call Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or send an e-mail to info@yourtheatre.org. Visit www.yourtheatre.org

Artworks & Art Museum Merge

We are happy to announce the merge is official we are now New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks!

We're thrilled to be combining the best of two of New Bedford's outstanding art institutions to better serve the community. Together we will strive to continue to build and grow the vital, vibrant center of art at the heart of New Bedford. We hope you'll join us!

All classes and programs will now be held at 608 Pleasant street except for our ceramics classes which will continue at 384 Acushnet Ave.

Education Channel

Comcast has announced channel lineup changes that include moving New Bedford Cable Network's Educational Access Channel 17 to Channel 9 as of January 23, 2014. Comcast recently informed the City of

New Bedford of its intention to make the change as a result of a contractual agreement with broadcaster WUNI (Univision), which requires Comcast to place Univision on Channel 17.

New Bedford Cable Network will continue to air education related content on Channel 9. Coverage of School Committee meeting, school events, athletic events and other special programming will be available on Channel 9 as of January 23, 2014.

Volunteers Needed

The Ocean Explorium is looking for a few good people. Positions are available in Guest Services, Education, Husbandry, and Social Media/Graphic Design departments. Applicants should be personable, neat, and dependable. Guest Services includes handling cash registers, credit card transactions, and other tasks as may be assigned from time to time; training will be provided!

All Ocean Explorium volunteers receive training, uniform shirts and other benefits. Please take a moment to visit our website, www.oceanexplorium.org, and submit an application under the "Volunteer" tab. You may also call 508.994.5400 to speak with Nick LeBlanc.

Holy Family-HN Reg

REGISTRATION for 2014-2015 is ongoing and we welcome new students in our Preschools for 3 and 4 year olds, Kindergarten and Grades 1-8. Call HFHN today (508-993-3547) and ask for Linda Boswell to learn more about our school and to schedule a tour. **Open House will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 1:30-3:30** at Holy Family Holy Name School, 91 Summer Street, New Bedford. Visit us today at www.hfhn.org

Catholic Schools Week

The week of January 25th to February 1st has been designated as Catholic Schools Week 2014. All of the Catholic schools in the area plan special events for this week and Holy Family - Holy Name School's week of activities is something special. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools... Building a Community of Faith, Knowledge, Service, Catholic Values and Academic Excellence." Be sure to visit www.hfhn.org for more information! Nós falamos Português.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Are You Okay?

The "R. U. O.K." Program is a free telephone calling service provided by the Bristol County Sheriff's Office in cooperation with your local Police Department and Council on Aging.

The program is designed for senior citizens, disabled persons, and shut-ins living in Bristol County. It provides reliable, daily phone assurance, and the security a person may need to maintain their independence.

The R.U.O.K. Program provides peace of mind for both the individual and their family. Sign up today!

The Bristol County Sheriff's Department will make a telephone call to an individual's home at approximately the same time each day. If no one answers or if the phone is busy, the Sheriff's Department will call back shortly. If no one answers the second time, their First Responder will be called immediately to check on their status.

This service is designed to make the call at approximately the same time each day. If a person leaves for a period of time (for example, a vacation or doctor's appointment), they can have the call stopped for as long as necessary. The R.U.O.K. Program is a free service that could help save someone's life.

There is no equipment to purchase, and no special codes to remember! Applications are available at the Bristol County Sheriff's Office, your local Council on Aging, or by calling 1-774-628-0030.

Volunteers Needed

The Town of Dartmouth turns 350 this year! In honor of this special occasion, the town is hosting several celebrations and activities throughout the year, including a fireworks display, a parade, and historical reenactments. With several commitments and approximately 100 volunteers, the year figures to be a very spirited one. While some money has been appropriated for the celebrations, we are still in need of funds and are seeking donations.

There are several benefits to donating. To donate or for more information, please contact John Beauregard at jbeauregard@sylviainsurance.com or Chris Pereira at cpereira30@yahoo.com.

Please visit the Dartmouth 350 website at www.dartmouth350.com/

Gala Fund-raiser

Buzzards Play Productions is celebrating its first official season with a Gala Fundraiser and invites you to join in the celebration **at our theater, 3065 Cranberry Highway, Wareham, on January 25th from 7 p.m.-midnight. Tickets are \$35.**

Appetizers, a cash bar and entertainment will be provided. Support BPP and all the local artists and entertainers who've helped BPP bring theatre, comedy, music and so much more to Wareham and the South Coast. We'll look back at the past year, where we are now and where the future will take us! Join us for a fantastic evening and support the local arts!

Buzzards Play Productions is a local non-profit theatre that has been producing family friendly theatrical productions since 2011. Now a 501(c)3 organization, 2013 is the first official season of Buzzards Play Productions. In addition to theatre, the venue houses 3065 LIVE, a fully functional music venue which brings in acts from all over the country.

Free Film

Lee Daniels' THE BUTLER (PG-13, 126 min) Showing at the **Mattapoisett Senior Center on Tuesday, January 28 at 12 noon.** The movie is free; two slices of pizza is \$2, prepaid. **Stop by the Senior Center by 1/24 to pay for your pizza AND to reserve your seat.**

This is a story of Cecil Gaines, a White House butler who served eight American presidents over three decades. Starting as a field hand, he rose to become a long-standing White House butler. This film traces the dramatic changes that swept American society during his time, from the civil rights movement to Vietnam and beyond, and how those changes affected his life and family.

Country Dance

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Laughter on the 23rd Floor will be presented at Ocean State Theatre from **Jan. 29 – Feb. 16. Previews are scheduled for Wed., Jan. 29 at 7:30 pm and Thurs., Jan. 30 at 2:00 and 7:30 pm.** All other performances will be held Wednesday (except February 5) through Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm, with matinees on Thursdays (except February 13), Saturdays at 2:00 pm (except February 15) and Sundays at 2:00 pm. Conducting *Conversations Live!*, a free post-show discussion hosted by WCRI's Mike Maino, will follow the 2pm performance on Sunday, February 2. The new post show Piano Bar Series, will continue with "My Funny Valentine" and will be held following Friday and Saturday evening performances (beginning at approximately 9:45 pm) in the theatre's lobby on February 7, 8, 14 and 15.

The theatre is located at 1245 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI. Tickets are \$30 for preview performances and \$34-\$49 for all other performances. Discount rates for groups of 20 or more are available by calling (401) 921-1777 x112. \$25 "Rush" tickets are available on a limited basis one hour prior to curtain on the day of the performance. Tickets are on sale at the box office Monday through Friday from 12 noon – 6:00 pm, Saturdays from 12 noon – 4:00 pm, and from 12 noon until curtain time on performance days. Tickets are also available online 24 hours a day at www.OceanStateTheatre.org and via telephone during normal box office hours by calling (401) 921-6800.



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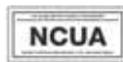
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Recipe of the Week

Chocolate-Macadamia Tart

- 1 c. heavy cream
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- 3 large eggs
- 1/2 c. Pure maple syrup
- 1/4 c. Sugar
- 1/2 t. Kosher salt
- 2 c. Macadamia nuts (10 ounces)

Preheat oven to 325°. Butter a 9-inch pie plate.

In a heat-proof bowl, microwave the cream and chocolate for 25 seconds until melted. Whisk until smooth. Let cool to warm. Whisk in the eggs, maple syrup, sugar and salt.

Pour the mixture into the pie plate. Insert the macadamias in and layer all around the tart. Bake the tart for 40 minutes, until the custard is just set. Let cool.

Cut into wedges and serve. I like to put in frig after it cools. It cuts better.

This is so so decadent.

Simply said, Scrumptious!! This dessert is best paired with Champagne. Enjoy!!

Bevy Lussier

Taylor donates scallop seed to town

Press Release

Locally owned Taylor Cultured Seafood donated over 1.2 million bay scallop seed to the Town of Fairhaven. Over a four day period last fall. Owner Rodman Taylor worked alongside Shellfish Warden Timothy Cox and Assistant Shellfish Warden Richard Dube to plant scallop seed in Nasketucket Bay.

The \$75,000 donation will help revive the bay scallop harvest in the waters off Fairhaven. The seed will boost the dwindling native scallop population, providing employment opportunities for local shellfishers. Taylor's bay scallops also help

improve water quality in Nasketucket Bay. Scallops, like oysters and clams, are filter feeders. These shellfish pump seawater over their gills, filtering microorganisms for food. This process helps to clean the water.

Taylor Cultured Seafood has been operating near West Island since 1987. They are famous for their beautifully colored bay scallops. Founder Rodman Taylor is committed to preserving local shellfish stocks and rejuvenating local native marine habitats. For more information, visit www.taylorbayscallops.com



LEFT: Fairhaven shellfish deputy Richie Dube (second from left) and Taylor Seafood workers and partners get ready to take about 500,000 baby scallops, known as "seed," out to spread in local waters for harvesting when they are larger. The seed was spread in Nasketucket Bay, around West Island.

Photo submitted. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

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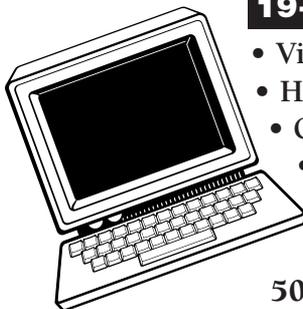
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Study says Wind Turbines do not affect property values

By Beth David

Editor

An independent study commissioned by the Mass. Clean Energy Center (CEC) which found that wind turbines have not affected home values in Massachusetts is being disputed by people in the industry.

Dawn Devlin, a realtor and outspoken opponent of the two wind turbines on Arsene Street in Fairhaven, has long contended that industrial wind turbines (WTs) adversely affect home values. She said the main flaw is that the study took averages and not individual homes into account. She also said that the numbers do not tell the whole story, and that her personal experience selling houses contradicts the study's conclusions.

Howe Allen of Howe Allen Realty in Fairhaven, also was skeptical.

"In reviewing the report commissioned by the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, it is hard for me to argue the statistics and the conclusions that the statisticians have reached," wrote Mr. Allen in an email. "Anecdotally, when I have been working with buyers in Fairhaven, many are reluctant to seriously consider homes that are for sale in close proximity to the wind turbines."

Alan Hemenway, who grew up in Fairhaven and now lives in Washington state, is a retired appraiser. He said that the study should have been done by certified appraisers, who are trained to look at each house separately, not averages.

"The methodology was that they averaged the whole state, and the various property characteristics are not analyzed like an appraiser would," said Mr. Hemenway. "An appraiser would deal with specific properties and would work this thing out with a completely different approach."

The study, which cost approximately \$70,000, was conducted by researchers from the University of Connecticut and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. It examined 122,000 Massachusetts real estate transactions between 1998 and 2012. It compared transactions within a half-mile of constructed wind turbines to similar transactions between one half-mile and five miles away.

According to a press release by the Mass. CEC, the study compares the relationship between wind turbines and residential home values to those

of factors previously shown to affect home prices, like high-voltage transmission lines, landfills, highways, protected open space and proximity to beaches.

Of the impacts studied, landfills and transmission lines have the greatest negative impact (or disamenity) on home prices while beachfront and proximity to beaches were found to have the greatest positive impact (or amenity) on home prices. The study found that operating turbines have a +0.5 percent amenity which falls within the study's margin of error.

Ms. Devlin, says that the numbers do not translate to the reality on the ground. She said that she has been tracking sales where turbines are located since 2007 and has talked to homeowners directly. Many are afraid to admit that they are having trouble

I know at least six people who want to sell their houses and they can't because they have to be honest and say "we can't live here because of the turbines" [Dawn Devlin]

selling their houses or that the wind turbines are bothering them.

"They are not going to tell anyone they are having a problem because they want to sell their house," said Ms. Devlin. "So you have to then speak to the people who purchased those homes who may have not known what they got into. I think you need to go a step further."

She said she has many stories of people who do not want to buy near the turbines, including a woman who grew up in Fairhaven, but did not want her babies to be near the WTs. The woman ended up buying in New Bedford. Ms. Devlin said it does not matter if people really are bothered by the turbines or if they are just hearing the stories and getting scared away. The point is that they are getting scared away.

"They didn't even want to look at them," said Ms. Devlin.

Both Mr. Hemenway and Ms. Devlin also questioned the qualifications of

the study's authors and the people who peer-reviewed the study. The Mass CEC stated that the study was "peer-reviewed by a number of leading economists and appraisers."

The study contends that it uses the most reliable method because it relies on actual home sales and actual amounts.

Ms. Devlin said that it does not take into consideration houses that were not listed because they were being sold by the owners. She said her own statistical study uses the MLS (Multiple Listing Service) used by realtors.

She and Mr. Hemenway insist that averaging out the pricing is not reliable and that each house needs to be considered individually.

Mr. Hemenway said the only way to do that is to have a certified do it.

"An appraiser will address Fairhaven and Fairhaven turbines specifically, and not the whole state," he said. "A study is not an appraisal. Only appraisers do appraisals."

The study, however, was not commissioned to be an appraisal, and says that turbines are just one of many aspects affecting property values.

"Although much of the literature on community perceptions of wind turbines suggests that local residents may see turbines as a disamenity, this is not always the case," states the study. "In contrast to disamenities universally disliked by local residents (as discussed above), some literature suggests that wind turbines could be considered amenities (i.e., a positive addition to the community), particularly if benefits accrue to the local community. Thus, whether wind turbines increase or decrease surrounding home prices — and by how much — remains an open question."

Ms. Devlin, however, says there is no question about it.

"I know at least six people who want to sell their houses and they can't because they have to be honest and say 'we can't live here because of the turbines,'" said Ms. Devlin, adding that she knows of several houses near the turbines that have been on the market for more than 100 days. "Why aren't those houses selling? Why? How can anybody say it's not because of the turbines?"

Download the study at: www.NeighbNews.com

Union wharf slated for improvements

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven has been approved for two grants totaling more than \$2 million for improvements to the pier at Union Wharf and demolition of the building.

The town has received \$150,000 in federal community development disaster relief funds to demolish the building, which has been in disrepair for years, but got further damaged in tropical storm Sandy.

A glitch in the plans, though, involves a 900-square-foot section of the building that is not owned by the town. Formely MacLean's Seafood, piece is part of an odd condo-type arrangement that was made decades ago. When the property went into foreclosure, Gail Isaksen and a her son Max, who own Fairhaven Shipyard Companies, outbid the town on the piece.

Fairhaven's Director of Planning and Economic Development Bill Roth said he felt that an arrangement with the Isaksens was forthcoming and did not anticipate a problem with the demolition.

Max Isaksen did not return a phone message by press time to comment on this story.

According to Mr. Roth, plans were drawn up several years ago reconfiguring the building's square footage into a rectangle instead of the L shape it is in now. The plan calls for the pilings to be rebuilt and a platform put in place that can then hold a building, or be used as a dock or any number of things.

A portion of the building is over the water, on pilings, so any work requires a license to be in compliance with the Waterways Act.



ABOVE & BELOW: The building on Union Wharf in Fairhaven will finally be demolished after being in disrepair for years and sustaining damage in a series of storms over the years. \$150,000 in federal community development disaster relief funds to demolish the building. *Photos by Beth David.* Another \$2,000,000 in state funds from the Seaport Advisory Council will be used to rehabilitate the docks at the wharf, repairing pilings like the one pictured (BOTTOM LEFT). Future plans call for construction of a platform strong enough to hold a new building, and to add power stations and water on the pier. *Photo by Bill Roth.*



The town has been approved for the Chapter 91 license and is hoping it will be signed by the governor soon.

"What we are doing, is preserving the right to do that," said Mr. Roth, acknowledging that the town does not have the money for the construction of the platform or a building to go on it.

The problem is, if it gets demolished and the pilings are removed, then it will be nearly impossible to get the permits after.

But that's long range planning and will cost millions. Right now, the more pressing need is repairs to the dock where fishing boats tie up. On the west side and south sides, big boats tie up, on the east side, where the lobster boat basin is, smaller day-boats tie up.

Mr. Roth has procured a \$2 million matching grant from the state. Town Meeting will have to come up with a 20% math, but, Mr. Roth said, that because the other grant for \$150,000 was from federal funds, the town can use it as part of the state match, reducing the town's share.

"So it's worth \$300,000," said Mr. Roth of the demolition grant.

Town Meeting will be asked to vote on the match in May, with the money coming from the Waterways account.

The Union Wharf rehabilitation project will repair pilings and other infrastructure starting with the west side. Mr. Roth said he hopes to repair at least 135 feet, working from the lobster boat basin around to the south side, and hopefully even some of the west side.

The long term goal for the project includes power stations and water.

"Right now, we're just trying to keep it from falling apart," said Mr. Roth.

The last phase would include building the platform where the building now stands.

"That's long term planning," said Mr. Roth, very long term.

Special TM will have an article for \$25,000 to assist with the demolition, in case there are overruns or other unexpected costs.

"Just in case," said Mr. Roth. "There are always unexpected things."

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Dakin announces he will not run again

By Beth David
Editor

Acushnet Selectboard member Leslie Dakin has announced that he will not be running for re-election this year. In an "open letter to the people of Acushnet," Mr. Dakin said that he was closing one chapter in his life and opening another.

Mr. Dakin has served as a selectboard member for six years. Before that he was on the board of assessors for 2 years.

The full text of his letter follows.

An Open Letter to the People of Acushnet

It has been my distinct honor and privilege to have served the people of Acushnet for the past 8 years, first as a member of the Board of Assessors, and the past 6 years as a member of the Board of Selectmen. .

It has been an interesting, enjoyable, and rewarding experience affordine me memories that will last a

lifetime.

I feel I always took the approach of treating the taxpayer's dollar as though it were my own and my decisions were based on what I felt was best for the Town on an overall basis, not necessarily what was best for one individual, or group of individuals.

My approach to issues before me was based on "facts, not feelings[:] and reasons, not excuses."

After considerable forethought and serious deliberation I have decided not to run for re-election this April. Simply stated: At this point in time I will be closing one chapter in my life and opening another, while I still have my health and ability to enjoy whatever lies before me.

In closing, I would like to be remembered as someone who stood my ground, did my best, and hopefully, left behind something that someone will remember.

Leslie Dakin, Jr., Acushnet Selectman

Nomination papers available

Nomination papers are available at the Acushnet Town Clerk's Office for all candidates for local office, including those candidates seeking re-election. The Annual Town election is scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2014.

All candidates are required to circulate nomination papers and obtain 40 signatures of registered voters. The last day to obtain nomination papers is Thursday, February 13, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., and the papers must be filed with the Board of Registrars by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 18, 2014.

Officials whose terms expire this year include the following. Positions are for three-year terms unless otherwise indicated.

- Robert Francis - Moderator;
- Pamela A. Labonte - Town Clerk;
- Leslie Dakin, Jr. - Selectman;
- Marc F. Cenerizio - Assessor;
- David M. DeTerra and Francis R. Kuthan - School Committee;
- Henry Preston and Simonne L. Coutinho and Vacancy - Trustees of Free Public Library;
- Joanne K. Cioper - Cemetery Board;
- Leo N. Coons, Jr. - Planning Commissioner (five year term);
- Vacant - Park Commissioner;
- Robert Medeiros - Board of Health;
- Leo Rousseau - Commission of Trust Funds;
- Vacancy - Commissioner of Trust Funds (remainder of term expiring April 6, 2015);
- 2 Vacancies - Board of Public Works;
- James S. Madruga, Jr. - Housing Authority (five year term);
- Raymond F. Barlow - Tree Warden

Acushnet scholarship apps available

The Acushnet Teachers Association Scholarship 2014 application forms are now available for students and their families to download online.

In order to assist Acushnet residents in continuing to build their academic futures, the Acushnet Teachers Association annually awards scholarships to qualified students. Residents of Acushnet enrolling in a full-time college program in 2014-15 are eligible.

In addition to A.T.A. scholarships, the A.T.A. Scholarship Committee is also responsible for judging applicants for the following scholarships: Acushnet P.T.O., Acushnet Lion's Club, the Carole Day Memorial Nursing

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

Visit www.acushnetteachers.com for printable application forms and more information about the ATA Scholarship Program. Hard copies of applications are available in the Ford Middle School main office at 708 Middle Road. Applications and required paperwork are due on May 1, 2014.

Please contact Kristine Daniels, A.T.A. Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, at kdaniels@acushnet.k12.ma.us or 508-998-0265 ext. 1205.



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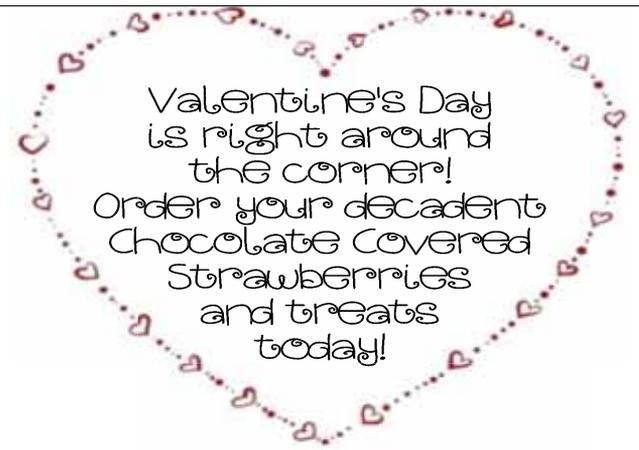
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Social Day programs celebrate Christmas together



The Fairhaven, Dartmouth and Westport Social Day Programs held a joint Christmas Party at the Century House in Acushnet in December. They enjoyed a meal together followed by dancing. Santa Claus made an appearance and distributed gifts to the clients. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and a great start to the holiday season. *Submitted photo.*

Making blankets for charity



The clients of Fairhaven Senior Social Day spent an afternoon helping the Mom's Club make blankets for a local charity. This inter-generational program is a favorite of the seniors at Fairhaven Senior Social Day. *Submitted photo.*

House of Hair collects for Women's Center



Beth Macomber of Fairhaven's House of Hair wishes to thank the community for donating items for the Women's Shelter of New Bedford. This will be an ongoing community service activity, so when you have items to donate please drop them off at 72 Main Street. Items needed include anything for families transitioning into an apartment from a shelter, even just a few kitchen utensils, dish towels, small electric appliances or bath items can make a big difference. *Submitted photo.*

Antique sink rescued



Thanks to the efforts of Historical Commission member John Medeiros, plumbing students from Greater New Bedford Voke replaced a small modern bathroom sink in the historic Academy building with an antique stone sink that was an original fixture next door at Fairhaven High School. The sink had been in storage after being salvaged by the FHS Alumni Association. As part of the project, the toilet was moved to the left, so it is no longer in front of the window. *Photo submitted by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism.*

Bunnell award winners announced

Press Release

The Friends of the Millicent Library have given two awards for students who participated in the Nancy Bunnell Contest Awards. Samantha Patenaude, a first grader at the Leroy Wood School, and Dakota Lawrence, a fifth grader, were chosen because of their responses to the question, "What is your favorite reason for coming to the Millicent Library?"

Participants in grades K-2 could answer by drawing a picture, and writing a sentence. Grades 3-5 were required to explain their reasons in a paragraph or two. Cash prizes were awarded for each category, and a specially designed bookmark was made for all of the participants. The winning entries are displayed in the children's room of the Millicent Library.

Stephanie Lawrence, Dakota's mother, said, "This is a great opportunity for children to express creative writing skills. Dakota always has an idea. The library is like a family here. Everyone knows everyone. You really feel welcome here."

Samantha's parents, Terri and Russel Patenaude, said they felt "thrilled she got an opportunity to not only express her feelings about the library, but had an opportunity to express enjoyment for the library and be rewarded for it."

Samantha wrote that she has been going to the library since she was



L-R: Fairhaven Wood School students Dakota Lawrence, a fifth-grader; and Samantha Patenaude, a first-grader, received the Nancy Bunnell Award for answering the question "What is your favorite reason for coming to the Millicent Library?" Ms. Lawrence wrote that she has visited the library since she was "little" and attended story-time. "Now that I am reading more challenging books I can explore the library in search of what I need," she wrote. Photo submitted. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

little and would attend story-time. She wrote that when she learned about the history of the library, that it was built by Henry Huttleston Rogers and dedicated to his daughter Millicent, it became even "more fascinating."

"Now that I am reading more challenging books I can explore the library in search of what I need," wrote Ms. Lawrence. "I love to read

and the Millicent Library is a great place to get lost in a book."

The Nancy Bunnell Award was created in honor of Fairhaven Public School teacher Nancy Bunnell, who was a long time president of the Friends of the Millicent Library. After her death from cancer, her husband Christopher established the award in her memory, dedicated to honoring the services of the library. •••

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Fairhaven election update

By Beth David
Editor

So far it looks like there is a definite race for Selectboard with incumbent Charles Murphy and challenger Steve Riley both having returned papers. Mr. Riley is the current chair of the Board of Public Works.

The Board of Health may also have a contested race with incumbent Jeannine Lopes and possible challenger Louise Barteau having taken out papers. Neither candidate had returned papers by press time.

For BPW, incumbent Kathy Sturtevant is up for re-election and has returned her nomination papers.

School Committee has two seats up for re-election with both incumbents, Brian Monroe and Pamela Kuechler taking out papers. Mr. Monroe has returned his.

The Fairhaven Housing Authority will also see two positions on the ballot, one for re-election of Ann Silveira, who has taken out papers; and one to fill the unexpired seat of Jimmy Oliver, who died while in office last year. Gregory Tutcik has taken papers out for that seat but has not returned them yet.

Papers still available

Fairhaven's annual elections will

be held on Monday, April 7. Nomination papers are now available at the town clerk's office, Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street. The last day for requesting papers is Thursday, February 13. Nomination papers must be returned with the required signatures by Tuesday, 2/18.

The last day for registering to vote is Wednesday, March 18. The clerk's office will be open until 8 p.m. that day to register voters.

Papers for town-wide office require 50 certified signatures; town meeting members require 10 certified signatures from the precinct.

Call 508-979-4025, Ext. 3 for info.

New Bedford Cultural Council awards more than \$75,000

Press Release

Mayor Jon Mitchell and Jill Horton-Simms, Chair of the New Bedford Cultural Council, have announced the award of 50 grants totaling \$75,036 to support programs in New Bedford that promote education, diversity, and excellence in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences. The grants were awarded from a pool of funds distributed to the City by the Mass. Cultural Council (MCC), a state agency that supports public programs and educational activities in the arts, sciences and humanities.

Grant recipients include programs that connect children and adults with the visual arts, performing arts, interpretive sciences and humanities.

The New Bedford Cultural Council is part of a grassroots network of 329 local councils that serve every city and town in the state. The program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the MCC, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each local cultural council.

Decisions about which activities to support are made using information received from the NBCC's annual Community Input Survey by a board of municipally appointed volunteers. The members of the 2013 New Bedford Cultural Council are: Jill Horton-Simms (Chair), Henry Gatlin (Secretary), David Goncalves (Treasurer), Patricia Daughton (Publicist), Josh Amaral, Scott Carola, Patricia Gomes, Isaiah Houtman, Charles Perry, Jr., Deb

Smook, Brooke Syvertsen, Pat Coomey Thornton and Terry Wolkowicz.

"I want to thank the 2013 board members for their participation in this process," said Mayor Mitchell. "They take on the difficult task of deciding how New Bedford's arts and culture community can make use of these limited resources in the most effective way. Each grant recipient offers programming that will serve to enrich the lives of New Bedford citizens through the arts, sciences and humanities."

Statewide, more than \$2.34 million will be distributed by local cultural councils in 2013. Grants will support an enormous range of grass-roots activities: concerts, exhibitions, radio and video productions, field trips for schoolchildren, after-school youth programs, writing workshops, historical preservation efforts, lectures, New Year's Eve celebrations, nature and science education programs for families and town festivals. Nearly half of LCC funds support educational activities for young people.

The New Bedford Cultural Council will seek applications again in October 2014. For more information and to download the application, visit www.mass-culture.org/New-Bedford or email newbedfordcc@gmail.com.

This year's grant recipients include: AHA! New Bedford, \$2664; Art Therapy Inspirational Art for Seniors, Inc., \$2000; Artworks!, \$864; Artworks!, \$2016; 3rd Eye Youth Empowerment, \$2880; Cape Verdean Recognition Committee, \$2000; Community Economic Development Center, \$1950; Culture Park Performing Arts Collaborative, \$2000; Dennison Memorial Community Center, \$1000;

Ms. Elizabeth Rapoza, \$500; Gallery X, \$1296; Gomes Elementary School, \$775; Global Learning Charter Public School, \$600; The Marion Institute, \$2000; New Bedford Art Museum, \$1850; New Bedford Ballet, \$900; New Bedford Day of Portugal, \$2736; New Bedford High School Drama Club, \$2880; New Bedford Housing Authority, \$1,900; New Bedford Festival Theatre, \$2000; New Bedford Folk Festival, \$2880; New Bedford Historical Society, \$1780; NBPS Fine Arts Department, \$350; New Bedford High School Band Boosters, \$600; New Bedford Open Studios, \$2000; New Bedford Symphony Orchestra/Friends of NBFPL, \$622; New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, \$1440; Reel Serious, \$2000; Southcoast Children's Chorus, \$350; Spinner Publications, Inc., \$2000; Ms. Teresa Kochis \$1138; Waterfront Historic Area League (WHALE), \$648; Whaling City Jr./Sr. High School, \$1836; Whaling History Alliance \$1440, and Working Waterfront Festival \$2,880

Field trip grants requests were a priority for the 2013 Council members and all requests were fully funded. Grants were awarded to the following institutions to benefit school age children: Alma del Mar Charter School, Carney Academy, Jireh Swift School, GNBRVTHS - VoTech., Holy Family Holy Name, Kempton Elementary School, Nativity Prep., New Bedford High School, Our Sisters School, SE Mass. Educational Collaborative, St. James-St. John's School, Temple Landing Housing, Trinity Day Academy, Whaling City Jr./Sr. High School, William H. Taylor School, Temple Landing Housing After-School Program, and YWCA of SE Mass.

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Public Hearings/ Legal Notices

Board of Appeals

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Board of Appeals

Tues., 2/4, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Community Preservation

Thurs., 2/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 1/27, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 1/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Dog Park Committee

Mon., 1/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 1/23, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 1/30, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Government Study Comm.

Thurs., 2/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Housing Authority

Mon., 1/27, Oxford Terr., 10 a.m.

Oxford/Rogers Building

Thurs., 1/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Haworth: 1/29, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
Espindola: 2/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 1/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 2/12, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Special Town Meeting

Wed., 2/12, Hastings MS, 7 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Planning Commission

Thurs., 2/13, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectoard

Mon., 1/27, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Board of Health

Tues., 1/28, Parting Ways, 4 p.m.

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Housing rehab program seeks homeowners

Press Release

The Fairhaven Housing Rehabilitation Program continues to offer no-interest, deferred loans to assist the owners of residential properties with critical repairs. The Program plans to expand into the North Fairhaven area in 2014, pending the approval of a grant application to the Massachusetts Dept. of Housing & Community Development for additional funds.

According to Bill Roth, Director of Fairhaven's Department Planning & Economic Development, "Since we started this program in 2006, we have been able to assist property owners with the costs of renovating over 45 units of residential housing. We can provide financial help to residents who can't afford to make repairs or don't have access to bank financing. At this time of year, we often get requests to assist homeowners with leaking roofs and failed heating

systems."

The majority of the 2014 Housing Rehabilitation Program's funds will be targeted for home repairs in North Fairhaven, south of Route 195. Eligible repairs can include roofing, plumbing, structural repairs, lead and asbestos removal, heating systems, window/door replacement and weatherization. The Housing Rehabilitation Program also accepts applications from landlords who do not live in the building to be renovated.

Some funds from the Department's current grant are still available to assist homeowners in the Cushman Park area. In addition, the Program can help homeowners town-wide with emergency repairs to their homes. Emergency repairs can include a roof or chimney leak into the living space, a failed heating, septic or well system, or other conditions that would

require the homeowner to vacate the property. The Program can also assist homeowners with the costs of making a home handicapped accessible.

To participate, homeowners or tenants must meet minimum income guidelines that are determined by HUD. The no-interest loans are forgiven on a prorated basis and only require repayment if the property is sold or transferred before fifteen years has elapsed.

As projects are usually approved on a first-come, first-served basis, interested residents are encouraged to secure a place on the waiting list by contacting the Fairhaven Department of Planning & Economic Development at (508) 979-4082 ext 9 or fairhaven-planning@fairhaven-ma.gov, to learn more about the Housing Rehabilitation Program and to request an application.

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Rocky's 2013 pet drive "Outstanding Success"

Press Release

Rocky's Ace Hardware, a family-owned business with 32 neighborhood based stores is proud to announce the results of their third annual pet food drive. More than four tons of pet food along with beds, leashes, treats, toys and cleaning supplies were collected and delivered to local animal shelters. The final weight of pet food amassed totaled an amazing 8,776 pounds.

Each of the 32 Rocky's Ace Hardware stores partnered with an area Humane Society or Shelter to collect food this Holiday Season for the much forgotten and unfortunate animals in our own community.

"The outpouring from our customers was, just in previous years, truly

heartwarming. Every year I am taken back by the level of support this drives receives. All of us at Rocky's extend sincere thanks to our neighbors who gave so generously" said Rocco Falcone, president and CEO.

"This annual drive gets bigger and better every year, this year's total was absolutely staggering!" said Geoffrey Webb, Director of Marketing and Advertising. "Last year we were able to donate 6,556 pounds of food plus accessories, this year the extraordinary efforts of our store team members in rallying behind this worthy cause along with the outstanding generosity of our customers resulted in an unprecedented total amount of donations."

The program supported thirty

organizations that provide shelter, veterinary care and comfort for homeless animals in five states.

"Besides the enormous increase in food donations, we were also able to pass along much needed cleaning supplies, feeders, pet crates, leashes and other items as designated by the shelters on their wish lists," said Webb.

Store teams also worked closely with their neighborhood shelters to find and collect non-food items. The stores collected all donations and drove them to their locally chosen charity. Nutro Pet Foods helped kick start the program with a donation of \$1,500 worth of premium dog and cat food. The drive started Nov. 22, 2013. Donations were delivered on or about December 24. •••



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