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

Fairhaven remembers fallen on Memorial Day



Fairhaven Village Militia members fire their muskets in salute after the rededication of Benoit Square and the unveiling of the new sign. The square was dedicated to Ernest J. Benoit 10 years after his death in World War I on 10/13/18. He was the first Fairhaven man killed in WWI and was buried in France. Fairhaven also held a parade along Main Street and a ceremony at Riverside Cemetery. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos of this and other events.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

What a packed weekend we had, didn't we?

We had serious stuff and fun stuff and stuff that was serious and fun at the same time.

Kind of like life in general.

Our cover story is about the weekend's Memorial Day activities. Fairhaven had a great parade with people lining the street from the center to the cemetery. I'm also happy to say that lots of people also continued to Benoit Square to witness the rededication.

Memorial Day has two very different sides to it. A lot of people get upset that it's a "holiday" with all the trappings of a jolly good time. It's supposed to be set aside to remember those who are gone, those who served in the armed forces and died, especially those who died while on active duty.

And we do that, at least in our little burg, we do. The ceremony at Riverside, the flags on the graves at Riverside, the flags along the parade route: All those are somber reminders of the sacrifices our service members have made so the rest of us can enjoy the lives we have here in the US.

But I also would say that they died so that we could have fun, and I think they would want us not to linger too long inside the solemn part of the ceremony. We need to remember, we need to reflect, and we need to thank them. But we also need to enjoy those freedoms that they died protecting.

If you've never had the chance to see our home grown parade, you should make a point of getting to the next one. We actually have two coming up, but the July 8 one is anything but little this year. That one is a big, extra-special gala event. We'll be writing more about it soon. This is, after all Fairhaven's bicentennial year. A big year needs a big parade. So mark your calendars and stay tuned.

On that same weekend Fairhaven will host the Vietnam Moving Wall, a replica of the Vietnam Memorial on the Mall in Washington, DC. It is sure to be a very emotional exhibit for a lot of people, as it should be. So mark your calendars for that, too. It's scheduled to be here from 7/5-8.

Meanwhile, in this week's issue, read about our Memorial Day events on pages 12 & 13. We also have some meeting coverage for you: School Committee on page 4, Planning Board on page 18, School Building Committee on page 19. Seems the boys are having a little trouble playing nice in the sandbox. Which reminds me, we have a new reporter starting this week. Laura Fedak Pedulli will (hopefully) be covering school committee and Conservation starting...now!

So if you see her around town, be sure to say "hey" and tell her you read the Neighb News.

Well, until next week then...



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS

Uh, oh...did I forget something?
Nothing last week, for real?

FHS 19th annual Hall of Fame inductees chosen

The annual Fairhaven High School Hall of Fame banquet will be held Sunday, July 1, at the Century House in Acushnet beginning with a cocktail hour from 6-7, and followed by the meal at 7, induction and award ceremonies. This year's inductees are:

John Morgan, class of 1938, outstanding letterman at the Castle on the Hill. John was brother to Hall of Famer Fred Morgan, Phil Morgan and Clayty Morgan, all outstanding athletes at Fairhaven High School.

Steve Vining, class of 1954. Letterman, All Bristol County in football, baseball and track. Steve once pitched a victory over New Bedford Voc-Tech and drove to Dartmouth High and won the 440 in track all in one afternoon. Steve went on to play football on scholarship to Bridgeport University as a tight end.

Mickey Santos, 1976. Mickey was a nine letterman at FHS playing in two South Coast Conference Championships. A flanker and running back, Mickey was Standard-Times All Bristol and Fall River Herald All Star at half back. He also shone in basketball, playing three years, and track where

he was dashman and broad jumper.

Mickey won a scholarship in football to Boston University where he played four years as wide receiver. Mickey's dad was legendary football player Armand Santos.

Tiffany Therrian, 2001. Outstanding lady athlete at FHS, Tiffany won 12 letters in indoor track, outdoor track and cross country. She was ST All Star in indoor and outdoor track and seven-time South Coast All Star.

Most Memorable Team: The 1961 baseball team. Coached by Dick Norman, they were Bristol County League champs with amazing 16-2 record. Led by Tony Rego, Bob Bowman, Bob Lebeau, Mike Fitzgerald and Norm Tate.

Coach will be awarded to Dave Medeiros. Track coach, football and indoor track coach, Dave was also outstanding AD when Hall of Fame was instituted in 1995 with Dave as Chair.

Booklet will be dedicated to the Cox Family for their contributions to FHS for many years.

Tickets are available at the Fairhaven High School office or by

calling Scott Francis at 508-979-4051, Ext. 3005; or Linda, 508-525-7330.

Gil Santos receives Honorary Degree

By Bob Duarte

Special to the Neighb News

Gil Santos, the "Voice of the New England Patriots," received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at a dinner at UMass Dartmouth on Saturday, 5/26. Mr. Santos was unable to attend the commencement ceremony, so he was awarded his degree at the dinner after graduation.

Gil, a Fairhaven High School graduate, is a long time Patriots play-by-play man with Gino Cappelletti. Gil retired from WBZ after some 25 years as Sports Reporting in the Morning. Gil also did Celtics TV games, BC football, Penn State football and called the Boston Marathon for years.

The kid who grew up at Livesey Park calling sandlot games and CYO went on to WBSM, WNBH, WALE and WSAR, calling high school basketball and football.

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Schools changing some methods for Race to the Top

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven School District is implementing a more systematic approach to guidance counseling as part of its participation in Race to The Top (RTTT), which requires adherence to stricter curricular standards and evidence-based models.

School Guidance Counselor Ashley Garth presented to the Fairhaven School Committee on May 23 initiatives under way to increase college/career readiness from kindergarten through high school. The efforts, funded by RTTT grant money, culminated from monthly district support staff meetings looking at ways to implement research-based, MassCORE standards and state/federal models into current practice.

Although district counselors already have delivered some changes to ready students for life after high school, including seminars on that topic for juniors, more changes are under way, she said.

"We're excited about implementation. We really want to educate people because it is going to be different," Ms. Garth said. "The most important thing about the models we're adopting is that it reaches all of the kids, K-12. We make sure no one falls through the cracks."

Ms. Garth promised more specifics in the fall and said several counselors will attend RTTT-funded training over the summer to hone their approach. Next year Ms. Garth said she is forming an Advisory Council of educators, parents, staff, administration to weigh in on counseling and college readiness strategies.

"This is very proactive, it seems like we are turning things around," commented SC member Bernard Roderick.

"We aren't turning things around, we are making a full circle," Ms. Garth said, stressing that prevention is a focal point of the effort.

When Mr. Roderick questioned whether more staff would be needed to facilitate additional seminars, Ms. Garth only said, "We'll take it step by step...and cherish the small successes, and see what we can do to improve."

She added that one consequence

of the new junior seminars is the shortened length of the individual guidance counseling meetings from 45 to 20 minutes.

"As a parent of a junior, the workshops are really valuable," commented SC Chair Pam Kuechler.

"We're in able hands... This is not your parent's automobile, this is not what you are used to," said Superintendent Robert Baldwin. "It's phenomenal using data and not telling kids what they should not be."

In a second presentation, Information Management Specialist Steven Rosa shared energy savings data achieved through an energy management program implemented five years ago. The district has been working with Enernoc, a free program that provides energy savings

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guidance.

He said significant savings in electricity and natural gas occurred at Fairhaven High School, Hastings Middle School, and East Fairhaven, while Wood School and Rogers Elementary remained about the same.

Mr. Rosa achieved these savings by heating different zones at different times in a building, fixing a boiler that was programmed too hot at East Fairhaven, using one boiler instead of two at Hastings Middle School, relamping fixtures at East Fairhaven, and installing software to shut down idle computers. Also, his staff conducts bi-weekly audits at schools.

"We have 'dope' notes if you've left your computer and lights on. We leave them with teachers," he said.

Mr. Rosa estimated that the savings equate to about 55 cars removed from the highway annually.

"It's not only savings for the district, but savings for the environment," he said.

"I want to commend Steven. I want to reiterate, even as we are done with budget season, that this department continues to be proactive and efficient to save the district dollars," Dr. Baldwin said.

SC member Donna McKenna likewise commended custodians at Hastings who made sure she turned off the lights. "They're really on top of it."

At the request of committee member Brian Monroe, Mr. Rosa said he would present a report on district technology use in July.

In other business, the committee approved minor changes to its Student Travel Policy, and approved the Athletic Concussion Policy, which is a new state mandate.

SC member Stasia Powers voiced concern about the extensiveness of the concussion policy.

"My concern is there is a lot of detail here. I don't want us to get stuck," she said.

Dr. Baldwin assured her, "there is nothing now that we aren't [already] doing here," and added that the district is not required to act on concussion issues unless directly informed of an incident.

On a side note, the superintendent reported that Fairhaven students participated in a conversation with Chinese students using video conferencing at UMass Dartmouth.

"The biggest discussion was about the NBA playoffs. We found common ground for peace in the world... What a wonderful experience," he said.

Next year, students will have another opportunity to communicate with Chinese students, but FHS students will be communicating instead in Mandarin.

Dr. Baldwin reminded the committee that the last day of school for students is June 14, and for staff is June 15. Senior graduation is scheduled for June 3 at 1:00 pm.

Lastly, he said site work for the new building at Wood School is under way, and that the groundbreaking will occur either July 9 or 10.

"The project is not in the future. It's happening now and I'm really excited about it," he said.

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Let the summer begin!



This group of West Island merrymakers started the summer off right: with dancing, a cookout, a bonfire and an all-around fun time on Balsam Street. Photo courtesy of Diane Leblanc. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

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All donations benefit Big Brother Big Sister mentoring programs in your community. Donations are tax deductible. For more info visit online at www.bbbsfoundation.org.

Bird Club

The Nasketucket Bird Club will be switching locations for the walk this **Saturday, June 2.** We will be birding at Little Bay in Fairhaven instead of Wareham. We will still be meeting at 7:30am at the Park and Ride. You can meet us at Little Bay if that is more convenient. Contact: Justin Barrett, 774-207-8515, or jmbarrett426@gmail.com.

Plant Sale

Our Lady's Haven will hold its annual plant sale the Saturday, 6/2, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 71 Center St., Fairhaven, 508-999-4561. All proceeds benefit OLH residents. Accessible.

Beach clean-up

Be the Solution to Pollution is conducting another clean up at Fort Phoenix on **Sunday, June 3.** We will meet in the parking lot near the cannons at 9 am. The work will be to the right of the hurricane dike.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Please wear sunblock and closed toe shoes. Gloves, tools and water will be provided along with a snack.

For more information, please email freymarylou@yahoo.com or call 508-496-0708. For more information about Be the Solution to Pollution: www.bethesolutiontopollution.com

Swim the Bay

The Buzzards Bay Coalition has opened registration for its 19th Annual Buzzards Bay Swim to take place on July 7, 2012. The Buzzards

Bay Swim is the Bay Coalition's longest-running fundraising event and is a fantastic way to enjoy the Bay while contributing to its protection.

Each year swimmers participate in a 1.2 mile open-water swim across outer New Bedford Harbor. With great support and clean, clear water, the Swim draws a wide range of participants, including serious competitors, first-timers, families, teams, and everyone in between. Register at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/Swim. Swimmers must raise \$150.

The Buzzards Bay Swim is the largest annual fundraising event held by Buzzards Bay Coalition, a non-profit, community-based organization dedicated to the restoration, protection, and sustainable use and enjoyment of the Bay and its watershed. Funds raised are used to support the critical work that the organization does, such as monitoring and reducing pollution in the Bay's harbors and coves, and accelerating permanent land preservation efforts, and educating citizens throughout the Buzzards Bay watershed.

For information contact Donna Cobert at cobert@savebuzzardsbay.org or 508-999-6363 x209.

Fhvn Guide Book

The brand new, 24-page Visitors Guide book produced by the Office of Tourism is now available at various places in the center of town, including the Office of Tourism office, Millicent Library and Town Hall. It is also available online on the Town of Fairhaven website as a PDF that you can download and read or print yourself. Visit the Office of Tourism website to download: <http://fairhaventours.blogspot.com/>; or the town of Fairhaven website at: <http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/Pages/index>

Photo Contest

For Fairhaven's Bicentennial
The Friends of the Millicent Library are sponsoring an amateur photo contest in honor of the 200th birthday of Fairhaven in 2012.

Participants will submit a current photo and select an old photograph or postcard showing how the town and its people and places have

changed over the years. The new photo alongside the old photo should help answer the following questions. How has the character of the town changed? Have people places and things evolved over the years? Has something disappeared? Has something been restored? How have fashions and celebrations changed? Do we deal with nature differently now? How has transportation changed? Do we relax differently now than we did in the past?

Download forms and rules at www.millicentlibrary.org or visit the library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. The entries will be displayed in The Millicent Library. Deadline for submission is November 1, 2012. Winners will be announced on December 8, 2012 during the Old-Time Holiday Weekend

Door Decorating

The Fairhaven Improvement Association is sponsoring a door decorating contest as part of the bicentennial celebration.

First prize is \$125.00 and a blue ribbon; Second prize is \$100.00 and a red ribbon; Third prize is \$75.00 and a yellow ribbon. Two honorable mentions, \$25.00 each.

Doors must remain decorated from June 1, to July 15 and have a patriotic/bicentennial theme.

Registration blanks can be picked up at the Selectmen's Office, Millicent Library and the Northeast Maritime Institute.

Judging will be done during the week of June 10. Winners will be announced at the Homecoming Fair.

Registration fee: \$5.00 payable to Fairhaven Improvement Association and mailed to P. O. Box 404, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Rogers School Carnival

The Second Annual Rogers School Carnival will be held on June 9, from 11 am until 3 pm. Rain date June 10th, at the Rogers School Playground, 100 Pleasant Street, Fairhaven

Carnival Games and Food, Fun Bus, Face painting, Bouncy House, Plant Sale. FUN ABOUND

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Class of 1950

The New Bedford Vocational Technical High School is planning a class reunion in October 2012 for the class of 1950. This class has never had a reunion and organizers are looking for classmates.

Please contact Rhea Teves-Cate at 508-996-4842 if you or someone you know graduated from NB Voke in 1950.

YTI auditions

Director Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr. will audition actors for Neil Simon's hilarious comedy "Brighton Beach Memoirs" on **Wednesday and Thursday, June 6 and 7, at 7:30 p.m.**

Tryouts for three male and four female roles will be held in the handicap accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Performance Complex at St. Martin's Church, 136 Rivet St. at County St., New Bedford. Parking is free in the church lot on County St.

Acting experience is not necessary, but role seekers should have a desire to share the experience of live theatre and the enjoyment of collaborating with other talented individuals.

Characters in the play are Eugene Morris Jerome, a 15-year-old Polish-Jewish teenager obsessed with baseball and the unfolding mysteries of girls and sex; Kate, 40, his strong Jewish matriarch mother; Jack, 40, his father; and Stanley, 18, his older brother.

Other characters include Blanche Morton, 38, Eugene's widowed aunt; Laurie Morton, 13, his bookish cousin; and Nora Morton, 16, his attractive older cousin.

While experiencing puberty, Eugene searches for identity as he tries to deal with a financially stressed family whose bonds are intense and unbreakable, yet crinkled by the wrinkles of real life.

"Brighton Beach Memoirs" will run Thursday through Saturday evenings September 13-15 and 20-22 at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees September 16 and 23 at 2:30 p.m.

It will be the first of Your Theatre Inc.'s five major productions in its 2012-2013 66th season of providing award-winning community theatre to Southeastern Massachusetts and surrounding communities.

Ticket and other information about the production are available by

calling 508 993-0772, or by sending email to info@yourtheatre.org. Visit www.yourtheatre.org for more info.

Open Water Chall.

Calling all kayaks, canoes, row boats, dories, gigs and whaleboats. The Buzzards Bay Rowing Club will host its sixth annual "**Buzzards Bay Open Water Challenge**" (formerly known as Row for the Bay) on **Saturday, June 4th at 10:00 AM.**

Registration for the three-mile race, which will begin and end at beautiful Fort Taber Park in New Bedford, begins at 8:30 AM, the day of the race. To pre-register, visit the Buzzards Bay Rowing Club web site at www.buzzardsbayrowing.org or call 508-961-5955. **The entry fee is \$20.00 per person** and includes water, juice, fruit and refreshments for rowers at the end of the race..

For more information, registration form and directions, log on to our website www.buzzardsbayrowing.org or call (508) 961-5955.

Whales Tales

Moms and dads seeking free, engaging activities for their young children should check out this event: Whales, Tales and Sails, a free, one-hour story hour **each Friday morning from 10:00-11:00 AM.** The weekly event features professional storyteller Andrea Lovett and includes stories, fingerplay, songs, music, crafts and free play at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's Corson Maritime Learning Center. This activity is geared for children ages 0-5. The center is located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford.

Andrea Lovett has been performing and teaching storytelling professionally since 1992. From the moment she begins to speak her audiences are caught up in the magic of story. Lovett co-founded massmouth, an award winning storytelling organization based in Massachusetts, with Norah Dooley in 2009. (www.massmouth.com).

Andrea Lovett is such a wonderful storyteller; children and adults alike enjoy her stories. We invite anyone and everyone to this entertaining and family-friendly event in our park each Friday at 10:00 AM."

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and interpret America's nineteenth century whaling industry. The park, which encompasses a 13-block National Historic Landmark District, is the only National Park Service area addressing the history of the whaling industry and its influence on the economic, social, and environmental history of the United States. The National Park visitor center is located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. It is open seven days a week, from 9 AM-5 PM, and offers information, exhibits, and a free orientation movie every hour on the hour from 10 AM-3 PM. The visitor center is accessible to all. Admission is free. For more information, call 508-996-4095, go to the park website at www.nps.gov, or visit the park's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>

Free Portuguese Art

"Palavras e Pinturas: Historias de Portugal" (Words and Paintings: Histories of Portugal), a **free public exhibition** of works by Karen E. da Silva, Ph.D. will be on view **June 7-10 in the Jacobs Family Gallery, New Bedford Whaling Museum, part of Day of Portugal weekend celebrations.**

An author and artist, Dr. da Silva is American born. She is an educator and lives in Shelton, Connecticut with her husband, Augusto, who was born in central Portugal. In their frequent travels to Portugal, Karen was deeply inspired by the beauty, way of life, traditions, and culture of the country. She captured it in her daily journals in words and pictures, recorded the stories that Augusto told about growing up there, and painted from sketches and photographs in her home studio. The exhibition includes these stories in words and pictures as well as the nine picture books that she has written.

The exhibition is sponsored by the Consulate of Portugal, New Bedford; Committee for the Day of Portugal; Portuguese United for Education; Azorean Maritime Heritage Society; and WJFD.

For more information on the Whaling museum and events visit www.whalingmuseum.org.

Vietnam Memorial 10th Anniversary

The Massachusetts Vietnam Veterans Memorial Board of Directors will host a rededication ceremony in honor of the Memorial's tenth anniversary at Green Hill Park in Worcester. The three-day ceremonial event, which will begin on Friday, June 1, will include a golf tournament, a rededication ceremony with the reading of the names, an anniversary dinner and a freedom ride. All of the events will be open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Originally dedicated in June 2002, the Massachusetts Vietnam Veterans Memorial honors those from the Commonwealth who served their country between 1955 and 1975. The Worcester site serves as the Commonwealth's only permanent tribute to veterans of the Vietnam War. The Memorial is designed in three sections called places – these consist of the Place of Flags; Place of Words; and Place of Names. The Place of Words shows text from letters written home by some of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who died in Vietnam. The Place of Names proclaims in stone the name of each and every Massachusetts resident who died in combat or as a result of wounds received while in action in Vietnam. The Memorial spans four acres and includes walking paths, benches, a pond and fountain.

For more information and specific details about the rededication events at Green Hill Park, please visit the Mass. Vietnam Veterans Memorial website at www.massvvm.org.

Geocaching

Wednesday, June 6th from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m., the Town of Acushnet Conservation Commission and Town Clerks Office are holding a free family event, Introduction to Geocaching, at the Ford Middle School auditorium located at 708 Middle Road, Acushnet. Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices and cell phones. Residents will learn to navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the hidden geocache (container) at that location. Best of

all...the Geocaching Class to learn how to play is FREE and playing the game is FREE! In addition to the FREE class, the Town of Acushnet will, also, be hosting a Geocaching Day Event the following Saturday June 9th from 12:00 p.m. - 3 p.m. in the Ford Middle School parking lot, 708 Middle Road.

Raffle prizes, tours of fire station, trucks, etc.

For information please call the Town Clerks office at 508-998-0215.

Calling all runners!

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute invites runners to join its team for the 12th annual B.A.A. Half Marathon presented by Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund on Sunday, October 7. Run along the 13.1-mile, rolling course through the Emerald Necklace park system to raise funds to advance cancer research and patient care.

Team members receive a guaranteed race entry, a personal fundraising web page, and online tools that make fundraising easy, along with a training program designed by 1976 Boston Marathon® winner Jack Fultz. Join the team and raise essential funds for Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund.

Registration for the Dana-Farber team opens on June 1. For more information, please visit www.RunDanaFarber.org or call (617) 632-1970.

Volunteers Needed

The 3rd annual Mass Dash Relay is seeking volunteers to support its runners in the event's 200-mile trek across the state of Massachusetts on July 14–15 to raise money for pediatric and adult cancer research and care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund.

Teams of up to 12 runners will begin the two-day, non-stop relay race of thirty-six legs across Massachusetts – from the foot of Mount Greylock in Lanesborough, to the finish line at Carson Beach in Boston. Mass Dash is looking for race crew volunteers to check in runners at relay stops throughout the race, especially along the portion of the route from Sturbridge to Boston.

To sign up, volunteers can visit the following link and click "volunteer now" to check off the transition

where they would like to help. http://massdashrelay.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=21&Itemid=46

For more information about Mass Dash, please visit: <http://www.massdashrelay.org>.

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ABWA meeting

Please join members of the Southcoast Express Network of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) at their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at the Country Club of New Bedford, 585 Slocum Road, North Dartmouth** (accessible). Will include presentation of the annual scholarship, the induction of the new board members and an interesting presentation by SouthCoast Serves, a local non-profit organization.

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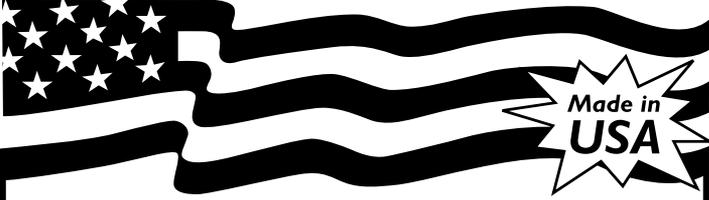
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4 eggs
1 tablespoon vanilla
1 cup mini chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour a 12-cup bundt pan.

In a large bowl, mix together cake mix, instant pudding, sour cream, oil, water, eggs and the vanilla until well blended and smooth. Stir in chocolate chips and mix until well blended.

Pour into prepared pan and bake in a 350° oven 50–60 minutes or until done. Cool in pan for 10 minutes, then place on desired plate.

1 cup raisins and 1/2 cup chopped walnuts may be substituted for chocolate chips.

By Flo Mendonca

To share a recipe with your neighbors

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A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neighb News

Fairhaven High Softball Team: SC Champs

The Lady Blues rolled over D-R last Friday, with a big 4-2 win. Courtney Girouard pitched a super game. Nicole Avila got the big hit to drive in two runs, Kelsey Perron-Sovik and Kayli Moniz had big games. The Champs will await seed pairings for State Playoffs, which should be either a bye or playing low seed team Thursday or Friday at home.

FHS Boys Lacrosse to play in States

The S.C.C. FHS Champs defeated Apponequett 5-4 last week to close an amazing season 15-1.

Alex Silva was super in goal, Kobi Espindola, Cory Nunes, and Jim Santos were super on defense.

FHS Tennis

The Fairhaven Boys defeated New Bedford 3-2, Alex McGannon the big singles win. The girls defeated D-R 3-2. Michelle Westgate was the big single winner. Melissa Berry and Farrah Gellette had a double win.

Old Colony Softball

Last week the Cats defeated Tri-County 9-5 behind the pitching of "Acushnet Lightnings" Courtney Guidry and the hitting of Kayli DeTerra and Alex Gorden. In the State Voke tourney they defeated undefeated Franklin County 13-0. Courtney threw a four-hit shut-out.

Jade Shade, Kayli and Alex had great games. Were set to play Upper Cape finals on Monday.

Sean Riley-All New England

Former Fairhaven baseballer Sean was selected M.A.S.C.A.C. PLAYER OF THE Year at Bridgewater State.

Car hits building in Sconticut Square

By Beth David
Editor

A car hit the corner of the building in Sconticut Square on the corner of Route 6 and Sconticut Road on Monday, 5/29, at about 8:30 a.m.

According to Fairhaven police spokesperson Kevin Kobza, a man who had owned the car for a short period of time thought it was in park and accidentally hit the gas. The car jumped the curb and hit the building where Cardoza's Liquors is housed. Some bottles got knocked off the shelves, but damage was minimal to both the car and the building.

"It just jumped the curb, made incidental contact with the building,"

said Sgt. Kobza. "The impact was enough to knock some bottles off the shelves."

He said the store stayed open for business.

A person who answered the phone at Cardoza's would not comment on the incident.

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Thomas Jefferson

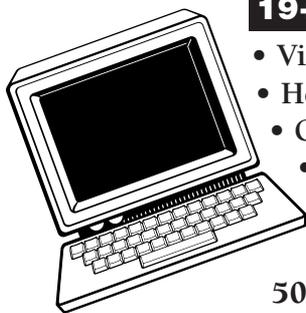
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Fairhaven's Memorial Day parade honors those who served

By Beth David
Editor

Spectators lined Main Street in Fairhaven on Monday, 4/28, to wave flags, clap, and otherwise cheer the many veterans and other groups who marched in the annual Memorial Day Parade. The march began at the corner of Ferry and Main Streets, and proceeded north to Riverside Cemetery, stopping at the high school long enough for the Fairhaven High School band to play the national anthem while the big flag was raised.

At a reviewing stand at the high school, in front of the Henry Huttleston Rogers monument, town moderator Mark Sylvia announced the groups as they marched by.

Along the route, young and old cheered, bands played and the mood was festive. Inside Riverside Cemetery, the mood changed to a somber remembrance of those who have died defending the United States.

The ceremony included reading the names of veterans who have died during the last year.

Jeff Cardoza, VFW Commander, and Gerry Stabell, Cdr., American Legion Post 166 emceed. Selectboard Chair Brian Bowcock read General Logan's Orders, which created the day of remembrance in 1968.

Although giving no specific orders on what the activities should entail, the order asks that some commemoration be made for the purpose of "preserving and strengthening those

kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion. What can aid more to assure this result than cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes?" reads the order.

Fr. McElroy of St. Joseph Church gave the opening and closing prayers, asking everyone to remember that "life is short" and the "hour of death is unknown."

In his Keynote address Cmdr. Stabell told the crowd that Memorial Day is a somber day for all Americans.

"It is a day to take the time to honor and pay a special tribute to all the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice and paid the cost of our freedom by laying down their lives in defense of their country," said Cmdr. Stabell.

He said millions of Americans had their lives and those of their loved



Children and grandchildren show their appreciation and give their thanks to Jeff Cardoza, Commander of VFW Post 2892 in Fairhaven. L-R: Cathy Tremblay, Dylan Cardoza, Brayden Tremblay, Jessica Martins holding James Cardoza, Leah Martins, Mikaylah Cardoza. Photos th is page by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos of this and other events.

ones "altered when they put on the uniform," and he reminded everyone that more than 83,000 Americans are still missing in action and 1,306,451 have been killed.

"Those we honor today met the challenge, made the sacrifice, and paid the highest price when they answered the call to serve their country," said Cmdr. Stabell.

Their sacrifices were those of "honor and personal courage" to triumph over evil and protect the American way of life and freedom, he said.

Cmdr. Stabell said their sacrifices were not in vain and they would never be forgotten. He said their families should also be honored for their sacrifices, and noted the well known saying: All gave some, some gave all.

Cmdr. Stabell directed some words to young people. He said adults must teach them to "respect the American values with the realization that freedom, justice, and democracy are worth defending, and that freedom is not free, but very costly."

The ceremony included musical selections by the Fairhaven High School Band and the First Congregational Church, in addition to a musket-fire salute and firing of the small cannon by the Fairhaven Village Militia.

After the ceremony at Riverside, the color guards reformed and marched to Benoit Square for a



Veterans carry the flags of the five branches of the US military after the Memorial Day parade and ceremony to Benoit Square to rededicate the square to Ernest J. Benoit, who was killed in World War I. The square was originally dedicated on Memorial Day in 1928. The first Fairhaven man to die in WWI, Private Benoit was killed in action on Oct. 13, 1918, and is buried in France. L-R: Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy, Coast Guard.

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Flag raising and lowering at Ft. Phoenix honors Katie Brienzo



LEFT: Fairhaven Selectboard member Charles Murphy says a few words at Ft. Phoenix on Memorial Day, 5/28, while Boy Scouts from Troops 52 & 55 wait in formation after raising the flag at 7 a.m. in memory of Katie Brienzo who was killed in a hit & run car accident last November. ABOVE: At 7 p.m., Mr. Murphy presents the flag to Katie's mother, Karen Fostin, while Fairhaven Selectboard member Bob Espindola looks on. Photos courtesy of Ted Silva. See them in color at www.Neighbnews.com

Ft. Phoenix Encampment shows fun and work in the 1700s



The Fairhaven Village Militia held an encampment at Fort Phoenix this weekend, from Friday to Sunday, 5/26–28. The militia showcased the tools of the trade of Revolutionary era armed forces and the everyday tools of the household. Children could try their hand at ring tossing, hoop rolling and tomahawk throwing, along with other games and activities. Militia members held many demonstrations of life in the 1700s, including outdoor cooking, camping tasks, lots of musket firing, and the ever-popular firing of the five big cannons. Hundreds of people turned out for the cannon firing at dusk on Saturday, while Fairhaven Office of Tourism Director Christopher Richard explained the readying of the cannons step by step. LEFT: Olivia Cambra catches the ring her mother Kim threw in the ring toss game. RIGHT: A militia member, silhouetted against the setting sun, seems to be standing sentry as other members prepare the cannons for firing on Saturday, 5/26. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos of this and other events.

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This summer, Fairhaven Recreation will be continuing our youth track and field program for children ages 3 through grade 8. This program starts at the end of the school year and runs for 4 weeks. The program is free with your play card and will meet 2 days (Monday & Wednesday) a week at Cushman Park from 6-8PM.

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Art Show showcases Acushnet talent

By Diane Kozak

Neighb News Correspondent

On May 19th and 20th the annual Acushnet Art Show took place at the Council on Aging building on South Main Street. The event, which is sponsored by the Acushnet Cultural Council, invites artists throughout the town to display their work for public viewing. To encourage artists to submit their pieces, the council awards 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes to winners in five different categories.

For the second year in a row Dartmouth oil painter, Susan Cabral,

was chosen to judge the event.

“She is very knowledgeable and she appreciates all different types of art. I believe these things make her a very good judge,” Dianna Couto, chairperson of the event, said. “Susan told me that she had a difficult time deciding on the winners this year because there were so many wonderful pieces to pick from.”

The Acushnet Cultural Council (ACC) is a group of citizens who have been selected by the Selectboard to administer funds appropriated by the Massachusetts Cultural Council

(MCC) for the purpose of providing events in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences for the residents of the town. The council has proudly coordinated and sponsored the art show for 53 years.

This year’s first place winners are:

- Water Color: “Cool Drink” by Dianna Couto
- Photography: “Lookout Below” by Michelle Sutcliffe
- Sculpture: “Turmoil” by Ronald Gonet
- Mixed category: “Crazy Horse” by Ralph Kingsley



Acushnet art show winners, L-R: Crazy Horse by by Ralph Kingsley, Dawson Brodin standing in front of “Cool Drink” by Dianna Couto, “Turmoil” by Ronald Gonet. The Acushnet Art Show was held on May 19 & 20 to showcase and give awards to Acushnet artists. Photos by Diane Kozak. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com



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Flag raised in honor of Frank Corey at Long Plain Museum



LEFT: On Sunday, 5/27, Memorial Day weekend, the flag at the Long Plain Museum in Acushnet is raised in honor of Frank Corey. RIGHT: Shirley Parker of Mattapoisset reads the dedication document. The ceremony was sponsored by volunteers of the Acushnet Long Plain Museum. For more information about the museum visit <http://www.longplainmuseum.org>. Photos courtesy of Barry Parker.

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Riverwalk slated to be finished next February

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

At the 5/22 meeting, the Fairhaven Planning Board viewed the initial plans for the new Riverwalk bicycle and pedestrian path that will wind contiguously along the Acushnet River.

Nancy Durfee of the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) introduced sketches of the proposed project which is slated to be ready for use by February 2013.

The trail extends from Fort Phoenix to Acushnet Riverside Park, and across a proposed bridge into Reliable Truss site New Bedford. From there the trail will wind its way along New Bedford's renovated mills.

The ultimate plan is to continue the trail in all four directions north, south, east, and west to connect with other similar projects under way across the region.

The restoration of Fairhaven's Marsh Island, also known as Tin Can Island, is a key component to the project, with the removal of hundreds of thousands of cubic feet of contaminated soil left from dredge spoils from 70 years ago.

Ms. Durfee said that a three-town

project such as this happens rarely. Final plans for the project should be completed by June 18.

In another matter, Director of Planning and Economic development Bill Roth said he is still waiting for interested parties of a proposed modification of the wind turbine

...a three-town project such as this happens rarely. Final plans for the project should be completed by June 18.

setback bylaw to contact him for their input. Mr. Roth said four areas of interest are height, setback, shadow flicker, and noise.

Chairperson Wayne Hayward commented that as Fairhaven is considering altering their WT bylaw, other communities across Massachusetts are changing their own standards. He

said that as the bylaw issue evolves across the state, other board members should keep up with the news and remain well-informed about the topic.

"My goal is for the Town to get protected as soon as possible," said Mr. Hayward.

Mr. Hayward also read a brief letter sent to the BOH in support of the two Arsene Street wind turbines, written by resident Diana Starr Daniels.

Robert Leidhold of 23 Summer Street withdrew his special permit application without prejudice, after his public hearing was cancelled due to an advertising error.

Mr. Leidhold's application for a dwelling conversion sparked heated debate at the 5/8 Planning Board meeting when Mr. Roth argued in favor of the merits of Mr. Leidhold's application, while Mr. Hayward argued against it because of noncompliance with the Town's dwelling conversion bylaw. The board issued a full refund to Mr. Leidhold in the amounts of \$250 for the application fee, and \$466.25 for advertising and mailings.

In other business, Jim Pelland resigned as the board's recording secretary, and the board welcomed new Secretary Pattie Pacella. ●●●

Police looking for shoplifting suspect

Fairhaven Police Department Press Release

On May 14, 2012 an unidentified male party shoplifted four containers of liquid Tide laundry detergent valued at \$82.76 from the Fairhaven Stop & Shop store. Stop & Shop security cameras captured an image of the suspect as he entered the store and showed him picking up the merchandise then exiting the store after failing to pay for it.

The person shown in the photograph is also believed to be involved in several similar shoplifting incidents throughout the New Bedford area. Anyone who recognizes or can identify this person is strongly encouraged to contact Fairhaven Police Detectives at 508-997-7421.

RIGHT: Fairhaven Police released this surveillance camera photo of a suspect wanted in connection with shoplifting liquid Tide laundry detergent from the Fairhaven Stop & Shop on May 14. He is also believed to be involved in several similar shoplifting incidents in Greater New Bedford



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School Building Committee tense as they get down to the wire

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

Neighb News Correspondent

With the groundbreaking of the \$24 million new elementary school at the Wood School site less than two months away, the Fairhaven School Building Committee is gearing up for the general and subcontractor bid deadlines. The general bid deadline is 6/8, while the subcontractor bids were due 5/30.

Phillip "Pip" Lewis, architect for HFHM, and his staff met with the committee on 5/24 to review the MSBA's list of items to address in its standard specification document. The spec contains all the material, equipment, and construction requirements for undertaking the project.

But before Mr. Lewis began discussing the MSBA's comments, committee member and Fairhaven Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch expressed displeasure on a number of issues.

"There is a lack of communication all the way around with this project," Mr. Osuch said, noting HFHM has yet to show that the bid is listed in the state registrar. Moreover, he said the addenda to the specs are overly extensive. "We're up to 144 pages, how many more to come?" he asked.

"The addenda is as long as it needs to be to get the job done," Mr. Lewis replied.

Superintendent Robert Baldwin asked directly if the continued revisions could affect the bidding deadline.

"If we continue to go on like this, the time frame trumps it, doesn't it?"

"We are in good shape," said Mr. Lewis. "This is not an unusually large addendum. This is not an out of control addendum. There is no anticipation of moving the bid date."

Dr. Baldwin then defended the architect.

"I think it's time to move on and trust the people we've hired. There comes a point where we are beating a dead horse, and I think we are beating it," he said.

The superintendent's efforts at conciliation did not stop Mr. Osuch from further detailing his concerns, including HFHM's failure to integrate requested changes into the spec.

"Has anyone looked at the changes? Where are they being made? After two or three weeks, it is still the

same," Mr. Osuch said, adding that HFHM did not revise the spec to reflect Town Counsel Thomas Crotty's suggestions.

When Mr. Lewis did not answer directly why the revisions remained undone, Committee Chairperson Chris Bunnell said, "I realize you are trying to coordinate a lot of people... but I suggest tomorrow morning you care more about Crotty... I don't lose my patience much, but I'm at the end of my rope."

Mr. Osuch and Mr. Lewis also clashed over how to list out construction material cost in the bid.

According to Mr. Lewis, Project Manager Richard Marks agreed with him to list items by total estimated cost without the unit price, but Mr. Marks was not present at the meeting to discuss the matter.

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much, but I'm at the
end of my rope
[Chris Bunnell]

"I totally disagree with how are you doing it," Mr. Osuch said bluntly. "The unit price of the item should be estimated. If it is exceeded by 20 percent, that price could be adjusted."

Mr. Osuch cautioned that if cost is overestimated, it is possible the district would not receive credit back.

Mr. Lewis strongly disagreed. "This is a fast construction schedule. If we make contractors quantify units, we are distracting him from getting the work he needs to get done."

Mr. Osuch predicted large change orders under the arrangement. The conversation grew so tense Mr. Bunnell ended it abruptly. "Pip, Jeff and Richard. Talk tomorrow. Solve it."

Finally, Mr. Lewis reviewed comments from the MSBA's May 16 letter; the school district must respond within 21 days. Mr. Lewis said most suggestions are doable, including

swapping the van parking spaces to put accessible spaces on the right, utilizing generic brands of certain material, removing manufacturer names, labeling custodial closets in the bathrooms, and revising the Table of Contents. Other changes requested include removing "etc." and "as required" from the bid, but Mr. Lewis said he would object to that because he found removing or changing the terms unnecessary and cumbersome.

The MSBA's comment that three potential vendors must be given for all construction material raised serious concerns. Mr. Lewis said he would reject the MSBA's request, but Mr. Osuch warned against ignoring it.

"They are bringing it up. Someone needs to double check and not make an assumption," said Mr. Osuch.

He explained that the listing of three vendors encourages cross bidding and prevents overpricing. "It's all a game of money."

"If we had to list three things in every file...that would delay the bid," Mr. Lewis said. However, he promised to reach out to the state on the matter.

Mr. Lewis said another hurdle is MSBA's new requirement that a certain percentage of material be regionally sourced (ie. within 500 miles) or from recyclable materials. He said HFHM originally wanted Endicott brick from Wyoming, but he brought brick samples from a local company and gained the committee's approval to use them.

In one final item, upon Mr. Osuch's suggestion, the district will withhold money from contractors until as-built drawings are furnished to ensure construction work is done properly. The committee agreed that three percent of the trade value would be put aside.

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Letters from our readers from previous

Acushnet Town Meeting needs all to attend

Dear Registered Voter of Acushnet, I am one of YOU, a registered voter of Acushnet. There are 6607 of US. I am ashamed to say that I did not vote in the last town election because there were no contested seats. I apologize to all of you who did, you did your duty, I did not. I will not make that mistake again at our town meeting of June 4.

The registrar of voters has offered US and only US (6,607 of US), the privilege of attending and voting at town meeting. All residents can come, but only WE can vote. We know that important things like health and employment issues, like the duties of police and firement, caregivers in hospitals and nursing homes, etc., will decimate our numbers. And, of course, for the lady voters, hairdresser appointments, which come hell or high water, floods, tsunamis or childbirth can never be cancelled; however, afterwards, they can grace the town meeting with their new-found beauty and vote. My [male] chauvinistic remarks are only intended to inject a little levity into the very serious request for more town meeting voters. Since votes have no gender I am aware that a vote cast by a nicely coiffured lady would have the same governmental effect as one cast by a balding man in his dottage.

While my primary purpose in this letter to YOU is to increase the number of US at Town Meeting, a secondary but equally important purpose is to express our heartfelt thanks to all of our elected and appointed officials and our dedicated town employees who provide our town services to us. These employees and dedicated town community service volunteers run our town government 365 days/year. We only show up at Town Meeting or elections for our civic duty. At least we could show up "en masse," all residents, not just voters!!! Your presence alone is a thank you to all who serve.

Dear Town Meeting,

I am one of YOU but I am also a resident of Presidential Terrace. I am speaking to you now in the event you will be voting at Town Meeting. This is the only Article I know anything about. It is a request for a grant of \$26,600 to replace 28 sliding

glass doors with no insulating quality with 28 sliding thermo-pane glass doors. Because of the lack of insulating quality in the old doors, condensation forms on the glass and drips down on the track and the wooden parquet floor damaging it.

In the winter this condensation freezes in the track making the door inoperable. Since this door provides the second means of egress required by law it is a public hazard.

The Community Preservation Committee has validated Presidential Terrace's eligibility for this grant and recommended that it be granted. The Select Board did not place it on the town warrant because a petition by over 200 registered voter signatures placed it on the town meeting warrant.

The TOWN MEETING on JUNE 4 can and will be our INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION if all of YOU come that can come. If many hundreds or even thousands of US show up, we can LOUDLY PROCLAIM "THANK YOU" to those who deserve it.

A small showing can only proclaim an apologetically whispered "thank you." What response to YOU want showcasing the HEART, CONSCIENCE and VOICE of Acushnet?

If you want a little inspiration to get YOU to attend and vote, accept as a theme song for our town meeting and dig out of your archives Andrew Lloyd Webber's version of the song sang by Michael Crawford from the musical "Starlight Express," "Only You." The title says it all!!!

Only YOU can make TOWN MEETING a success if YOU ATTEND and VOTE!!!

Bob Varley, Acushnet

"Thieves Cloaked in Green"

There are two thieves lurking high above our town, disguised in green they loom over our schools, our neighborhoods and our friends. They have stolen our serenity, our solitude and our peace of mind. These thieves have swiped our town's historic skyline and quaint character.

They slithered into our neighborhood in a "low key" manner through back rooms and executive sessions. Our neighboring towns knew of the thieves and locked their doors tightly. In our town these thieves befriended those that we entrusted to represent us and those same representatives

opened our doors widely and handed over the keys to our well being. These thieves and their dangerous ways were well known and ignored by those who should have protected us because for them there was much to be gained. We will take solace in knowing that their terrorizing of our neighborhoods won't be forever because what can't be stolen is the perseverance, drive and determination of those they have stolen from.

Each and every day as more are robbed of what is dear to them their thievery becomes more and more unveiled. We will continue to confront, these swindlers, these cons, these thieves, and run them out of town on a rail! And then we'll be returned what has been taken from us, and is rightfully ours, our serenity our solitude and our peace of mind.

John Methia, Fairhaven

Fairhaven officials have history of failure

At the heart of our government lies an obligation to protect the well being of all its citizens. That charge at the state level falls to the DEP, and ultimately at the local level it lies with the Health Board. From dumps to sludge plants and now turbines the DEP and Fairhaven town officials have a history of failure if not malfeasance. These entities have failed to do their jobs again. Instead, infected with conflicts of interest, they've helped a developer make millions and politicians blinded by hubris achieve their ends by any means.

The facts are: that in no other place are turbines like these as close to as many homes, they do make noise and obviously they do impact on property values. If the wind is blowing in your direction you will hear a constant jet plane sound, low and under all other noises, in a futile effort for sleep you'll keep your window closed on those warm summer nights. When you see those 400-foot towers with their spinning blades above your roof you can think about the loss of home equity Gordon L. Deane and your town officials have cost you.

Most who live away from these things congratulate themselves on being green, but more importantly saving the green. They've been told, by those seeking approval, about the

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Legal Notices/Public Hearings

FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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North Fairhaven Improvement Association president Michael Silvia gave a brief history of the square, including the addition of a memorial to Lance Corporal Patrick J. Gallagher, who was killed in Iraq in 2006.

For more on Memorial Day and the full text of General Logan's Orders visit: <http://www.usmemorialday.org/backgrnd.html> •••

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Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 6/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health

Mon., 6/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 6/4, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 6/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 6/14, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Historical Commission

Wed., 6/6, Academy Bldg., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 6/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 6/6, FHS Library, 6:30

Selectboard

Mon., 6/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Mon., 6/18; HURRICANE

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Acushnet Meetings

Board of Health

Tues., 6/12, Parting Ways Sch., 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 6/13, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Housing Authority

Wed., 5/30, 23 Main St., 10 a.m.

School Committee

Tues., 6/5, Ford MS, 5 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 6/4, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TOWN MEETING

Mon., 6/4, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

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Tuesday	5	0914	2141	0257*	1439*
Wednesday	6	1008	2234	0348*	1533*
Thursday	7	1102	2328	0436*	1625*
Friday	8	1156	----	0521*	1718
Saturday	9	0021	1251	0605	1815
Sunday	10	0114	1344	0651	1929
Monday	11	0207	1437	0741	2115
Tuesday	12	0301	1531	0833	2219
Wednesday	13	0356	1627	0923	2303

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GIL SANTOS: cont'd from page 3

Gil was inducted into the WBZ Radio Hall of Fame in 2009. His 30 years of service, starting in 1966, make him the longest-serving announcer in the NFL, tied with Merrill Reese of the Philadelphia Eagles.

The UMD press release noted that the "Fairhaven native" was "educated at a UMass Dartmouth predecessor institution" and is "famous for his decades of work as the 'Voice of the New England Patriots.'"

Congratulations to Gil, and Good luck.

For the press release visit: http://www1.umassd.edu/communications/articles/showarticles.cfm?a_key=3021

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LEFT: Gil Santos, Fairhaven High School graduate and "Voice of the New England Patriots," takes a look at his new honorary degree with Professor Susan Leclair at a dinner after UMass Dartmouth's commencement ceremony on Saturday, 5/26/12. RIGHT: Surrounded by UMD faculty, Mr. Santos says a few words to family and friends at the dinner. *Photos courtesy of UMass Dartmouth/Photographics. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

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tax dollars they'll be saving. They tell themselves the impacted are just disgruntled, chronic complainers, NIMBYS who will eventually suck it up and learn to live with the turbines. Those in power know the right buttons of human nature to push. Love thy neighbor becomes screw my neighbor when I might be able to save a buck.

In Falmouth the turbine has been shut down by the DEP but in Fairhaven the state, developer, and the town continue to stand against its citizens, and the truth. (The following from the 5/18 ST) "But DEP and Fairhaven officials caution against drawing comparisons between the two towns, citing different types of turbines, differing topography and the relatively short period of time Fairhaven's turbines have been operational." Deftly defying logic, DEP Commissioner, Kenneth Kimmel said, "Being in closer proximity to turbines does not necessarily make them louder."

And continuing to use double talk as defense "The location and the topography of the turbines in the two

towns are very different, so you can't use Falmouth as an example of the turbines in Fairhaven," Kimmell said. "There are trees around the Fairhaven turbines that Falmouth doesn't have and those could act as a buffer."

Speaking for Palmer Capital's, Gordon Deane, Sumul Shah said, "Falmouth's Wind 1, the turbine shut down by the DEP, is a 'stall-regulated' turbine, which are louder than pitch-regulated turbines." Last and not least, from the BOH chairman, "Overall, DeTerra said it was too soon to tell the fate of Fairhaven's turbines." "We are only in the beginning stages, but the Board of Health is taking this seriously." And to prove it DeTerra said, "he did not see a conflict of interest in the turbines own developers testing" for their own violation.

Now when the warnings about the turbines in Fairhaven are being realized and the state is forced to act in Falmouth, where the turbines impact fewer people, they all circle the wagons. Ken Kimmel, head of the DEP, says being closer doesn't matter and there's a forest around those in

Fairhaven; guess he hasn't been here to see and hear these monsters across the marsh. It's the stall kind of turbines that are noisy says Palmer Capital's Sumul Shah, and we have the pitch kind. So we ain't like Falmouth, we're OK. Peter [DeTerra] doesn't know what to say.

Howard Gosting a chemical engineer who spoke at the DEP hearing in Falmouth and used the DEP's own data to disprove the myth that pitch regulated turbines like those in Fairhaven, are quieter than the stall-regulated turbine in Falmouth which was just shut down. In fact he concluded that pitch regulated turbines like the ones in Fairhaven are louder.

Gordon L. Deane should know this isn't over for Palmer Capital and his friends in Fairhaven. Health Board members Peter DeTerra and Brian Bowcock's secretary still haven't done the job they were elected and obligated by law to do. Jeff Osuch and Brian Bowcock still have some questions to answer. We'll see them all in court.

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