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## Town starts kickball league for fitness's sake



Fairhaven Highway superintendent John Charbonneau kicks the ball during the town's first kickball game, featuring the Department of Public Works against Town Hall employees. The league is part of a wellness program that aims to get town employees and their families healthier, which will bring down health insurance costs for the town. The DPW won the game by a huge margin (probably 15 to 2), but the exact score is in dispute. See page 12. *Photo by Beth David.*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

So much to write about, so little space!

This weekend is Father's Day, so that means the annual Road Race (see page 6). It's a biggie and gives lots of money to local groups, so you have some time to cheer on the runners, get out there and do it.

This weekend is also the annual Buzzards Bay Swim, when people swim from New Bedford to Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven, right across the harbor (see page 6). That's a fun time, to be sure. It starts a bit early, but since the harbor marine traffic is pretty much shut down, they have to pick a time when it won't interfere too much. Last year, at least one old fishing boat didn't get the memo and sliced through the swimmers, although at least it was at the end. But I digress. The event is lots of fun to watch. If you can get to Ft. Phoenix to cheer on the swimmers, by all means do so. They usually have some great food for the swimmers, too, and they let us lazybones types partake for a small fee. There'll be music, it's on the beach, what more could you ask for?

Our cover story (see page 12) is a hoot! An absolute hoot! The Department of Public Works played Town Hall in a kickball game. They picked kickball because they get to throw the ball at runners to make them out. Go figure.

Seriously, though, everyone who participated had a lot of fun. There was a lot of fun trash-talk, ridiculous banter, and lots of laughs. It all started as part of a wellness program, and I think it'll work if people just keep up the attitude I saw on Friday. The games are held at Cushman Park, so feel free to go by and watch your favorite town workers run around in circles.

Right now there are only two teams, the DPW and Town Hall. I do believe there are enough town employees for that to grow significantly. So, if you know any town employees, tease them mercilessly until they join a team, or start one if necessary.

On a more serious note, we have two deaths to talk about this week. I wrote about Curt Lopes last week, and this week, we have a story about his funeral. His grandson David Wilson did a spectacular job on the eulogy. See page 12 for that.

We also lost Evelyn Martin last week (see page 3). We've written about Mrs. Martin a few times over the years. I used to see her around town, event after she left for an assisted living facility closer to her daughter.

Mrs. Martin was secretary at the high school for 46 years. She remembered the names and stories of thousands of students, delighting and dismaying them at the same time as they would see her many years after they had graduated. She loved Fairhaven, and she loved the high school passionately. Anyone who met her, after five minutes, knew that she loved that school, she loved that job, and she loved those kids.

In our story, Bob Foster tells about the time there was a long line of alumni waiting to talk to her as she sat in the hall at an Evening of Taste event. Many of those former students marveled that she remembered them so clearly.

I know we can all say she was just lucky that she had such a good memory at such an advanced age. But I think it was more than that. I think it was her passion and her deep love for each and every student. To her, they were always her "kids," no matter how old they got. She remembered them because she cared deeply about every little thing that they cared about. She was a rarity in this world.

She made a difference, a huge difference, and she did it through a job she got just one year after graduating from high school.

She didn't need to be some famous politician or rich philanthropist, or even a college graduate to make her mark in a way that will be felt for generations to come. All she had to do was her very best at her job, and to care about every single person who crossed her path. I'm delighted to have known her.

Until next week then...



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our Selectboard meeting from last week, we made a mistake on the day the meeting was held. It was held on Tuesday, 6/9. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

# Evelyn Martin, beloved former school secretary, dies at 91

By Beth David  
Editor

Evelyn Martin of Fairhaven, who served as secretary to Fairhaven High School for 46 years, died peacefully at Epoch Senior Health, in Harwich, on Wednesday, June 10th, at the age of 91. She was the wife of the late Arthur Martin.

Mrs. Martin moved to Harwich to be closer to her daughter in recent years. She made it a point to get back to Fairhaven, though, for special events.

She was recognized in 2012 as one of 50 "most influential" people, as part of the town's bicentennial activities.

In 2009 (see our 6/27/09 issue), Mrs. Martin was honored at a special tea at the high school that featured an appearance by Mark Twain (aka Richard Clark). The Class of 1961 sponsored the tea, which included breaking out the good china and real utensils, none of that plastic stuff. Mrs. Martin appreciated those details.

At the time, she said that being the only secretary at the school for all those years would not have been

possible without the help of the students.

And no matter how old they all got, Mrs. Martin still called her former students "kids."

She was in the job long enough to remember three generations of families attending, including the FHS Alumni Association's Bob Foster, whose parents and children all knew her in that role.

He said that during one of the "Evening of Taste" events at the high school, there was a line of more than 30 people waiting to talk to Mrs. Martin in the hallway where she was sitting.

"She was the principal's secretary, but it was kind of commonly felt that she wielded more power than the principal did," said Mr. Foster. "She just had that kind of influence over kids. She was very motherly, but could be very stern."

As a member of the school committee, Mr. Foster remembers her "breaking in" new principals.

"She would just kind of wink at us," he said, and they all knew she would make that principal come around

eventually.

"It's hard to put into words, really. She's one of those people who had a lot of impact on people because as tough as she could be on people, they knew there was a caring side to her," he said. "She had an amazing away about her she had a very loving way, but she could be very stern. You could never get away with anything."

Not only did she remember names, she could relate stories about students decades later. They would marvel at how she remembered them, and even who they were dating in high school.

Mr. Foster said that invariably, when giving a tour of the high school, alumni will ask about her as they reach her old office.

He said she would look up from her desk if a student walked by during class time and ask why he or she was not in class. But she would not just say "class," she would say "chemistry class," or "English" class.

"She knew everything that was going on in that school," said Mr. Foster.

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# Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars® Awards 26 Scholarships

*Press Release*

On Wednesday, May 27, Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars, Inc., held its annual awards ceremony at the Century House. In front of a large group of family, friends and special guests, 21 graduating, college bound students were presented with 26 local scholarships totalling \$28,000. Donor families, local organization board members and community partners participated in awarding scholarships to the following students:

**Hannah Abrantes**, Rogers School Alumni Scholarship; **Taylor Canastra**, Carl Lee Pacheco Memorial Scholarship; **Julia Corey**, Fort Phoenix 5k Road Race Scholarship in Memory of Curtis L. Lopes II; **Jacob Costa**, Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge II; **Karina Costa**, Fairhaven Road Race Scholarship/FHS; **Jordan Costa**, Rotary Club of Fairhaven Scholarship; **Dylan Cromwell**, Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Fund in Memory of Myra A. Lopes, Rotary Club of Fairhaven; **Sarah Days-Merrill**, Fairhaven Improvement Association Scholarship, Fairhaven Road Race

Scholarship/GNB Voc-Tech; **Andrew Dillon**, Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge Scholarship Honoring Firefighters and Emergency Medical Responders; **Benjamin Elliott**, Barton B. Leach Memorial Scholarship; **Allison Espindola**, Leroy L. Wood-Victoria Pilling Aguiar Scholarship, Fairhaven High Class of 1950 Scholarship; **Mason Evich**, Fairhaven Mariners Scholarship; **Ethan Horsley**, Leroy L. Wood-Victoria Pilling Aguiar Scholarship; **Kyle Koczera**, Steven D. Howarth Memorial Scholarship, Leroy L. Wood-Victoria Pilling Aguiar Scholarship; **Jeremy Lawton**, Fairhaven Improvement Association Scholarship in Memory of Malcolm M. Cummings, Jr.; **Neil Leite**, Carl Lee Pacheco Memorial Scholarship; **Madelaine McLaughlin**, Kathleen M. Rocha Scholarship; **Kristopher Moore**, Fairhaven Road Race Scholarship/FHS; **Faith Richard**, The Donald Martin Memorial Athletic Scholarship; **Meaghan Shanks**, Paul Powers Murphy Scholarship/M.O.L.I.F.E.; **Kristy Walton**, Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge, Leroy L. Wood-Victoria Pilling Aguiar

Scholarship

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars, Inc. became an affiliate of Scholarship America in 2008. As part of SA's national network of locally based, volunteer-driven Dollars for Scholars affiliates, our mission is to mobilize our community on behalf of postsecondary education success for our students.

Dollars for Scholars affiliates help hometown students achieve their educational goals by raising scholarship funds, establishing endowments, providing assistance with college readiness and the financial aid process, and distributing scholarships each year.

Through its affiliation with Scholarship America, Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars, Inc. is a tax-exempt charitable organization under IRS ruling 501(c)(3) and is a publicly supported charity under IRS ruling 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

For more information about our local chapter on how to become a community partner with Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars visit our website at [www.fairhaven.dollarsforscholars.org](http://www.fairhaven.dollarsforscholars.org) or contact Sherry Lopes at 508-951-2147/email [slopes417@aol.com](mailto:slopes417@aol.com)

# Mattapoissett Woman's Club awards scholarships to four

*Press Release*

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is happy to announce the winners of the 2015 scholarships to the following seniors from Mattapoissett: **Morgan Browning**, **Victoria Caton**, **Michael Kassabian** from Old Rochester Regional High School and **Abigail Rottler** from Bristol County Agricultural High. All four students have achieved excellent academic records, completed multiple community service tasks, and participated in many extracurricular activities. Congratulations to these four outstanding students. We wish them the best in

their future endeavors.

Morgan Browning, daughter of Karen and John Browning, will attend the University of Florida. Her interests lie in the fields of social sciences, math and education.

Victoria Caton, daughter of Jacqueline and Robert Gene Caton, will study at Curry College toward a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Michael Kassabian, son of Laurie and Jay Kassabian, will attend Harvard University, where he plans to study in multiple disciplines and use his knowledge for the benefit of others.

Abigail Rottler, daughter of Tanya

and James Rottler will attend the University of North Carolina Wilmington to study Marine Biology. Abigail has been interested in the ocean since she was three years old.

For almost 75 years The MWC has been helping young people pursue their educational goals by awarding scholarships to high school seniors from our community. The MWC especially thanks the community for its continuing support of our biennial Garden Tour and the annual "Taste of the Town" during Harbor Days in July. These fundraising activities make our scholarships possible.



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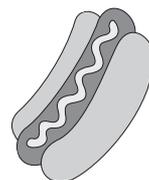
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They will be in Fairhaven at the **Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Sat., 6/20, at 10 a.m. for a book reading.** Accessible.

For more information on Mr. Birkeland's book, visit <http://www.norwegianbookelf.com/>; for information on Ms. Schoyen's book, visit <http://camillaschoyen.com>

Both books are available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

## WI Breakfast Buffet

FIRST OF THE SEASON

**Sun., 6/21, West Island Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven, 8-11 a.m.**

By the West Island Improvement Association. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit, cereal, coffee and juice. **\$8 adults, \$4 children under 12.** Tickets are available at the door. Accessible.

## Fr. Day Road Race

**Sun., 6/21, the 41st annual Father's Day Road Race, 10K and 5K.** Prize money for top female and male runners in each race; awards in nine age divisions.

The race begins at Hastings Middle School, 30 School Street, Fairhaven. It is sponsored by Fairhaven merchants and Fairhaven Road Race Inc. The race raises more than \$20,000 each year, which is donated to local community groups.

**Registration deadline Sat., 6/20 at 4 p.m. No post entries. Registration: \$30; 13 and under, \$10.** For information, call 508-965-5064 or 508-965-2072. Online registration: <http://jbrace.com>

## Buzzards Bay Swim

**The 22nd Annual Buzzards Bay Swim will be held on Sat., 6/20, from 7 to 11 a.m. From East Beach, New Bedford, to Ft. Phoenix, Fairhaven**  
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Buzzards Bay Coalition's 22nd annual Buzzards Bay Swim!

**Each swimmer is required to raise \$150 minimum** to support the programs of the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim) to register.

## Farmers Market

The Fairhaven Farmers Market will start the season on **Sun., 6/21 on the lawn of Fairhaven High School from 1-4 p.m.**

The market is in its eighth season this year. We will start the season with some wonderful entertainment from the local band Pumpkin Head Ted for opening day. We have many returning vendors from last season and some new vendors joining us as well. Products include vegetables, eggs, cheese, honey, local meat, bakery items and wine.

For info, please contact Ann Richard at [ann.richard@gmail.com](mailto:ann.richard@gmail.com)

## Boy Scout F-R

The Pasta House is helping Troop 52, St. Mary's Fairhaven, with a Fundraising Event on **Wed., 6/24, from 11:30 a.m.-close** 20% of Bill (alcohol, tax & gratuity are excluded) will be donated to Troop 52. Lunch and Dinner, Dine-in and Take-out

Visit the Troop 52 Facebook page to download the flyer. **FLYER MUST BE PRESENT** or on Mobile Device\*

## Lobster Dine-Out

Lobster Dine-Out at Our Lady's Haven, **71 Center Street, Fairhaven, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. on Thurs., 6/25,**

Includes: Lobster Roll, Cup of Chowder, French Fries, Dessert and Beverage. **\$14.0. Tickets must be purchased in advance.** Proceeds to benefit the Residents of Our Lady's Haven

## Used Book Sale

**On Sat., 6/20, and 6/27, from 9 am to 1 pm, The Unitarian Memorial Church, 1-2 Green St., Fairhaven,** will host its Seventh Annual Used Book Sale fundraiser for our church. Bring your family and spend a perfect summer morning getting some beach reading at our huge book sale. Don't forget June 27th is the Fairhaven Homecoming Day celebration, enjoy

the festivities, food and crafts in Fairhaven Center in addition to a visit to our book sale.

We are happy to receive donations of used books, CD's and DVD's up until the day before the sale begins, but please no magazines, text books, encyclopedias or computer books; they just don't sell. Call the church for the best times to drop books off. The Unitarian Memorial Church is at 102 Green St. Fairhaven MA.

If you are a dealer or avid collector you might be interested in the Early Bird Dealers Preview (\$5 admission fee) **Fri., 6/19 from 5-6pm**. Visit us on [www.uufairhaven.org](http://www.uufairhaven.org) or call (508) 992-7081.

## Riverside Cemetery

**Evening tour: Wed., 6/24, at 6 p.m., Riverside Cemetery, 274 Main St., Fairhaven**

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## SAVE THE DATE

### Homecoming weekend

Saturday, 6/27, Fairhaven's annual Homecoming Fair, with various events all weekend. More details next week, or visit [fairhaventours.com](http://fairhaventours.com)

## Flood Insurance Presentation

At the Fairhaven Selectboard Meeting on **Mon., 6/22, at 6:30 at the West Island Community Center, 40 Causeway Road, Fairhaven,** the board will hear a FEMA CRS (Community Rating System) presentation.

A consultant will be speaking about what the program is, how it can help the town, reduce flood insurance costs, increase flood zone property

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## WIIA Scholarships

The West Island Improvement Association is again pleased to announce that they will be awarding their annual scholarships. This year will mark the 30th anniversary of the association's scholarship fund, established in 1985. Scholarships are limited to children and grandchildren of WIIA members.

Applicants must be members of a current high school graduating class. Applications are expected to represent a complete, accurate, and honest appraisal of the candidate's performance and status. This application must be accompanied by an official high school transcript along with a 500 word essay

pertaining to what West Island means to you and why.

**Saturday, June 27, is the deadline for filing the application.** Applications received after this date will be considered ineligible. Presentations will be made at the annual WI Scholarship Breakfast on July 12.

For applications, call Terry Pereira, Chairperson, 508-994-7266, or Bev Pope, 508-992-9451.

## Class Breakfast

On **Sun., 6/28, the Fairhaven High School Class of 1965 will host the annual "All Class Breakfast" buffet in the FHS Cafeteria from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Doors open promptly at 8:30.** The entrance to the cafeteria is across from the football field on the east side of the building. **Tickets are \$10** and the breakfast will be catered by the Courtyard Restaurant. Tickets can be purchased at the Euro Store, corner of Main and Center streets, at

the Alumni Booth at the Home Coming Fair on June 27, or by contacting Diana Baldwin (dlbcat@aol.com), phone 508-999-1672.

## Lacrosse Camp

Fairhaven High School Summer Youth Lacrosse Camp will be held from 6/29-7/2 and 7/6-7/9 at FHS Football Field. Cost: \$75/week or \$100/2 weeks

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## HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

### Polish Fest

Polish Fest will be held on Father's Day Weekend at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 235 North Front St., New Bedford. **Bishop Edgar Moreira da Cunha, S.D.V. will be celebrating the Polka Mass on Sun., 6/21 at 11:00 AM at OLOPH.**

The Festival will be held rain or shine entirely under tents, and includes continuous live entertainment on **Sat. & Sun., 6/20 & 21.**

**Featuring Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push on Sat., from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. On Sun., from noon to 5 p.m., Eddie Forman Orchestra.**

Visit our famous Polish Kitchen featuring pierogi, golumbki, keilbasa, kapusta. Also American food, delicious baked goods, variety booth, Grandma's Attic, children's booth. Fun for the entire family. Bring your own chairs. Free parking.

### Oper. Clean Sweep

Do you love your city, but you'd like to see it cleaner? New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, in partnership with Operation Clean Sweep, will be hosting a **Cleanup Day in Ward 6 in New Bedford on Sat., 6/20, from 8:30 a.m.-Noon.** The clean up meets on **Ruth St. between McGurk and Salisbury Streets.** Volunteers are encouraged to pre-register online at <http://www.operationcleansweep.net>

before the clean up or call 508-979-1493.

For info email [info@OperationCleansweep.net](mailto:info@OperationCleansweep.net). On the day of the event, volunteers are asked to sign up and check in at the Operation Clean Sweep headquarters on Ruth Street. Note: All youngsters under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Breakfast items will be generously offered by the host of this cleanup, Me & Ed's Family Restaurant. In addition, t-shirts will be distributed to all volunteers, and Domino's Pizza, will provide lunch. All gloves and tools will be provided. The Operation Clean Sweep anti-litter campaign is working to improve the quality of life in New Bedford through organized cleanups, education and advocacy for enforcement of city ordinances.

### VOTE on Tuesday

The Board of Election Commissioners has announced that absentee ballots are available for voters who cannot go to the polls on **Tuesday, June 23, 2015 to vote in the Special Referendum Election.**

On June 23, New Bedford voters will be casting their votes to determine if the City of New Bedford will permit the operation of a gaming establishment licensed by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission on approximately 43 acres located off of MacArthur Drive at the site of the

former Cannon Street power station.

Voters may cast absentee ballots at the Elections Office in City Hall (133 William Street, Room 144) during regular office hours (8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday) and on Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 8:00 A.M. to noon. Absentee ballots may be cast until noon on June 22, 2015 (the day prior to the Referendum Election).

A link to a Specimen Ballot can be found on the homepage of the City of New Bedford ([www.newbedford-ma.gov](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov)). **On Election Day polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.** If you have any questions on absentee ballots, voting status, or voting precinct, please call the Elections Office at 979-1420 or 979-1421.

### Beach Passes

Beach passes for New Bedford beaches are now available, covering East Beach, West Beach and Fort Taber. Residents and non-residents require a seasonal parking pass or must pay a daily rate for parking.

Passes are available at the Parks Recreation & Beaches Office at 181 Hillman St., Building 3, at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall at 133 William St, and at the Traffic Office at the Elm Street Garage downtown.

Beaches are guarded by a professional waterfront team from June 27, 2015 through Sept. 7, 2015.

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Farmers Market

The Acushnet Farmers Market is now open on Sats. from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. rain or shine, through September, at **Stone Bridge Farm 186 Leonard St., Acushnet.**

We have an amazing lineup of vendors this season offering local, seasonal produce, fruit, honey, eggs, wine, cheese, artisan breads, delicious baked goods, pastries, pies, bbq sauce, a chicken CSA, jams, jellies, gourmet salts and blends, 100% gluten free baked goods, coffee, natural skincare line of products, jewelry, herbs, photography, pork and lamb, hand knit items, and hand painted custom signs.

As you can see, our market has grown! We have several cooking demos, spinning demos and various events planned for the season.

## Car Wash

AYAA/Acushnet Basketball will hold a car wash on **Sat., 6/20, at the Acushnet Fire Station** from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Rain date, 6/27. **\$5 per vehicle.** Proceeds to benefit a local family.

## Free Plane Rides

EAA Chapter UL 62 is sponsoring a Young Eagles Rally. A free plane ride for kids 8-17 years old. Parents MUST accompany children. Event takes place at Plymouth Airport on Sat., 6/20 (rain date, 6/27), from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Donna Forand, 508-995-9272 for more info. A FUN EXPERIENCE to promote aviation.

## Bee Day

Looking for fun things to do with the family on Fathers Day? **Join us at Helfand Farm Community Garden, 9am-12pm, Sun., 6/21 for Bee Day.** Observe native bees, tour the gardens and learn which plants benefit pollinators. Observe and learn about the honeybee hive on the property. Bring your dad and make a native bee house with us, materials cost will be \$3. Please contact [helfandfarmcommunitygardens@yahoo.com](mailto:helfandfarmcommunitygardens@yahoo.com) to reserve a block. Food and drink will be pot-luck style. This is a free event.

Helfand Farm Community Gardens, Inc. is a non-profit organization working in cooperation with the Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust

to benefit the greater community. We are located on **Chase Road, south of Rte. 6 and north of Lucy Little Road.**

## Education Reform

Jim Stergios, Executive Director of the Pioneer Institute, will discuss the Education Reform Agenda at the 20th Annual Meeting of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Mass. on **Tues., 6/23, at the UMass School of Law Moot Courtroom, 333 Faunce Corner Road.**

The Community Foundation will also elect new board members and officers. The business meeting and keynote presentation will begin at 4:00 p.m., followed by a reception. To attend, please RSVP to Nancy Harding at [nharding@cfsema.org](mailto:nharding@cfsema.org).

Prior to joining Pioneer, a Boston-based think tank founded in 1988, Jim was Chief of Staff and Undersecretary for Policy in the Commonwealth's Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, where he drove efforts on water policy, regulatory and permit reform, and urban revitalization.

PI's Center for School Reform seeks to increase the education options available to parents and students, drive system-wide reform, and ensure accountability in public education. The Center's work builds on Pioneer's legacy as a leader in the charter public school movement, and as a champion of greater academic rigor in Massachusetts' elementary and secondary schools. Current initiatives promote choice and competition, school-based management, and enhanced academic performance in public schools of many options.

Since 1995, area residents have been turning to the Community Foundation to make their philanthropic giving as effective as possible. CFSEMA is a public charity serving thousands of people who share a common concern - improving the quality of life in SE Mass. To learn more about the Foundation, visit [www.cfsema.org](http://www.cfsema.org).

## Movies on the Block

InDowncity and Cornish Assoc. are excited to announce the return of the only **outdoor movie theatre in Providence**, for its ninth consecutive year. A curated selection of movies, including box office blockbusters, timeless hits and cult classics is on

the line up this summer. There's something for everyone.

**Next up: Thurs., 6/18, *Pee Wee's Big Adventure*. 6/25, *Groundhog Day*. ALWAYS FREE!**

Movies on the Block takes place at Grant's Block (**260 Westminster Street**) in Downcity Providence every Thursday (weather permitting) from June through September.

Parking is available in the parking lot adjacent to the park, the entrance is on Weybosset Street. Additionally there is street parking in close walking proximity to Grant's Block.

Find more information on our NEW Movies on the Block website at ([www.moviesontheblock.com](http://www.moviesontheblock.com)), check out our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/moviesontheblock](http://www.facebook.com/moviesontheblock))

## Climate Ride

This summer, hundreds of environmental, sustainability, transportation and bicycling advocates will come together from across the country to ride in the inaugural Climate Ride Northeast - **Bar Harbor to Boston. Set for Thurs., 9/17 through Mon., 9/21**, the five-day 320-mile bike-a-thon will take participants along the scenic coast of Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts while raising awareness and funds for sustainability, cycling advocacy, active transportation and environmental causes.

Riders have the power to direct funds raised to more than 100 regional and national nonprofits. The event goal is to raise \$400,000. Climate Ride Northeast-Bar Harbor to Boston is a fully supported bike-a-thon which provides meals, snacks, bike support, luggage transport and lodging for participants along the route. On the road, the Climate Ride support team assists riders to each day's final destination. The ride is organized for riders to explore the beauty of the national parks and the outdoors creating a deeper connection to the landscape they are helping to protect.

A celebration in Boston will follow. **All riders must raise a minimum of \$2,800 by Sept. 11** in order to participate. Participants can enter the discount code **climateride2015** for \$25 off their registration fee. To register to ride or to support a cyclist or team, visit [www.climateride.org](http://www.climateride.org) or call 406-552-0708.

## Recipe of the Week

### Crock Pot Chicken Chili

- 1 (16 oz) jar green salsa
- 1 (16 oz) can diced tomatoes with green chile peppers
- 2 (15 oz) cans white beans, drained
- 1 (14.5 oz) can chicken broth
- 1 (14 oz) can corn, drained
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- 1/4 tsp ground cumin
- Salt & black pepper to taste
- 3 skinless, boneless chicken breasts

Mix green salsa, diced tomatoes with green chile peppers, white beans, chicken broth, corn, onion, oregano, cumin, salt, and black pepper together in a slow cooker. Lay chicken breasts atop the mixture.

Cook on low until the chicken shreds easily, 6 to 8 hours.

Remove chicken to a cutting board and shred completely; return to chili in slow cooker and stir.

*From allrecipes.com*

## Long time Fairhaven watering hole closes

By Beth David  
Editor

The Bayside Lounge on Sconticut Neck Road in Fairhaven has closed its doors. The long time watering hole billed itself as a neighborhood tavern and was a favorite stop for almost anyone driving down the Neck.

Management posted on its Facebook page on Monday, 6/15, that the popular spot had closed.

"It is with great regret that the Bayside will close as of today June 15. Due to failing health and not being able to secure a new owner, operations must discontinue. A big thank you to the Employees who have worked hard to reinvent the business, but due to circumstances we hope everyone understands. This was not an easy decision."

Most comments in response to the post expressed sadness or dismay at the news.

"It was a great place to go. Fairhaven's little Cheers. Many a memory throughout the years. God Bless all," wrote Ruth Taylor Frysinger.

"Another Fairhaven staple leaving, what a shame. Had some good times there," wrote Heather Dumoulin Brodeur

"Many fun evenings I spent there when I was younger .. Sad," wrote Charles Hiller.

Owner Joe Dawicki said his health was the reason for the closure and dismissed all the speculation about the business's



financial situation.

"It's sad," said Mr. Dawicki. "We didn't want to give it up, but due to health reasons, it was unavoidable."

He said the employees had done a great job of "reinventing the place" in the last two years and "really brought the place back around."

He said the food was better than it ever had been.

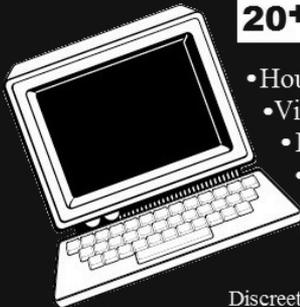
"Between Heidi and John, they brought it to a whole new level," said Mr. Dawicki. "Each and every one of them, morale had never been so high."

He said the building and the liquor license are for sale and are priced to sell quickly at \$499,000.

"We're hoping someone who loves the place and loves the neighborhood will buy it," he said.

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# Town kicks off wellness program with kickball league

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven Selectboard member Bob Espindola has been advocating for the town to invest some money in a wellness program in the hopes of getting a great return on the investment in the way of healthier employees and lower insurance rates. This year, the money wasn't there, but the program also has many aspects that do not cost money and that the town can start on its own.

Somewhere along the way, town hall employees Anne Kakley and Pattie Pacella decided a kickball league might be fun, and could also

serve the purpose of getting people healthier and lowering insurance rates.

According to several employees taking part in the first game, the allure of kickball, as opposed to softball, is that players get to throw the ball at their opponents to get them "out."

The other rules are similar to baseball and softball.

In the first matchup on Friday, 6/12, the Department of Public Works took on Town Hall at Cushman Park. The DPW rolled over the TH gang with a 14-2 win, although the score was hotly disputed.

With a little bit of hi-jinks, showing

off, and just the right kind of trash talk, the first game saw Phil Cardoza of the Highway Department, facing off with Shellfish Warden Timothy Cox playing for Town Hall.

The two advocated hotly at every out, base stolen, and any other event that could remotely have been disputed, even when it clearly should not have been disputed.

It was all in good fun and the whole ordeal only lasted about an hour.

The next game is scheduled for Friday, 6/26, at Cushman Park. So far, only two teams have formed, so it looks like it will be a re-match. The public is encouraged to attend.



LEFT: Playing for Town Hall, Fairhaven Shellfish Warden Tim Cox scores in the first kickball game of the town league on Friday, 6/12, at Cushman Park. MIDDLE: Josh Souza for the Department of Public Works, catches the ball for an "out." RIGHT: Suzanne Blais, playing for town hall, kicks the ball. BELOW LEFT: Town Hall team member Anne Kakley gets a base hit. MIDDLE: Karl Fleurent for the DPW kicks the ball. RIGHT: Both teams mug it up for the local free sheet. Photos by Beth David.



# Curtis Lopes laid to rest, remembered as family man

By Beth David  
Editor

Curtis Lopes, a former long time member of the Fairhaven Board of Appeals and member of many boards and committees throughout town, was laid to rest at the age of 88, last Thursday. He was remembered as a respectful man who was committed to his family and his community.

A US Navy veteran who served in WWII, Mr. Lopes received a military funeral at Riverside Cemetery in Fairhaven, where he was laid to rest next to his wife Myra, who died in 2013.

Their grandson David Wilson, who is a Fairhaven Call Firefighter, told mourners that he learned many "life lessons" from his grandfather.

He decided to pare it down to 10 things he learned from his grandfather.

First on the list was that family comes first, said Mr. Wilson. No matter what the event, a wedding or a game, he was "sitting in the audience in suit and tie."

"Whether or not his hearing aids were in was a different story," said Mr. Wilson. "But there was never an excuse for him to miss an event. He always told me, 'you have Lopes family genes and they're a great pair of genes.'"

Number two was work ethic.

"He is the definition of hard work," said Mr. Wilson. "There is a lot to be said when you call your grandparents' house to wish your grandfather a happy 85th birthday and your grandma tells you to call back later because pay went into work."

He said that to get to the top, you have to start at the bottom, "and now I'm at the top."

Mr. Lopes did not like to be called a CEO, said Mr. Wilson.

"According to Grandpa his job title was 'I'm the big cheese, or I'm the bossagrande,'" said Mr. Wilson. "He always said, 'you have Lopes genes and we have work ethic.'"

Mr. Wilson said that his grandfather taught him to respect everyone. He said Mr. Lopes never got angry or raised his voice, or spoke negatively to anyone.

"I can honestly say I never ever saw him mad, unless the Democrats won the oval office," said Mr. Wilson, but even then, he would respect the

president.

"If I ever came home from school complaining about someone, he always would say, 'you have Lopes genes and they are respectful genes.'"

"You taught me you must have honor, pride and dignity," said Mr. Wilson for lesson number four. "There lies a man who had so much honor, pride and dignity in his marriage, his work, his name, his town and especially his country."

Pride and dignity are two things no can take from you, but "honor is something you earn," said Mr. Lopes. He told his young grandson to keep his head high no matter how low the situation is. Mr. Wilson said that his grandfather instilled in him the pride he has every time he sees an American flag.

"He always said, 'you have Lopes genes and we have pride and dignity,'" said Mr. Wilson. "Well Pa, today you will be buried with military honor and this why you have an American flag draped over your casket, an honor you earned."

Number five was the "yes dear" rule.

"No matter what Gran asked Pa to do, it was 'yes dear,'" said Mr. Wilson. "I will never forget the different tones of 'yes dear' and how they changed when Gran said 'how did you say that,' but it was always, 'yes dear.'"

Mr. Lopes always had a no raising your voice or swearing policy, "A lesson I have still yet to master," said Mr. Wilson.

"My grandfather never swore, no matter how many times he hit his head on the pipes in the basement, or how many times he hit his finger with a hammer...the man never swore and I don't know how he did it," said Mr. Wilson, adding that he would just look to the left, mutter and roll his eyes. "He would tell me if I slipped with a bad word, 'we have Lopes genes, and we don't swear.'"

Lesson number seven, that



The flag-draped casket of Curtis Lopes is carried out of St. Joseph Church in Fairhaven on Thursday, 6/11. Mr. Lopes was a long time town official and very active in town events. Photo by Beth David.

"cheating gets you nowhere in life," but when playing golf with him, it "Just wasn't his strongest lesson."

Mr. Wilson said the rules changed when playing golf. After their round of golf, at breakfast, Mr. Wilson would discuss his grandfather's cheating.

"And the argument usually ended when I said, 'you didn't win, you cheated,' and he would replay, 'okay, well, winner pays for breakfast,'" said Mr. Wilson. "He was the winner when the check came."

On the way out of the restaurant, Mr. Wilson would invariably remind his grandfather that he cheated.

"And he always fired back with, 'Lopes(es) don't cheat.'"

Mr. Lopes was the "smartest man in the world," said Mr. Wilson. All one had to do was watch Jeopardy with him to see that it was true.

"The man knew everything. He was a walking Google," said Mr. Wilson. "And if you said 'are you sure,' he'd reply 'of course I'm sure, I'm the smartest man I know.'"

"You taught me to have humor in your life," said Mr. Wilson for lesson number 9, adding that he had mastered that, but that his grandfather's humor was good, but different.

"He was sharp as a tack and always witty," said Mr. Wilson, especially with wait staff at restaurants and with nurses.

He wouldn't hesitate to say he only wanted one French fry on his plate

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## Youth Track & Field

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 a week at Cushman Park from 6-8 p.m. Program starts June 29th (Mondays 7 Wednesdays)

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- **Tykes:** July 7, July 30, Tues. & Thurs. 9:00-10:00AM
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  - **Futures:** (ages 11-16) Session 1, Aug. 3-6 Mon-Thur, 9-Noon; Session 2, Aug. 10-13 Mon-Thur 9-Noon
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## Mall Trips

**June 24:** Plymouth Shopping  
**July 1:** Newport Grand, Middletown Xmas Tree  
**July 8:** Wrentham Village  
**July 15:** Hyannis Mall, Christmas Tree Shop, Trader Joe's

## Entertainment

7/2: Ray Jay • 7/8: Two For the Road • 7/9 Ray Jay • 7/16 Silver Fox

## Special Activities

### Free Film: Honor Flight Documentary

*Honor Flight*, a documentary, **Wed., July 29th at 1 p.m.** Join us at the Fairhaven Senior Center to watch this amazing film on how one man's determination sparked the interest of others to make the Honor Flight Program a reality and a trip of a lifetime for hundreds of Veterans across the country. Meet a local Veteran who had the great fortune to be a part of this program and travel to Washington D.C. to be honored as she so deserved. This presentation is being brought to us by Claire Geggett from the Soldiers Helpers Organization. Learn more about this group at [www.soldiershelpers.com](http://www.soldiershelpers.com)

### Single Seniors Supper Club

Cancelled until future notice.

### Southcoast LGBT

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### Sewing Circle

Do you want to learn to sew or maybe do a little quilting? Join us at the Fairhaven Senior Center and meet Debbie as she shares her sewing expertise. The Sewing Group will meet on June 8th and 15th from 1-3 p.m. In June the group will meet on

the 8th and 15th from 1-3 p.m.

### Cops 'n Donuts

At the Fairhaven Senior Center with Det. Janice Bubluski, Elder Safety Office in Fairhaven. She has some important messages to share. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and have a donut of course. please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 for the next date.

### Homecoming

At Fairhaven Homecoming, June 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Friends of Fairhaven Elderly will be having a table. There will be the 4th edition on the Christmas Ornaments, (Fairhaven Town Hall) other ornaments will be available while supplies last.

### Trip with Nancy

Wed., 8/19, *La Cage aux Folles*. Tony award winner musical comedy at Goodspeed Opera House on the Connecticut River. \$119.00 p.p. Includes: Lunch at Gelston House, Gillette Castle Tour, Motor Coach, taxes and gratuities.

Tickets are Limited!! For additional information call the Fairhaven Senior Center at (508-979-4029).

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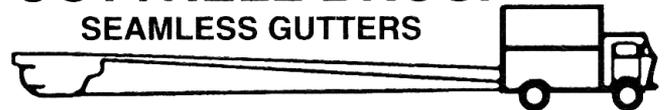
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# Acushnet upcoming events

## Parkinson's Support Group Open to Acushnet/Fairhaven residents.

The Parkinson's Support Group meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9th, 1:00 p.m. at the Dartmouth Council on Aging, Dartmouth Street. This is a free support group for caregivers, always welcoming new faces!

## Summer Concert SAVE THE DATE

Free Summer Concert sponsored by the Acushnet Historical Society. Dueling Bands (The Relics — Johnny Cash). Sunday, July 26th, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Long Plain Museum, Main St., Acushnet. Free, open to the public. Supported, in part, by the Acushnet Cultural Council

## Blood Drive

Red Cross Blood Drive. The Acushnet Board of Health will host a blood drive on Tuesday, July 14th from 1:00—6:00 p.m. at the Acushnet Senior Center building, 59 1/2 So. Main Street. Walk-ins welcome or 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) for an appointment.

## COA is Safe Zone

### Acushnet Senior Center Creates "Safe Zone" for Online Transactions

In an effort to keep Acushnet residents safe, the Acushnet Council on Aging and Senior Center has created a "safe zone" for individuals to safely complete their online transactions. The intention is to take individuals out of unfamiliar or secluded areas where they often meet and to bring it to a very public place, where everyone is comfortable.

Town employees/volunteers are not available to participate, act as official witnesses, give legal advice or settle disputes, but good lighting, constant foot traffic in and out of the building and access to a landline phone make the Senior Center the perfect place to complete an in-person transaction that originated on Craigslist or other websites.

No weapons or drug paraphernalia transactions are allowed in the safe zones.

The Acushnet Council on Aging and Senior Center is open Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. and

Wednesday/Thursday evenings until 8:00 p.m. Remember, if someone isn't willing to meet you in a safe online transaction zone, it's probably not a legitimate transaction.

## Farmers Market

The Acushnet Farmers Market is now open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine, through September, at Stone Bridge Farm, 186 Leonard St., Acushnet.

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## Cribbage Players Wanted

Cribbage Players Wanted: Summer cribbage league now forming at the Acushnet COA, 59 1/2 South Main St. Players and subs needed for Mondays at noon.

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# Car show & flag retirement take advantage of a sunny Flag Day

On Sunday morning, 6/14, Flag Day, The Fairhaven High School Class of 1976 organized a blessing and a car show at Cushman Park.

This event began at 9:00 a.m. at the front of the high school with the raising of the Big Flag. Kennedy Ryan, who will be a senior in the fall, sang the National Anthem as the huge "Stars and Stripes" was hoisted to the top. Immediately following, at least a

dozen and a half classic cars pulled up to the flag where Roy Springer, an ordained minister from Acushnet, blessed the individual drivers. As the last vehicle left, Fairhaven Police led the motorcade onto Main Street and escorted it to Cushman Park where the vehicles were displayed.

At Cushman Park, the public was treated to oldies music and winners of the car show received trophies.

The Boy Scouts from Troop 52 Fairhaven also held a flag retirement ceremony. They burned old and tattered flags according to a solemn ritual.

The public may drop old flags in a drop box at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association building in Benoit Square. The next flag retirement will most likely be in the fall.



On Flag Day, 6/14, the Fairhaven High School Class of 1976 held an antique car show, complete with a blessing, trophies and oldies music. At the same time, Boy Scouts from Troop 52 held a flag retirement ceremony. ABOVE: Cars line up during the car show. Photos courtesy of John Sharples. BELOW LEFT: The flag has been cut along the stripes as part of a solemn ceremony to retire old flags. Photos courtesy of Barry Parker




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## LOPES: cont'd from page 13

and that the tip would reflect it if he didn't get only one. He gave them all the run around, said Mr. Wilson, and ordered their "finest pinot grigio" or Southern Comfort Manhattan on the rocks with extra cherries.

"And the nurses, man, did they get the run around from Pa," said Mr. Wilson. "He always made them smile with his sense of humor, and he always had a huge smile when they called him handsome."

"You showed me what unconditional love is," said Mr. Wilson for his final life lesson. "The love he showed everyone was truly amazing."

"The love that Grampa had for grams was truly amazing. There was not a day he didn't tell her he loved her," said Mr. Wilson. "You could see in his eyes he passion he had for Gran. She was his best friend, his love, his soulmate. When Gran died there was a hole no one would ever fill again. You would see the joy and hurt in his eyes when Gran's name was said."

"I wish someday that I will find someone to love the way Pa showed love and passion fro Gram," said Mr. Wilson, adding that his grandfather always chose the "mushiest" cards for special occasions.

In all his 58 years of marriage, Mr. Lopes only forgot his anniversary one, but young Mr. Wilson reminded him of it that morning.

"The one and only day I heard a swear," said Mr. Wilson. "And when I dropped the 'Lopes genes and we don't swear' line, he quickly followed with 'it was justified as I'd never have lived to see tomorrow.'"

Mr. Wilson said his grandfather has joined his grandmother, giving her a hug and kiss and telling her how much he missed her.

"The doctors say it was infection...that caused him to eventually die," said Mr. Wilson. But it was a broken heart that really did it. He was missing his best friend and wife, the hole in his heart is now mended.

"I will never forget the lessons you taught me. I will never forget that I have the 'Lopes genes,'" said Mr. Wilson. "Every time I hear 'yes dear' I will smile and laugh. Every American flag will remind me of you."

"Your legacy will live on in everyone you touched," said Mr. Wilson. "You were my

partner in crime; I will miss you terribly. But for now you are in a better place and reunited with the love of your life, enjoy that glass of pinot grigio and real sugar ice cream. Make sure you hug Gran for me."

After the service, family and friends gathered at the Pasta House in Fairhaven.

"He was a gentleman," said Monika Whalley, who lived next door to Curt and Myra. "He always had a smile on his face."



Fr. Bob Charlton from St. Joseph Church in Fairhaven prays over the casket of Curtis Lopes. *Beth David photo.*

## MARTIN: cont'd from page 3

He posted her obituary on the FHS Alumni Facebook page, and it got many, many comments, including this one from her daughter, Janet Martin Collette: "Oh my goodness it is so unbelievable to see how many lives were touched by my mother. I always knew I wasn't an only child.....I have 15,000 brothers and sisters. Please know that I am reading each and every comment and treasuring them all. Thank you all for sharing and for lifting me up in this most difficult and sad time. Mom would be so honored. Love you all!!!"

Carolyn Marques-Wiginton wrote: "She's still alive in my mind, black hair, red lipstick, strong and impeccably dressed... There in the

old office, she s t a n d s , bending over her desk, writing some note... looking up to see what some student needs."

She was buried on Tuesday at St. J o h n ' s Cemetery in New Bedford. Arrangements were by Fairhaven Funeral Home.



Evelyn Martin gestures while telling a story at a special tea in her honor in 2009. Mrs. Martin was secretary to the principal at Fairhaven High School for 46 years, breaking in four principals and playing second mother and disciplinarian to thousands of students. She is being fondly remembered throughout town since the news of her death last week.

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# Fisherman's Beach, West Island: A poem

*Fisherman's Beach, West Island*

By Anne Rogers

Shallow waves breaking against the shore  
create the most beautiful sound in my world,  
a rhythmic faint contrast to the shrieks of the gulls.  
Past the wavelets, look down through the clear  
water,  
you can see all the way to the shells on the bottom.  
Halfway down, a clump of twisted tubular  
seaweed  
sways gently back and forth with the current.

Shadows of baby jellyfish drift over the rippled  
sand below.  
Look in a line from a shadow straight up to the  
surface —

There the tiny jellyfish floats, transparent and  
almost invisible.

Enchanted, I am so still  
that oblivious fish brush against my legs  
on their way to a nearby rock,  
where they nose among limpets for food.

The first time I waded into this water,  
four or five crabs, red and each the size of a fist,  
walked toward me, underwater, upright,  
waving their claws overhead. I've not seen  
a red crab here in all the years since.  
That once, they came from  
somewhere else to welcome me.

Or was it to drive me away?

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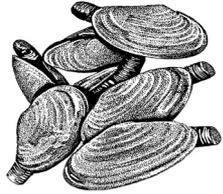
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### Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on June 29, 2015 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.

- Request for Determination Applicant Derek Frakes Location 10 Silver Shell Beach Drive Plot 41 Lot 35 Purpose construct rear deck within a VE flood zone and on a beach.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Luis Pacheco Location 307R Sconticut Neck Road Plot 29/29D Lots 16F/1C Purpose construct single family dwelling, patio, and swimming pool within 100' of coastal bank.
- Request for Determination Applicant Louise Barteau Location 5 Fisherman's Road Plot 43A Lot 119-120 Purpose replace existing shed and construct new 10' x 16' shed within a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Jesse Wimberly Location 7 Baker Ave Plot 2 Lots 222-223 Purpose construct rear deck within a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Kevin & Melissa Frieswick Location 33 Balsam Street Plot 43C Lot 107-109 Purpose construct 12' x 18' shed within a VE flood zone only

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Fairhaven Conservation Commission

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## Fairhaven Meetings

- Bikeway Committee**  
Thurs., 6/18, Town Hall, 7 p.m.
- Conservation Commission**  
Mon., 6/29, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Contributory Retirement**  
Wed., 6/24, Town Hall, 9 a.m.
- Finance Committee**  
Thurs., 6/25, Arsene St., 7 p.m.
- Planning Board**  
Tues., 6/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- School Committee**  
Wed., 6/24, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.
- Selectboard**  
Mon., 6/22, 41 Causeway Rd., 6:30 p
- Acushnet Meetings**  
**Agricultural Conservation Commission**  
Wed., 6/24, Town Hall, 7 p.m.
- Library Trustees**  
Tues., 6/23, Russell Mem. Lib., 4 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal/Wing's Neck

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Thursday	18	0956	2214	0404	1528
Friday	19	1042	2258	0414	1604
Saturday	20	1127	2344	0437	1639
Sunday	21	----	1215	0506	1715
Monday	22	0033	1307	0541	1758
Tuesday	23	0124	1358	0625	1855
Wednesday	24	0215	1446	0721	2004
Thursday	25	0304	1535	0818	2103
Friday	26	0356	1630	0908	2158
Saturday	27	0456	1727	0957	2255
Sunday	28	0552	1816	1048	2347
Monday	29	0638	1858	1139	----
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\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
\*\*Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realize I should have been more specific.

Lily Tomlin

## From our readers

### TA search should consider outside applicants

The Friends of Fairhaven PAC meets regularly to discuss various events in our town. At our recent meeting on June 8, 2015, we held a lengthy discussion involving rumors that have been circulating about the selectmen's task of hiring a Town Administrator to fill the spot that will be left when Jeff Osuch steps down from his position as Executive Secretary. The group made the decision to send the following letter to the selectmen in response to these rumors, and would like other town residents to be made aware of our concerns.

"Gentlemen:

"The Friends of Fairhaven held a meeting on June 8, 2015, during which the primary point of discussion focused on the grave concerns we have with the process that has been chosen for the replacement of our current Executive Secretary. It has been voted by Town Meeting to hire a consulting firm, at the rate of \$18,000, to aid the town in its search for a Town Administrator. We understand that the interview process for hiring the consulting firm has begun.

"Rumors have been circulating in town suggesting that there may be one or more individuals already being considered for the position, and that this/these individual(s) have indeed been handpicked by two members of the selectboard. If there is any truth to this, our group has not one but two major concerns. The first would be the fact that this is not how the town voted to locate the best person to act as our Town Administrator, and secondly, that \$18,000 will have been spent simply to veil this act of cronyism.

If there are qualified applicants

already being considered for the position, perhaps the interviews and hiring process should begin before we use considerable funds for a consulting firm; and we would hope that said applicants are indeed well qualified and able to fairly conduct themselves as a Town Administrator in a professional and courteous manner.

"Our PAC will continue to monitor this process as it develops. We hope that these rumors prove to be unfounded and that the board will conduct the hiring process in a fair and impartial manner that will best serve the town and its residents. We have elected you as town officials and charged you with the task of doing what is best for the town, not to serve your own best interests.

*Friends of Fairhaven PAC*

### Tennis Association says thank you

The Fairhaven Tennis Association would like to thank Gail Isaksen and her staff for putting on another Scallop Dinner Fund Raiser.

All of the food and labor were donated by Gail. This annual fundraiser raised over \$2400.

The proceeds will go towards resurfacing the Cushman Park Tennis Courts which are in need of repair. The Cushman Park Tennis Courts are used by the public, the Fairhaven Recreational Instruction Program and the Fairhaven Tennis Association Junior Program

*Fairhaven Tennis Association*

### Acushnet officer went out of his way to help

"I just wanted to leave a message of kudos and thanks to the officer on detail on Burt Street today (May 28).

Since moving to Acushnet nearly four years ago, I've always thought

the APD was outstanding, but this officer today showed himself to be an exemplary example of what all officers should be.

He was friendly, courteous and went out of his way to greet passers-by from the neighborhood. But what really caught my attention was the way he stepped up and actually walked the children through the work area as they came off the school buses this afternoon.

I know not many of the parents were around to see it and I just wanted to thank him on behalf of the neighborhood.

Thank you all for all that you do for this town!"

*Roger Paradis, Acushnet*

*The Acushnet Police Department has identified the officer as Sgt. Bolarinho. This letter was posted on their Facebook page.*

### Thanks to Stop & Shop and Fairhaven shoppers

On Friday and Saturday of Memorial Day weeken, four members of the Fort Phoenix VFW Ladies Auxiliary were allowed to go outside the Fairhaven Stop & Shop to distribute the FVW Buddy Poppits, as is done every year at Memorial Day and Veteran's Day.

This year, we would like to thank the company and their personnel and the Fairhaven shoppers for their amazing support! Their generosity will go far in helping our vets and their families through the many programs the VFW has in place for the vets returning and the families of those who have not.

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*Margaret-Mary Maciel, President, VFW Ladies Auxiliary 2892*



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