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Fire/police open house stresses fire safety



TOP: From a safe distance, Fairhaven Firefighter/paramedic Wayne Oliveira demonstrates that using water on a grease fire is ineffective and results in the fire getting larger, not smaller. ABOVE: Mr. Oliveira shows the proper way to put out a grease fire, using the right kind of fire extinguisher. See page 12 for story. *Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/ NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.12*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Oh, so much to rant about and no time to do it properly.

The BPW hires a guy who doesn't have the requirements even though other people who DID have the requirements were passed over. Hmmm...see page 18 for that. Hoppy's got that one covered.

Selectboard member hands over un-approved minutes to someone (page 4). Really? Even I have trouble getting a peek at those and the way I read the law, I'm SUPPOSED to be able to see them. But, that's a different rant.

Harvest Fun Day is upon us! After much anticipation, hype and planning, the big day is this Saturday. Scarecrows will be there, so be warned (see page 3).

The Harvest Fun Day is a great little event. Take the kids, bring that old doodad you think is an antique but your not quite sure about and don't want to pay a lot of money to find out about.

We have a story from across the river in this week's issue (see page 13). The City of New Bedford has created a Nature Explore park. It uses all natural materials (read: woodland debris). It's "cutting edge," heavy sigh.

I mean, really, when did "cutting edge" mean a big pile of dirt and digging in the big pile of dirt with shells from the beach?

I'm glad they have the park, really. I'm not criticizing the park. I'm just lamenting the fact that we need to create a space for kids to touch natural stuff and it's a big deal. They have cut up logs and shells, and chestnuts and big piles of dirt. So innovative.

What have we come to, America?

You should've seen those kids, too. They had a blast, running around, picking up sticks and swinging them around and not getting yelled at for doing it.

A simple playground. A simple concept.

Anyway, it's also in a beautiful spot, right on the river.

Take a ride by, I think you'll like it. Just don't expect any fancy rides or slides or metal stuff.

My kind of place, really.

It's Columbus Day weekend and I haven't leaf-peeped yet. It just kind of snuck up on us this year, yes?

Anyway, it means I should have a lot of Halloween yards ready to go on the annual list, but I only got ONE phone call. If you're going to decorate and you want people to go by and see your creations, be sure to let us know so we can tell people.

Our Halloween issue will be the week BEFORE Halloween this year, otherwise the paper will only be out for one day before my favorite holiday hits.

So, get your addresses to me soon. We have only one week, then the big issue.

There's lots of other good stuff in here, of course. Just be sure to notice who are advertisers are as you thumb through. And when you see them, be sure to tell 'em you saw their ads in the Neighb News. Until next week then...see ya,



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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our listing for the tree dedication at the East Fairhaven Improvement Association that we ran on page 6 and in the editor's letter last week, we misspelled Edith Silva's name. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

Harvest fun day, scarecrows, activities for kids

Fairhaven's second annual Harvest Fun Day will be held this Saturday, October 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Visitors Center, 141 Main Street at Route 6 (West lawn of Fairhaven High School).

Harvest Fun Day is sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism offering family fun in conjunction with the annual Harvest Scarecrow Contest. The event will feature more than 35 booths.

For children

There will be children's activities and games, booths from local non-profit groups and businesses, yummy treats, arts and crafts, a bounce house, face painting, and great music.

For a list of booths, visit <http://harvestfun.blogspot.com/>

Antique Appraisal

The Fairhaven Business Association will have Dean Nelsen and Jerry Alferes on hand at their Antiques Appraisal Table during the Harvest Fun Day. For a \$5.00 donation to the FBA's Scholarship Fund, Dean and Jerry will appraise antique items brought for review.

Both have vast knowledge of most

antiques. Dean is an expert in coins and Jerry has extensive knowledge of swords. Dean and Jerry will be there from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Scarecrow Contest

HARVEST FUN DAY is the drop-off date for scarecrows entered in the Office of Tourism's Harvest Scarecrow Contest.

Help get the town in the Halloween spirit by bringing your own homemade spooky (or not so spooky) scarecrow to be displayed along the Main Street sidewalk of Fairhaven High School. Scarecrows will be judged for prizes and will be on display until after Halloween.

All scarecrows must be homemade. Faces may not be commercial rubber or plastic masks or commercially manufactured. Some commercial costume pieces may be used sparingly, but should not make up the majority of the scarecrow's outfit. Because scarecrows will be on display outdoors for more than two weeks, they must be durable and able to withstand sun, wind and rain. If papier-mâché is used be sure it is sealed and weatherproof. Decora-

tions and accessories must be firmly attached. It is suggested that a length of 1"x3" or 2"x3" lumber be used to support the main body. The Office of Tourism will provide supports for standing scarecrows. If scarecrows are seated, entrants must provide the seat and a method of securing it to prevent tipping. The Office of Tourism may remove scarecrows that do not stand up to the weather.

Standing scarecrows should be at least 5 feet tall and no more than 8 feet tall, not counting a hat. Seated scarecrows should be roughly to human scale. **Drop off is Saturday, October 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during HARVEST FUN DAY. Judging begins at 3.**

For a link to complete rules visit <http://harvestfun.blogspot.com/>



Fairhaven 2014 Flu Clinics For Fairhaven Residents

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Selectboard makes decisions on Oxford/Rogers RFP

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard made significant progress in its work on the Rogers/Oxford School buildings Request for Proposals at its meeting on Tuesday, 10/7. The RFP will have to be approved by Town Meeting. A special TM is scheduled for 12/9, with deadline for submissions on 10/24.

The board, Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch, members of the public and R/O committee members spent about an hour and a half on the proposal.

Members of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association also had a chance to voice their concerns about the proposal to sell the land that the NFIA's meeting headquarters sits on.

In keeping with the themes of other RFP discussions, Mr. Osuch insisted that the RFP needed to be more specific in what it was offering for land and what restrictions would be on the properties. Selectboard chair Bob Espindola, also staying true to form, insisted that the RFP can be worded in a way to allow a lot of leeway and still give prospective buyers some direction on what the town would like to see in a successful proposal.

Both properties have their problems: The Rogers School has very little parking and a paper street, Union Street, running through it; the Oxford School has very little parking and an old fire station building on it that the NFIA uses for meetings.

NFIA members asked that their building not be sold and that any deal include 8-10 parking spaces for them.

That would take up about a third of the parking available on the lot now.

All three selectboard members seemed to agree that the NFIA building should remain owned by the town. The question came down to how the wording would be on a final agreement: would the new owners have to grant a permanent easement for the town to use the little building or would it be to the NFIA; would there be a buyout option, which could leave the NFIA in the cold.

John Medeiros, speaking for the NFIA, stressed that the organization restored the building when it was in severe disrepair. The NFIA also allows other groups to use the space, such as Scouts and the Lions Club.

"The building has not been an expense for the town," said NFIA member Alfred Raphael.

The building is more than 100 years old and was a fire station, so members also stressed the historic nature of the building itself.

They also said there would be no town buildings for use by the community near Benoit Square.

The problem came down to the lot size. The more that is taken away, the less the building will be worth.

Somewhere in the course of the discussion as they pored over maps and pictures, they discovered a septic system, further shrinking the parking prospects, unless the new owner ties into the sewer system.

Mr. Medeiros also asked the board to remove the bell from the building

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so it is not part of any sale.

After some discussion about when to remove it, Selectboard member Charles Murphy reminded everyone that the Selectboard is still not the actual owner of the building. That transfer will take place at the special town meeting on 12/9, if the article passes. His motion to remove the bell after the transfer is made passed unanimously.

Mr. Espindola seemed to win out with his philosophy of how the RFP should be worded.

He said he did not want to "forfeit" a sale in order to save "this small parcel," meaning the piece that the NFIA building is on.

He said it was important to "balance out" the benefits of various proposals.

The discussion of the Rogers School property went pretty much the same way, with the issue of the playground and the width of Union Street being the portion in question: Should the town accept a proposal that might require 20 or 30 feet of the playground, and does that include the unfinished portion of Union Street.

Board member Geoffrey Haworth

and Mr. Murphy both reiterated their opposition to the playground being part of the sale. Mr. Espindola also said he did not want to include any of the playground, but he also did not want to mention that in the RFP, just in case a prospective developer had a better idea.

Board members also discussed the amount of a bond and if they should include a minimum bid.

The RFP will be available to the public before it is voted on at Town Meeting. It will probably be finalized at the next board meeting on 10/21.

In another matter, in a bit of a protocol blunder, Mr. Espindola told his fellow board members that he had sent a portion of the meeting minutes to representatives of the EPA to get their approval on the part of the meeting that pertained to them. Mr. Haworth voiced his concern first, saying that no one should see the minutes before they are approved.

Mr. Murphy also seemed a bit taken aback, saying that other people in the meeting may also want to read the minutes before they are approved.

Mr. Espindola assured his fellow board members that he did not share the minutes, that he just sent a small section to clarify and make sure the information was accurate.

"I just think we should approve them before we share them," said Mr. Haworth.

The minutes were approved without any changes.

The board also read a proclamation to the Fairhaven Lions Club to commemorate its 70th anniversary. A chapter of the Lions Club International, the Fairhaven club has donated more than \$200,000 to Mass. Eye Research and has assisted with many community events.

They also participate in Operation Shoebox, collecting everyday items such as toiletries, DVDs and batteries to send in care packages to US troops.

"We...honor and congratulate The Fairhaven Lions Club for 70 years of outstanding service and dedication to the Town of Fairhaven and its surrounding communities," reads the proclamation.

Visit our website at www.NeighbNews.com to download a copy of the proclamation.

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Wind takes pole on Pilgrim



A rotten telephone pole on Pilgrim Avenue in Fairhaven in front of the town's pumping station caused a widespread power outage early in the morning on Thursday, 10/2. Power was restored by late morning. Photo from the Fairhaven Fire & EMS Facebook page.



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ENTERTAINMENT:

Fri., 10/10, James Gagne, 8 p.m.–Midnight
Sat., 10/11, Buzzards Blue Band, 9 p.m.–1 a.m.
Fri. 10/17, CJ Martin, 8 p.m.–Midnight
Sat., 10/18, Bare Bones, 9 p.m.–1 a.m.

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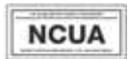


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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

DEP Meeting

The Mass. Department of Environmental Protection has agreed to meet with neighbors of the Fairhaven Shipyard to hear their complaints about noise and airborne particles from work done at the North Yard.

Members of the Selectboard and Board of Health are expected to attend. The meeting will be held on **Friday, 10/17, at Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, at 2:30 p.m.**

Harvest Fun Day

See page 3.

Riveside Cem. Tour

Fairhaven's lovely Riverside Cemetery is the setting of an Office of Tourism walking tour on **Sun., 10/12 at 2:00 p.m.** It begins inside the cemetery's entrance at 274 Main Street. Christopher Richard will act as guide.

The cemetery was created in 1850, on land donated by Warren Delano II, grandfather of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. It is considered one of the most beautiful rural-style burial grounds in the region.

The walking tour route traces the quiet winding paths past the final resting places of some of the town's most famous residents, including the Delano family tomb designed by Richard Morris Hunt, the H.H. Rogers mausoleum designed by Charles Brigham, and the grave sites of Captain William H. Whitfield, artist William Bradford, William F. Nye, John I. Bryant, and others. At each site, the guide discusses some of the history connected with the people buried there.

Nature lovers will see a wide variety of trees such as beech, black tupelo, birch, holly, cherry, dogwood, weeping willow, ash, sugar maple and more. Those interested in tombstone art will find fine examples of monuments and early slate markers bearing carvings of angels, willow trees, urns and other traditional symbols.

Each person attending the tour will be given a copy of the brochure that was produced by the Office of Tourism.

The tour is free of charge and lasts about 90 minutes. Walkers are urged to wear comfortable shoes and to be prepared for some hills and uneven ground.

For more info: FairhavenTours@aol.com or call 508-979-4085.

Cops and Donuts

"Cops and Donuts" is back! Come meet Det. Janice Bubluski, Elder Safety Officer in the Fairhaven Police Department, and listen to the important safety messages she has for seniors while enjoying a cup of coffee... and a donut of course! **Wed., 10/15, at 9:30 a.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop). Call 508-979-4029 for more info.**

Book Discussion

The Millicent Library's interactive book discussion group continues its **Thursday morning discussion on October 16, at 10:00 a.m.**

The book chosen for this month's review is Hannah Kent's *Burial Rites*. Agnes, an servant in Iceland, has been charged with the brutal murder of her master. Since, at that time, there were no jails in the country, she is sent to wait for her execution, living with a family on an isolated farm. At first the farming family avoids Agnes, but eventually they learn that there is another side to the story that they have not heard. Although this is a work of fiction, it is based on real events.

The discussion begins at 10:00 a.m. and lasts about an hour. It is held at the downstairs meeting room, which is accessible, and located at the Walnut Street side of the Millicent library. The book is available at the library, and can be reserved through the inter-library web-site, SAILS. Norma Markey, the discussion facilitator, will answer your questions if you call 508-993-3745.

Farmers Market

The Fairhaven Farmers Market is held every **Sunday from 1-4 p.m. on the lawn of Fairhaven High School.** Buy local produce, herbs, vegetable plants, desserts, cookies, jams, honey, cheese, eggs, meat all from local farmers. As well as all the wonderful food there will be soap, local photography, rope crafts, face painting and henna.

We also have space available for non-profit groups to join us throughout the summer. For more information please contact Ann Richard the

volunteer market manager at 508-991-8315 or ann.richard@gmail.com

Open House for Ed.

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society will host an **Open House on Thurs., 10/9 at the Museum at 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven.** The Society will launch its capital campaign to raise funds to convert the on-site carriage house into an education/culture center.

Visitors are welcome from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. WBSM's super radio host, Phil Paleologos, will be broadcasting his usual show from the Museum from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. During the day a student group from Friends Academy will be involved in the new "Students Walk with Manjiro" tour, a result of the Society's program to teach local teachers the Manjiro/whaling/Japanese culture story.

The restoration of the carriage house will be a true community project as the students of the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School will supply the majority of the labor for the project.

Light refreshment will be provided as well as tours of the Museum. Anyone who can not attend, but would like to contribute, may send a check (made out to "WMFS building fund") to WMFS, 11 Cherry Street, Fairhaven 02719.

The current classes are cramped for space, and the Educational Center will provide for much more education. We invite all to join us in this worthwhile venture.

Come look at the past and future of local history.

Cultural Council

The Fairhaven Cultural Council is accepting applications for 2015 projects. Pick up applications at the Fairhaven Town Hall, the Millicent Library or online at <http://www.mass-culture.org/Fairhaven>. Applications can be hand-delivered to the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall or mailed to 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719, and **must be postmarked no later than 4 p.m., 10/15, 2014.** Applicants are encouraged to read all guidelines and requirements thoroughly to ensure their application may be considered.

The Fairhaven Cultural Council is funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the town of Fairhaven.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Wine Fest

The Waterfront Historic Area League (WHALE) will hold its 24th Annual International Wine Festival & Auction on New Bedford's working waterfront on **Fri., 10/10, from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.** inside the State Pier Building, 93 State Pier. Free parking available at the Elm Street Garage.

The Wine Festival is WHALE's largest annual event, attracting hundreds of foodies, wine and beer enthusiasts, and supporters of historic preservation. Guests will enjoy an evening of sampling dozens of fine wines and select beers from around the world paired with signature dishes from the area's top restaurants and caterers.

Tickets in advance are \$65 from WHALE at 508-997-1776, online at www.waterfrontleague.org, and at Crush Fine Wine Boutique, 801 Purchase St. **Tickets at the door on the evening of the event are \$75.** Seventy percent is tax deductible.

Please call the WHALE office, at 508-997-1776 for more information.

AHA! Night

Join us for the October 9th AHA! when Art, History, and Architecture come alive in Downtown New Bedford! October is harvest time, and it's time to "Reap What You Sow."

Sponsored by: Sid Wainer & Son. Visit www.ahanewbedford.org

LGBTQ Dance

The LGBTQ Ministry at St. Martin's Episcopal Church Hall, 136 Rivet St. New Bedford, is holding dance for Lesbian/Gay/Bi/Trans/Queer individuals on **Sat., 11/1 at 7:00 pm.**

DJ, refreshments and soft drinks all for FREE!! For information, please call 508-992-4656

Boo at the Zoo

There's enough thrills and chills for everyone at this year's Boo at the Zoo! Join us for ten nights of slightly spooky family fun from 6-9 p.m. on October 10-12, 17-19, 24-26 and Thursday, October 30.

We'll have tricks, treats and friendly Halloween activities in our Mad Scientist Lab. Climb aboard for a spooooky train ride or take a bewitching carousel ride on our Candy Corn Witch Carousel! Rides are

included in the Boo at the Zoo admission. It's slightly scary fun for all ages!

Boo at the Zoo admission is \$9/adult and \$6/child for zoo members. Non-members' admission is \$14/adult and \$11/child.

Crafters Needed

For Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Church's Lebanese Holiday Bazaar that will be held on Saturday, November 15, from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. & Sunday, November 16th from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. Mary's School, 115 Illinois St. in New Bedford.

Contact Sharon Tripp at 508-971-3804 for more details!

So. Terminal Meeting

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) will host an informational meeting regarding the construction of the Marine Commerce Terminal in New Bedford on **Tues. 10/14, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the New Bedford Public Library, 613 Pleasant Street.**

Visit: www.masscec.com/newbedfordterminal

Panorama Unveiling

The New Bedford Whaling Museum has announced that the Old Dartmouth Lyceum Fall Lecture Series will preview major upcoming projects at the Museum. The four-part lecture series will feature the **official unveiling of the Purrington-Russell Panorama Conservation Project** and the exhibition opening of *Around the World and Back Again: New Bedford Artists Abroad.*

The fall lecture series begins on Thursday, October 16, with Peter Harrington, Curator of the Anne S.K. Brown Military Collection in the John Hay Library at Brown University where he has worked for more than 30 years. His lecture entitled *"Moving" Experience: The 19th Century Panoramas at New Bedford, Providence and Saco* will explore the popular media phenomenon of panoramas during the 19th century.

This lecture begins with a 6 p.m. reception featuring the official unveiling of the Panorama Conservation Project. Through the generosity of the Stockman Family Foundation and a grant from the

National Endowment for the Humanities, conservation is set to begin on one of the most iconic pieces in the Whaling Museum's collection: Whaling Voyage 'Round the World by Benjamin Russell and Caleb Purrington. At 1,275 feet long and 8-1/2 feet tall, the 1848 grand Panorama is believed to be the longest painting in North America.

Each evening of the four-part lecture series begins with a 6 p.m. reception, followed by a 7 p.m. lecture. All lectures occur at the Whaling Museum, 8 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford. Admission for individual lectures: Members: \$15 / Non-Members: \$20. For the four-lecture series: Members: \$50 / Non-Members: \$75. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (508) 997-0046 ext. 100 or visit www.whalingmuseum.org. The Old Dartmouth Lyceum is sponsored, in part, by Allan Smith CPA.

The rest of the series includes:

- October 30: Janice Hodson - "A Haven for Art Lovers": The New Bedford Free Public Library Art Collection

Fish Families Fund

United Way of Greater New Bedford, Mass. Fisherman's Partnership and High Liner Foods have teamed up to provide short-term emergency aid for individuals and families relying on fishing or the seafood industry for their livelihood. The fund is modeled after a similar fund that High Liner Foods supports in the Gloucester area.

The need is great not only for families of once active fisherman, but from other families whose livelihoods depend on all the related industries of fishing. The fund is intended for short-term emergency help, while longer term aid is put in place. All payments will be made directly to the third party vendor on behalf of the family approved for aid. Allowable expenses include; housing, utilities and food.

Donations for the New Bedford Fishing Community Fund can be made anytime to the United Way of Greater NB, 105 William St. 3rd floor, New Bedford, MA 02740 NOTE: Fishing Fund; or online at www.unitedwayofgnb.org. To seek assistance contact Verna Kendall at 508-991-3043.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Marathon Runner supporting pantry

Rob Grant is running his 10th marathon (The Baystate Marathon in Lowell on Oct. 19th), and his second for The Family Pantry, Damien's Place in E. Wareham.

To help in the cause, Cosi at Wareham Crossing, 2421 Cranberry Hwy #335, is donating 10% of all beverage & food sales from **Wednesday night's, 10/15, Cosi Benefit Night to The Family Pantry/Damien's Place** to help the poor and hungry. Stop in for some great flatbread pizza, soup/salad, coffee, or fall specials: pumpkin latte, hot apple ciders, and by so doing help feed the hungry in the greater Wareham area.

Life is Delicious!

The event will also show marathon photos, medals, along with a display of Damien Food pantry wish list items, which makes for a memorable and great evening out!

Fall Festival

On October 11, from 10:00 am to 4 p.m., celebrate the changing of the seasons at Partners Village Store, 865 Main Rd, Westport, 508-636-2572

Book Signings:

10 a.m.-Noon: *Organic Hobby Farming A Practical Guide to Earth-Friendly Farming in Any Space*, by Andy Tomolonis.

Noon-2 p.m.: *Road to Nyn* by Brian Michaud

Noon-2 p.m.: *The Demonic Eyes* by Jackie Leduc

2-4 p.m.: *Dying for Attention* by Jim Shannon

Activities

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Join us for lunch followed by an interesting and informative talk about the development of costume jewelry historically and in the US. Marie Rottler will also give us tips and guidelines on collecting, purchasing and identifying costume jewelry in antique shops, at yard sales, or discovered in jewelry boxes of family members.

Marie will have examples of some styles of jewelry pieces as well as books that show the various types of jewelry and the styles of various designers.

Bring in a piece of jewelry and see what you can find out about it.

Questions or need a ride? Call Barb, 508 864-5213.

Cabaret!

With book by Joe Masteroff, music by John Kander and lyrics by Fred Ebb, Cabaret! is based on the John van Druten play *I Am A Camera*, based in turn on Christopher Isherwood's classic novel *Goodbye To Berlin*. Set in 1930s Germany, as the Nazi party begins to rise to power, the play follows young American novelist Clifford Bradshaw as he explores the seedy underbelly of Berlin through the decadent Kit Kat Klub, with British headliner Sally Bowles, and the other boarders in Fraulein Schneider's less-than-reputable house on the Nollendorfplatz.

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Special Needs Serv.

The "Spirit of Grace," a special church service for autistic and other special needs children and young adults, will hold its next **monthly service on Sun., 10/12 at 2 p.m. at the Judith Clarke Center, St. Peter's Church, 351 Elm St., So. Dartmouth.**

This service aims to provide a spiritual and meaningful faith experience in an informal setting with storytelling, crafts, music and a Holy Eucharist with Rev. Rebecca Blair. Reservations are required. Please call Andrea at 508-991-8596 for more information.

Gubernatorial Deb.

Republican Charlie Baker and Democrat Martha Coakley will **debate on Fri., 10/17, at the UMass Dartmouth Main Auditorium from 4-5 p.m.** Free and open to the public. UMass Dartmouth's Main Auditorium is located within the university's MacLean Campus Center (285 Old Westport Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747). It will be moderated by UMassD Political Science Chairperson Professor Shannon Jenkins.

Model Train Fair

The Nauset Model Railroad Club's TRAIN FAIR and OPEN HOUSE is the place to be on **Sat., 10/11** whether an experienced model railroader or a beginner. This event will be held from **noon to 3 p.m. in the rear, lower level of Hilltop Plaza, 180 Rte. 6A, in Orleans, MA. Admission is free.**

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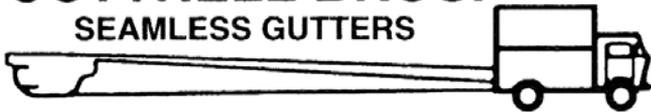
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- 1 round (8 oz) Brie cheese
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- 2 medium apples, cored and cut into 12 slices each
- 24 round buttered crackers

Heat oven to 350. Line small cookie sheet with cooking parchment paper or foil.

With small knife, carefully cut jack-o-lantern face in top of Brie, gently removing white outer crust and some of the cheese from under the cuts to reveal the face.

Using small spoon, spoon 1T. apricot fruit into cut-outs of face.

Place Brie on a cookie sheet. Bake 8-10 minutes or until sides feel soft and Brie is warm.

Serve with remaining 1/2 c. spreadable fruit, apples and crackers. Can be served with pears too.

Brie is a soft, rich and buttery cheese with an edible white coating or rind. When it is heated,



it becomes very soft and spreadable.

Soooo Yummy!! Enjoy!!

Bevy Lussier



LEFT: Jordyn Gagnon, a minor league player on the Rattlers, pitched well, but the Rattlers suffered their first loss of the season at Pope Park on Saturday, October 4th. RIGHT: Paxton Kohler, of the Sea Dogs, tries to make contact in his teams win over the Rattlers. Photos by Ryan Feeney. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com.

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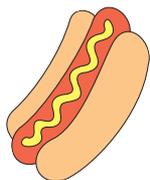
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Fire and police departments hold open house

By Beth David
Editor

To commemorate Fire Safety Week, the Fairhaven Fire Department held an open house that included lots of fun stuff and lots of safety information. The Fairhaven police department also had its tools of the trade on hand for children to see up close, including a SWAT truck they could climb on, a motorcycle, and a riot shield and battering ram they could try to carry.

The fire department stole the show, though, with the burning of a small building constructed for just that purpose. The roaring flames and billowing smoke are always a hit, but especially when they are put out by the firefighters.

Firefighter/Paramedic Wayne Oli-



veira, the Public Education Coordinator, explained the fire triangle to the crowd: heat, fuel, oxygen. A fire needs all three, he said, and to put it out, one of those “sides of the triangle” has to be taken away.

The lesson also included showing how water on a grease fire makes it worse, so matching the proper fire extinguisher to the fire is important. Using water from the sink on a stove fire could easily triple the size of the fire and could splash the flaming grease onto cabinets and counter tops.

“Water on a grease fire is very, very bad,” said Mr. Oliveira.

Demonstrations included using a fire extinguisher, using a fire hose and using a blanket to smother a fire. Firefighters also used the so-called “Jaws of Life,” to break apart a car and save the occupant. The small room that was built that morning was set on fire and allowed to grow, as Mr. Oliveira explained that a fire will double in intensity every minute.

Sparky the Fire Dog was also on hand for hugs and pictures.

In the “Safety House” trailer, children and adults could learn how hard it is to see in a smoky house.

Firefighters Nick Oliveira and Scott Winnett dressed up in their firefighting gear and crawled around the ground so children could see what



ABOVE: Josue Rosa, Jr. helps Lt. Todd Correia of the Fairhaven Fire Department lower the ladder on Ladder 1 at the close of the Open House on Sunday, 10/5. BOTTOM LEFT: Call Firefighter Scott Winnett gives a fist bump to a child as he crawls around in full firefighter gear to show children what a rescuer might look like coming through the smoke. Photos by Beth David.

they might look like as they search a smoke-filled house.

“You might hide,” said Mr. Oliveira to the children. “We don’t want you to hide.”

Run to them, not away from them, he said.

Family members of John Frates also released balloons in his honor.

Mr. Frates died this year. “He loved the fire department,” said his wife Ethel Frates. “He had scanners on 24 hours a day.”

Dogwood Tree planted in memory of Edith Silva

By Beth David
Editor

Members of the East Fairhaven Improvement Association, town officials and family members of Edith Silva gathered on Saturday, 10/4, to dedicate a Dogwood Tree that was planted in her memory at the organization’s headquarters at Fire Station 2 on Route 6.

Ms. Silva, who was president of the EFIA for 22 years, was remembered as someone who did her work behind the scenes. She died in November of 2011 from pancreatic cancer. She worked in the town’s Veterans’ Office at the time, and the town’s Veteran’s Agent, James Cochran, said she was “so brave” facing her cancer, and said she also had a sense of humor.

He recalled a mistake she made, and when he asked her about it, she said, “I’ve got chemo-brain, how am I supposed to remember stuff?”

Or, something like that, anyway.

“She was very brave,” said Mr. Cochran. “It’s just too bad.”

Fran Lopes, the current EFIA president, said that no one realized just how much work Edith did behind the scenes, “until we had to do it ourselves.”

Ms. Lopes said that Edith was a very humble person who never wanted any recognition.

“She always wanted the organization to get the credit, when she was the

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Edith Silva’s grand-nieces and her sister pose in front of the Dogwood Tree planted in Edith’s memory at the East Fairhaven Improvement Association Headquarters at Fire Station 2 on Route 6 in Fairhaven. L-R: Kirsti, Kayli and Kari Berche, Maureen Grace (Edith’s sister), Kaci Berche. Photo by Beth David.

FBA fun day raises funds for scholarships



The Fairhaven Business Association held a "Funday" on Saturday, 10/4, at Captain Barnacle's Mini-Golf and Snack Shack. Proceeds from the event will support the FBA and go

to the organization's scholarship fund. The objective of the FBA is the collaboration of marketing, encouragement of local economic development, revitalization and tourism, by providing a forum for discussion and by providing information to assist in ventures advantageous to its members and the community as a whole. Owners or representatives of business entities operating within Fairhaven, Mass., are eligible for membership. LEFT: Nathan Oliveira gets a little help from Grandpa Wayne Oliveira to make the shot at the Fairhaven Business Association's Funday on 10/4. RIGHT: Local businesses sponsored the event, with money going to support the FBA and scholarships. Photos by Beth David.

River's End Park gives kids the gift of nature

By Beth David
Editor

The City of New Bedford has a new park, but it is not like any other park in the area. Instead of plastic swings and new-age slides made of the newest material, the River's End Park is filled with wood, dirt, and shells.

"It's specifically designed for kids to take risks, obviously, calculated risks," said Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches.

It has a lot of moving parts, and no instructions.

Ms. Rapoza said that parents often are not quite sure what to do, but "the kids know exactly what to do."

And it sure looked that way on Saturday, 10/4, after the official ribbon cutting at the park, which is located on River Road, near Slocum Street, as young Jancarlos Rivera delighted in running around carrying a big stick.

The grounds stretch from almost Hathaway Road, to just about Slocum Street, all along the New Bedford side of the Acushnet River. River Herring swam in large numbers on one end, while ducks floated along the other end, making their way south to the Atlantic Ocean.

A large area on one end is perfect for fishing, a large tract of grass is perfect for picnicking, and there is plenty of parking on a permeable

surface, since it is so close to the river.

In the "Messy Materials Area," kids (and adults, too) can climb all over a big old dead tree laying on the ground.

Designed by "Nature Explore," the park includes benches built from wood that the city cut for one reason or another, a selection of pine cones, blocks of wood and a dirt pile, complete with quahog shells for digging.

Ms. Rapoza said a donation of a 55-gallon drum filled with shells will help replenish the supply for awhile.

As for the rest of the stuff, well, it all comes from tree work around the city.

"It's really cutting edge," said Ms. Rapoza, adding that there are only about 200 in the country.

She said the New Bedford park might be the only one that is free and open to the public.

The irony, of course, is that "cutting edge" means going back to the simple things: a stick, a shell, some blocks of wood.

"They can use their imaginations," said Brunilda Rivera, whose two children, ages 2 and 10, were using the park.

"I like it," agreed her daughter Cayla. "I like that you can imagine everything."



ABOVE: Jancarlos Rivera thoroughly enjoys playing with a big old stick at the new River's End Park in New Bedford. BELOW: Mary Rapoza, Director Parks, Recreation and Beaches for the City of New Bedford, points out pine cones, shells and chestnuts.

She also said that she wanted to tell her teacher about it.

"It's not like a park," said Emma Magnuson. "You can actually have fun without slides."

"When you think of a park, you think of slides," said her older brother Owen. "But this is a recreation park."



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Acushnet's strong rating equals savings

Michael Smith

Neighb News Correspondent

The town of Acushnet, thanks to with receiving a AA bond rating, will be saving over \$100,000 in repayment of \$6,000,000 worth of bonds that were sold by the town last month.

The bond, totaling \$6,030,000 from a fusion of two outstanding bonds, was sold on September 30. The town's good bond rating means Acushnet will save over \$108,574 over the remaining life of the bonds.

Town Finance Director Cathy Doane told the Selectboard at Monday's meeting, 10/6, that the town received eight bids on the bonds, with Southwest Securities coming in with the low bid of a 2.64 percent interest rate.

According to Ms. Doane, the town's bond rating was in better shape than initially thought. The AA rating the town received from Standard and Poor's Rating Group means Acushnet has a very strong flexibility in their budget, strong liquidity, and very strong debt and contingent liabilities.

"I am extremely pleased with the results," said Ms. Doane.

The lone appointment for the Selectboard had Ross Perry of the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) discussing an Energy Aggregation Plan for Acushnet. Town Administrator Alan Coutinho has been working with members of SRPEDD on the plan that would have the potential of saving residents \$150 yearly on their energy bills.

The plan, according to Mr. Perry, would not be at any cost to the town.

The plan is to lower delivery costs of electricity, which is a separate part of the electric bill. Resident would still have NStar, but would have a new

company for the delivery portion of the bill.

Costs are lowered, according to SRPEDD, because residents of Acushnet will be grouped with other towns into one large purchasing block that could negotiate for lower rates.

Mr. Perry explained the plan could help town residents save money on their bills, which comes on the heels of the state recently announcing raising electricity rates by 37 percent this coming winter.

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"The goal is to present this to the town and you," said Mr. Perry, adding that residents could opt out of the plan with no penalty.

Selectperson David Wojnar said if the plan can help save residents up to \$150 a year, then it should be adopted.

The first part of the program is to educate residents on the plan itself with a website, said Mr. Perry.

Savings could be anywhere from \$20 to \$30 a month per household.

The board voted to put the issue before town meeting, which will have to approve it.

In another matter, Chairperson Kevin Gaspar read a memo from the Board of Health regarding a proposed zoning by-law amendment that would reduce noise in a residential district. The location of the district was not made known in the memo. The motion was placed on file unanimously by the board.

A request from the Fire Department to transfer \$1,125 from the Reserve Fund for training for a full time firefighter was unanimously approved.

Mr. Gaspar read a letter from the Historical Commission asking for permission to meet at the Perry Hill Church to discuss further restoration of the church interior, including painting, wiring, and cleaning, in order to hold future meetings there.

The commission told the board they would seek Community Preservation Ccmmittee money to fund the restoration of the church interior.

The board voted to allow the commission to hold one meeting at the church.

Addressing new business, the board unanimously approved allowing liquor stores in town to ask for an increase in Sunday hours. The state legislature has recently relaxed the so-called "Blue Laws," limiting Sunday hours for liquor stores. If stores want to sell liquor from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., they still must petition the Selectboard first and the state would also have to approve it.



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12 Sarabeth Lane, Wareham: \$499,900

Built in 2008 in the Charge Pond Estates, this 10-room colonial offers 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths with a third floor suite and finished basement. Situated on over 3 acres and abuts the Myles Standish State Reservation.



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BPW hires HMEO, approves bench at Fort Phoenix

By Kylie Schuster

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Board of Public Works held a meeting on October 6th to hire a new HMEO operator, and to approve the building of a memorial bench at Fort Phoenix.

The board held two interviews to hire a Heavy Machinery Equipment Operator (HMEO).

Department of Public Works Superintendent Vincent Furtado explained that a sub committee made up of himself, Mr. Wotton, and board member Steve Riley had already conducted initial interviews and narrowed down the candidates to two individuals that would be appearing before the board.

Mr. Furtado introduced the first applicant as Taylor Pires, and explained that he was the top pick after the interviews, even though he did not meet all of the qualifications.

Mr. Furtado said that during the application process, the sub committee assumed that Mr. Pires held a class 2 license because he held a hoisting license.

The committee found out during his initial interview that Mr. Pires in fact did have a hoisting license, but not a class 2 license that the job requires. Mr. Furtado said that because the interview went so well with Mr. Pires, the committee made the decision to ask the workers' union if it was okay to hire him without the license.

The decision was that if Mr. Pires was hired, he would have to obtain the licenses within a determined time period.

Mr. Pires told the board that he had a "passion for construction" ever since childhood.

He said he went to a special secondary school for construction right after high school, and then worked for the City of New Bedford.

"I would love to hire you, but we were looking for someone specifically with a Class II licence," said board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson. "This whole process wasn't done right."

Mr. Hobson added that he would, "prefer to hire a veteran or a town resident."

Mr. Pires lives in New Bedford.

Board member Brian Wotton stated that he recommended Mr.

Pires, and that he was "the best interviewed."

Mr. Wotton questioned if a Class II license is necessary for the position, and if it was not, asked if the BPW could re-advertise the job without the requirement of the license.

Mr. Furtado explained that he did not think that the job could be advertised in a different way.

"We didn't catch this mistake so shame on us," he said.

Mr. Hobson agreed, saying that the sub committee "kinda screwed up."

Chairperson Michael Ristuccia stopped the conversation and asked Mr. Pires to speak more about himself.

He began by saying that he "fell in love with machines while learning how to use them in school," and that construction is a part of him.

...Mr. Hobson told the board that he knew "five or six people who would have applied for the job if they knew they could have gotten the license later."

After Mr. Pires left, Mr. Hobson told the board that he knew "five or six people who would have applied for the job if they knew they could have gotten the license later."

Mr. Ristuccia explained to Mr. Hobson that if he wanted more say in who they called back, then he could have volunteered to be on the sub committee.

Mr. Hobson said that it was "unfair," and "all the veterans and town residents are going to be upset because they didn't get to apply for this job."

The board also interviewed Jefferson Breault.

Mr. Furtado explained that Mr. Breault had experience driving trucks, but not much experience with other heavy machinery.

Board member Kathy Sturtevant asked Mr. Breault why he should be hired.

He responded by stating that he is, "a quick learner with no bad habits."

Mr. Riley motioned to hire Mr. Pires as long as he got the proper license the job would require. Mr. Wotton seconded the motion.

Mr. Hobson then motioned to re-advertise the job without the requirement of having a Class II license to the "town residents and the vets."

Mr. Wotton also seconded that motion.

The board voted to hire Mr. Pires, and did not approve Mr. Hobson's motion. After the board voted, Mr. Hobson stood up and stated that he could not "believe the board approved this."

He added that the other board members hired Mr. Pires because they were not veterans.

As he was leaving, Mr. Hobson stated that, "people will see this on TV and get pissed."

He also added that he wanted the BPW to fix the holes in the pavement next to Fort Phoenix before he left the meeting.

After Mr. Hobson left, Mr. Ristuccia addressed the board by first stating that, "as a veteran myself, I am not offended by this," and that "the department will be better with this young man. We made the right choice."

"It's not fair," said Mr. Hobson in a phone interview. "It's just mind boggling."

He said that the job was advertised as requiring the Class II license, keeping out many people who would have applied if they had known. He said the board should re-advertise the job and if Mr. Pires rises to the top again, then so be it.

"We've never hired anyone without a Class II license," said Mr. Hobson, who was the only board member to vote against hiring Mr. Pires.

Mr. Hobson also explained that he left the meeting early because he had broke a couple ribs in a fall and was in pain.

In another matter, William and Alexandra Woodford appeared before the board to ask permission to install a memorial bench in honor of Mr. Woodford's father, William J. Woodford, who is in poor health.

The elder Mr. Woodford came to America from Newfoundland in 1948 and has lived in Fairhaven ever since.

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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on October 20, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Notice of Intent Applicant Thomas & Debra Lambalot Location 30 Fishermans Road Plot 43A Lots 303, 304, 305. Purpose raze existing structure, replace shed and loam and seed rear lot all within 100' buffer zone to BVW.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Knollmere Beach Association Inc. Location Knollmere Beach Plot 32A Lots 213 & 214 Purpose beach nourishment.
- Request for determination Applicant Eric Souza & Amy J. Wharton Trustees Location 10 Saltmarsh Road Plot 43 Lot 5 Purpose Place concrete along face of seawall about 55'.
- Request for Determination Applicant Thomas & Barbara Ferreira Location Island View Road Plot 43 Lot 201 Purpose perform perk tests within 100' buffer zone to BVW and within a VE flood zone.

*Jay Simmons Chairman,
Fairhaven Conservation Commission*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM Notice of License Application pursuant to M. G. L. Chapter 91

Waterways License Application Number w14-4266-N

Applicant: IMAC Management Group, Inc., 4 Washington St, Fairhaven

Agent: Tibbetts Engineering, Taunton MA

Project Location: 67 Middle Street, Fairhaven

Scheduled Public Hearing: Wednesday October 22, 2014

Public Comments Deadline: November 10, 2014

NOTIFICATION DATE: October 8, 2014

Public notice is hereby given of the Waterways application by IMAC Management Group, Inc. to construct and maintain an approximately 7,200 square foot, two-story commercial use building, outdoor boat storage, approximately 27,000 square foot of paved parking, a chain link fence around the site perimeter and, a possible future 2000 square foot one-story storage building at 67 Middle Street in the municipality of Fairhaven in and over Filled Tidelands of the New Bedford Harbor. The proposed project has been determined to be nonwater-dependent.

The Department of Environmental Protection, Waterways Regulation Program, will conduct a public hearing on the aforesaid project proposal on Wednesday October 22, 2014, at 10:00 AM in the Banquet Hall of Fairhaven Town Hall in Fairhaven. The Department will conduct this public hearing in order to receive information to be used in its decision on whether to grant a Waterways License pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received by Monday, November 10, 2014 (Public Comments Deadline). Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c). The group of citizens must include no less than five citizens who are residents of the municipality in which the proposed project is located.

Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at (617) 556-1134. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.

Written comments must be addressed to: Andrea Langhauser at MassDEP Waterways Regulation Program, One Winter Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108 OR Andrea.Langhauser@state.ma.us

SILVA: cont'd from page 12 driving force behind most projects we worked on, and never complained," she said. "The organization felt that this was a way of keeping her memory alive and Edith getting the recognition, long overdue, [that] she deserved."

Edith's sister Maureen Grace said

Edith would be "very pleased" with the tree.

"It's a good feeling," said Ms. Grace "She did a lot of work behind the scenes."

Edith's grand-nieces were also on hand for the occasion, and remembered their great-aunt as someone with a sense of humor and a

Giants fan who would yell at the TV.

"She was just a great person," said Kari Berche.

"She took the positive from everything," said Kari's sister Kaci.

Edith's husband, Nelson Silva, also has a tree in his honor on the property.

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Atria shows appreciation for employees



Atria Fairhaven celebrated Employee Appreciation month in July to show how much they appreciate their dedicated employees. They all got together for a group photo. *Photo submitted by Wendy Carr-Cabral. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

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His son told the board that his father and his family "love Fairhaven and will always live here."

Ms. Woodford stated that along with the bench, the family wishes to donate \$1,000 to the BPW to help with projects around Fort Phoenix because it is where her father-in-law "started his American dream, and it's where he will end it."

The board unanimously approved the request.

Mr. Furtado showed the board members a copy of the Sewer Use Ordinance that he was drafting. He explained that it will help the town and the people "clear up what is private and what is town property."

Mr. Ristuccia asked the board members to read the ordinance at home a pick three things that they want to discuss at the next meeting.

Mr. Furtado also brought up the Pasta House grease traps discussed at a previous meeting. He stated that a crew went down to check the pipes to see if grease was built up again, and they saw some grease in the pipes. Mr. Furtado sent a letter to the Pasta House, and the board will continue to monitor the pipes.

In another matter, Mr. Furtado stated that a cracked pipe caused a town resident to call and complain of two feet of sewage in their basement. After looking at the damage on the

pipe, Mr. Furtado concluded that the pipe was cracked by a boulder that was moved when work was being done by DeTerra Excavating, which was removing the portable classrooms at the Rogers School. The BPW pumped out the basement.

In other business"

- Mr. Wotton stated that he saw a man pumping water out of the river in Mattapoisett, where Fairhaven owns land around the wells used for drinking water. He said that it was not the first time that the man was seen doing that, and "there should be consequences for these actions." Mr. Furtado suggested that the board have a man appear at a meeting they could talk to him themselves. He was not identified.
- Ms. Sturtevant stated that she saw couches dumped where they should not be in the Torrington Road area. She said it has been a problem in the past there, and that the board should look into it.
- Mr. Ristuccia explained that a restoration project on the south end of West Island was not working the way it should. He said that an invasive species of plants continues to grow there and it could endanger the marsh land. He said that he did not know if it was an issue for the BPW or the Conservation Commission, but stated that he would bring it up with both.

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Public Works

Mon., 10/20, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Capital Planning Comm.

Tues., 10/21, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Community Preserv. Comm.

Thurs., 11/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 10/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Tues., 10/14, Senior Ctr., 9:30 a.m.

DEP Forum/Shipyard issues

Fri., 10/17, Town Hall, 2:30 p.m.

Dog Park Committee

Tues., 10/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Government Study Comm

Thurs., 10/16, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Thurs., 10/30, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Personnel Board

Thurs., 10/16, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 10/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 10/22, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 10/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

TOWN MEETING

Tues., 12/9, Hastings Middle School

Deadline for articles: 10/24, 4 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Finance Committee

Wed., 10/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Historical Commission

Tues., 10/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 10/27, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Tax Classification Hearing

TOWN MEETING

Mon., 10/27, Ford Middle Sch., 7 p.m.

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Oktoberfest helps West Islanders get over summer loss

Serious Business



The end of summer makes some West Island residents downright gloomy. But the hardy souls have managed to figure out a way to make the best of it. The annual West Island Oktoberfest and beer swap is a fitting counter-weight to the cool-weather-doldrums. The little hall filled up with about 80 beer-loving neighbors and a few non-islanders in tune to the change of the seasons, for some bratwurst and sauerkraut, Italian sausages and a plethora of beers for swapping and sipping. (Great desserts, too.) Mike Higgins entertained and almost everyone managed to behave. LEFT: Linda Picozza carefully chooses her next bottle to taste-test from the sample table at the West Island Improvement Association's Oktoberfest and Beer Swap on Saturday, 10/4. RIGHT, L-R: The beer boat is still kind of full as Linda Meredith, David Bergeron and Terry Meredith ponder the mystery of which beers to take after taste-testing all night long. Patrons of the event brought a six-pack of an unusual beer to trade. Guests swapped beers from the boat to create a new six-pack with six different beers. Tasting tables allowed guests to figure out which new beers they liked. Photos by Beth David. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos of this event.

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The board also met with members of the Fairhaven Tennis Association seeking to build a pickleball court behind the senior center.

Robert Foster, President of the FTA and Ken Pottel, VP, told the board that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US. It is popular with seniors who can no longer play tennis.

The courts are smaller and the paddles are like oversized ping-pong paddles. The sport requires less stress on the knees and other joints, but is a lot like tennis. It uses a whiffle-type ball that cannot go as fast.

The board supported the move as long as the court does not interfere with the recreation center's use of the open space behind the building.

It would be the first pickleball court in the area.

The board also showed its support for creating a wellness program for town employees, by agreeing to create a steering committee. The measure will save the town money on health care by improving the overall health of employees. Workers will receive incentives to exercise more, quit smoking, etc. Mr. Espindola will

spearhead the effort.

"It's something I'm passionate about," said Mr. Espindola, an avid bicyclist. "It's a sign of the times. People understand that it's a good thing."

In an unplanned item, town planner Bill Roth gave a quick report to the board on a meeting he attended to discuss replacing the Fairhaven bridge. The antiquated structure is a much-loathed evil for those who have to cross over on a regular basis.

The prospect of replacing it with a modern bridge that would cost hundreds of millions of dollars is largely considered a pipe dream.

Mr. Roth, however, said that the process has begun and it could be replaced in 10 to 20 years. He said in bridge years, that is not too long, even though in "real life it is."

Meanwhile, there are other ways to make the bridge less difficult, like using modern signaling technology.

In another business:

- The board worked out an agreement with Frederick Lorraine to pay back the taxes he owes on his house at 46 Cherry Street. The

details on the agreement, which will allow him to stay in the house while he pays back more than \$20,000 to the town, will be worked out with the town finance director/treasurer and town counsel.

- The board agreed to have JJ Manning return to talk about selling the Staffon property. A bit of confusion arose when board members thought they had already voted to sell it, but minutes showed that they had not actually voted to do so.
- The Town Clerk postponed her appointment with the board to discuss changing polling places. Polling places will remain the same for the November election.
- The board read a letter from the Fire Chief, Police Chief, Harbor-master, Harbor Development Council, New Bedford Fire Department and New Bedford Police Department praising Rep. William Straus for his assistance in helping the agencies receive Port Security Grants in FY12 & FY13 totalling \$219,902.75. The money was used to upgrade and improve marine vessels and to upgrade security measures in the port. ●●●

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