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

Fire safety and water fun



A girl goes airborne as she jumps through the spray of the fire hose on Wednesday, 7/20, on the lawn of the Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven. The Fairhaven Fire Department held a fire safety demonstration and then let the children spray and be sprayed. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

We're baacckk!!!
Did you miss us?
I surely do hope so.

Our cover story is one of my favorite events. The kids just go wild jumping through the spray from the fire hose. There's always at least one little guy or gal that just steals the show, but manages to sneak away from my camera every time I try to get that money shot. This year, though, I think I managed to squeak out a few good ones. See page 12 for that. And find us on Facebook for a few more that I just didn't have room for.

In the coming-up-soon portion of the program, we've got Outdoor Movie Night this Saturday. A family-friendly, Disney movie, *Inside Out*, is a delightful little tale about what goes on inside a human's head-ful of emotions. Yup, I actually saw this one.

Anyway, if you haven't been to an outdoor movie night in Fairhaven, you should really try to get there on Saturday. The movie is totally free, the entertainment is free, and Joy, from the movie, is free. Some of the food costs money, but you are totally free to bring along a picnic basket.

We've got some meeting coverage for you this week. See page 4 for Selectboard, page 19 for BPW, page 16 for Acushnet Selectboard, and page 18 for some LNG news.

We've also got a letter to the editor on page 19 about the trees getting cut down on Green Street. Oh, let me count the ways I want to weigh in on this one. But, I'll wait until next week. The meeting...I mean "neighborhood forum," is on 7/26, and I'll report on it and add my two cents then.

The notice for this meeting...er, Neighborhood Forum, says nothing about trees. The notice came from the Board of Public Works, which is concerned with the road, not the trees. The Tree Warden did not run a notice about the 17 trees to be cut down. Town Counsel seems to think it is not necessary, finding a loophole in the law that allows the indiscriminate cutting of decades old shade trees. I'm putting that letter on the website so my astute readers can decide for themselves.

Now, I know perfectly well that Mr. Crotty has a fancy schmancy law degree and oodles of experience in all this stuff. But, surely, my understanding of the English language can't be THAT bad, can it?

Alas, I believe I've spent my two cents after all, haven't I?

Oh dear, oh dear (as The White Rabbit would say, I note with proper citation so as not to plagiarize), whatever will I do for next week?

I'm sure I'll think of something.

Meanwhile, please be sure to tell our advertisers you saw their ads here, and feel free to donate to this little venture.

Until next week then, see ya



Beth David, Publisher

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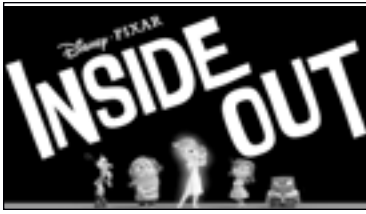
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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS



FREE outdoor movie night to show *Inside Out*

perform before the movie.

Sponsored by the Fairhaven Lions Club, North Fairhaven Improvement Association, East Fairhaven Improvement Association and the Fairhaven Improvement Association.

For more info visit the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Fairhaven-Outdoor-Family-Movie-Night-832720140115745>.

Outdoor Family Movie Night: *Inside Out*, Sat., 7/23, 6–11:00 p.m. Movie begins at approx 8:15 p.m. Livesey Park, Parker St., Fairhaven

A free family movie will be projected on a big, 30-foot outdoor screen during this fun evening event. The Disney-Pixar film "Inside Out" will be the feature.

Before the movie starts enjoy food, ice cream, face painting, games and activities. There is some cost for some food items. Feel free to bring a picnic basket.

Joy, a character from the movie, will be available for a meet-and-greet from 7–8 p.m. The Girls Rule Tour will



Back to Sweetness performs at last year's outdoor movie night in Fairhaven. This year's movie is Inside Out, and will play on Sat., 7/23 at dusk, in Livesey Park. *Neighb News file photo by Beth David.*

Man with medical emergency rescued

Fairhaven Firefighters performed a medical rescue from a vessel on Saturday, 7/16, in the waters between Dartmouth and Cuttyhunk Island.

Fairhaven Fire Headquarters intercepted a marine radio distress call on 22A stating that he had a person on board suffering a medical emergency and he needed immediate help.

Fairhaven's Fire Boat, Marine 25 was dispatched from its berth at Fairhaven Shipyard as well as Fairhaven Harbormaster Tim Cox who made the 10 nautical mile trip to the area just North of Cuttyhunk Island with three Paramedics on board. They intercepted the lobster boat "Molly" where they found a 63 year old male suffering a medical emergency.

He was placed aboard Fairhaven's Fire Boat and transported to the Pease Park Boat Ramp in Fairhaven within 15 minutes where he was transferred to a waiting Fairhaven EMS Ambulance and transported to St. Luke's Hospital. He was listed in stable condition.

The U.S. Coast Guard monitored the rescue but did not reach the scene due to Fairhaven's quick response.



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- Fiberglass resins
- Gasoline/kerosine
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- Brake fluid/carburetor fluid
- Car wax/polishes
- Driveway sealer/roofing tar
- Swimming pool cleaners

From the Yard

- Poisons/insecticides/fungicides
- Chemical fertilizers
- Weed killers
- Moth balls
- Flea control products

From the House

- Rubber cement/airplane glue
- Photo chemicals
- Chemistry sets
- Furniture polish
- Floor & metal polishes
- Oven cleaner
- Drain & toilet cleaners
- Spot remover
- Rug & upholstery cleaner
- Hobby supplies/artist supplies

What NOT to take

- Empty containers/trash
- Commercial or industrial waste
- Radioactive waste/explosives
- Infectious & biological wastes
- Ammunition/fireworks
- Fire extinguishers
- Prescription medicines/syringes
- Asbestos
- NO LATEX PAINT

Safely transporting these hazardous materials

- Leave materials in original containers
- Tighten caps and lids
- Pack in sturdy, upright boxes & pad with newspapers
- NEVER MIX CHEMICALS
- Pack your car and drive directly to Arsene Street

For more information:

Contact the Fairhaven Board of Health with any questions: 508-979-4022, Ext. 125; email boh@fairhaven-ma.gov

Proof of Fairhaven Residency is Required



Fairhaven Board of Health: Jeannine Lopes Lindsay Gordon Peter DeTerra

Selectboard approves shoreline access for EPA

By Beth David
Editor

Officials from the Environmental Protection Agency attended the Fairhaven Selectboard meeting on Monday, 7/11, to answer questions from residents and explain why the EPA was seeking permission to access the shore from town owned property on Oxford and Veranda streets.

About 15 residents attended the meeting, mostly to register their opposition to the testing. Some with abutting properties have refused to give the EPA permission to enter their properties to conduct the sampling. The sampling is part of the ongoing cleanup of New Bedford Harbor, a superfund site with a high concentration of PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls)

The issue came up at a previous meeting and the Selectboard continued the issue so that EPA officials could address concerns. Residents were encouraged to submit questions in writing.

EPA Team Leader Ginny Lombardo summarized the questions and answers from the public, then took

questions.

Community Involvement Coordinator Kelsey O'Neil told residents that the testing has been ongoing, but probably not noticed by homeowners because it is not disruptive.

"It should not interfere at all with your day to day," said Ms. O'Neil.

Matt Fitzpatrick, a research scientist with the Memorial Institute, showed the long handled hand tool used to collect the samples in a clear tube.

"It's a very clean operation," said Mr. Fitzpatrick. "We don't use any heavy equipment."

Residents, however, said they were not worried about the current testing, they were worried about the remediation efforts if a problem was found.

Both Ms. Lombardo and Ms. O'Neil acknowledged that the wording of some agreements to let the EPA on private property made things sound very dire. They said that the testing so far had shown levels way below anything that would need remediation. If that were the case, a plan would be worked out with the homeowner and the town if

necessary.

Ms. Lombardo also admitted to getting "worked up," over questions about "ambient air."

She said unequivocally, that there was no risk of PCBs in the air.

Karen Vilandry, president of the Hands Across the River Coalition (HARC), was reminded that she submitted 10 questions by Selectboard chair Charles Murphy.

Ms. Vilandry said that she was concerned about a local group that cleaned up the shoreline. She said there are no-fishing signs, but nothing that warns people to stay off the beach.

Ms. Lombardo said that no signs were necessary because the levels were "well below" the levels allowed for recreational use. She said there was "no risk" to anyone cleaning up the beach, or recreating there.

She also said that all the testing information was on the website.

The board approved the access unanimously.

For more information on the harbor cleanup, visit <https://www.epa.gov/new-bedford-harbor>

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Neighborhood Forum

The Town of Fairhaven will hold a **Neighborhood Forum at 6:30 p.m. on Tues., 7/26, in the Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center St., Fairhaven.** The Town is proposing the reconstruction of Green Street between Washington Street and South Street. The Town's Engineer will be at the meeting to review the proposed reconstruction plan. If you are interested in improvements within your neighborhood, you are urged to attend the forum. *By the Fairhaven Board of Public Works.*

This project will require cutting down 17 mature shade trees in the center of town (see letter on page 19).

Free Outdoor Movie

Outdoor Family Movie Night: Inside Out, Sat., 7/23, 6-11:00 p.m. Movie begins at approx 8:15 p.m. Livesey Park, Parker St., Fairhaven

See page 3 for more details.

ACE Performances

The Acushnet Classic Ensemble has begun rehearsals for its 27th season. This organization, comprised of a full orchestra of more than 80 student musicians, ages 10 to 18, meets in July each summer to learn and perform a wide range of music. The conductors this summer are Merrillean Melberg, Sandra Pinheiro Tavares and Thomas Short. ACE rehearses each day at Fairhaven High School from 9 AM until noon and presents a series of concerts to conclude its third and final week.

This is a traditional Pops Concert, and the selections are joyous and full of life! **The remaining FREE performances are Thurs. & Fri., 7/21 & 22, at 7 p.m.** in the air-conditioned, accessible Performing Arts Center, Fairhaven High School (Larch Avenue side). Supported by donations from individuals & businesses, the Fairhaven Public Schools, Arts Lottery Grants from Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Rochester & Westport, which are supported by the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency.

For further information please contact Doreen Nelsen, 508 994-1098.

Mon. Morning Fun

After a successful first season last summer, the Fairhaven Office of Tourism will offer a second season of

fun family programs on Monday mornings at the town's Visitors Center, aimed at children ages 5 to 12 and their parents or guardians.

The programs, running through Aug. 22, will be held on the lawn of the Fairhaven Academy Building, 141 Main St., from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

It's a family friendly way to spend a summer morning. Every week children can play old fashioned lawn games such as nine pins, hula hoops, trap ball, bean bag toss, horse shoes and more. They can jump in a bounce house (for free), get their faces painted, and have some Del's Frozen Lemonade. There will be visits by "Buttons" and "Babs" from Carousel Family Fun Center and by Chuck E. Cheese. On hot mornings there will be sprinklers—bring a towel.

At 10:00 there will be a special guest program geared toward children ages 5 through 12 and their parents and guardians. Admission, games, bounce house, and programs are free. There is a charge for face painting and lemonade.

Bounce house and programs sponsored in 2016 by: Atty. John B. Seed, A Tech For Hire, Inc., Our Lady's Haven, Seconds Count, What a Find! Consignment Furniture, Capeway Veterinary Hospital of Fairhaven, Rotary Club of Fairhaven, The Robby Thatcher Memorial Fund, DeTerra's Jump and Bounce, St. Anne's Credit Union, Carousel Family Fun Center, Chuck E. Cheese's of No. Dartmouth, and two private donations from "friends of Monday Morning Fun."

- **Mon., 7/25: Run Dog Run Farm,** live goats, chickens, ducks, talk about life on a small farm. Bounce House sponsored by: Capeway Animal Hospital of Fairhaven.
- **Mon., 8/1: Ruth & Abby, the 1850s ladies** from the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, old fashioned activities and fun. Bounce House sponsored by: Friend of Monday Morning Fun. Water Slide sponsored by: Seconds Count and Rotary of Fairhaven.

Programs canceled in the event of rain. The Academy Building is on the Main Street lawn of Fairhaven High School. There is plenty of off-street parking in the high school lot. The Monday Morning Fun programs are funded by contributions to the Fairhaven Office of Tourism Gift Account and additional sponsors as

indicated. For more information, email FairhavenTours@aol.com or call 508-979-4085.

West Island Regatta

Join us for the first West Island Regatta. **The race will officially start at 1 p.m. on Sun., 7/24. Participants are requested to meet at Hoppy's Landing at 12:00 Noon** and either register or confirm your registration.

Advance registration is highly recommended so we can get an accurate count and attempt to classify each boat. Free parking for the race day for all participants vehicles and trailers.

Observe the race at Hoppy's Landing as this will be both the start and finish line. It is expected that the race will take about an hour for the faster boats, maybe up to two hours for the slower fleet.

Wishing you fair winds & following seas. Visit www.westislandregatta.com for more info.

WIIA Pig Roast

The West Island Improvement Association is sponsoring an old-fashioned pig roast on **Sun., 7/24, at 4 p.m.** Doors open at 3. BYOB. At the WIIA community center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven. **For tickets, \$15 pp,** call 508-996-3473.

WIIA Raffles

The West Island Improvement Association is raffling off two items to benefit the WIIA.

Kayak: A 10-foot, one-person kayak will be raffled off on Aug. 13 at the Chinese Auction. You do not need to be present to win. **Tickets are \$10 each.** Winner will also receive a \$50 gift card for a life jacket.

Get tickets from any board member or at Mackatan General Store on Causeway Road.

Moniz Print: Enter to win the Arthur Moniz framed and matted print, "Whaler Fitting Out." **Tickets are two for \$5, or five for \$10.** Drawing will be held on Sun., 9/4, at the WIIA breakfast. You do not need to be present to win. Proceeds to be used for building maintenance and improvements.

Get tickets from Bob or Cathi Konicki, 151 Balsam St., or at Mackatan General Store on Causeway Road.

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Pet therapy at the COA



Members of the Pet Loss Therapy Group create art pieces memorializing their beloved pets at the Fairhaven Senior Center. The group meets on the second Thursday of the month and is led by Carole Snow Keyes, LSW. For more information, contact the Fairhaven Council on Aging, 508-979-4029, or see page 14. *Submitted photo.*

Mariner names recipients



Mariner Youth Soccer is pleased to announce the winners of its first annual scholarship program. Scholarships were awarded to Elexus Afonso and Kyle Rood from Rochester; Samantha Kirkham and Serena Jaskolka received the scholarship from Mattapoisett; and Hannah Dawicki was the recipient from Fairhaven. We wish these student athletes who played at Mariner the best of luck in their future endeavors. Mariner Youth Soccer provides recreational and competitive soccer training at its Fairhaven facility to players ages 4-18. For more information, visit www.marinersoccer.com. TOP, L-R: Samantha Kirkham, Elexus Afonso, Mariner Youth Soccer President Walter Baiardi, Hannah Dawicki and Serena Jaskolka. ABOVE: Senior Kyle Hood receives his award from Youth Soccer President Walter Baiardi. *Submitted photos.*

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Dorothy Cox Candy Sale Wed., 7/6, Noon. Dorothy Cox Chocolates will be joining us with a delicious assortment of regular and sugar-free candies and chocolate.

Entertainment with Mark Olson Thurs., 7/14, Noon. Mark Olson returns to Atria with his many musical tunes! Stop by for a visit and enjoy the afternoon with our staff and residents.



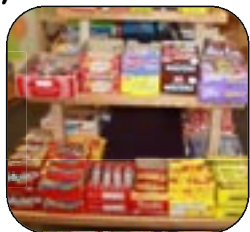
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STILL IN TOWN

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Soccer Registration

The Mariner Youth Soccer Fall Program is now open for registration. The program runs on Saturdays from 9/10 to 11/5 at the Mariner Youth Soccer Fields in Fairhaven. Programs are offered to children ages 4-14. There is no residency requirement.

Register now to reserve your spot: <http://marineryouthsoccer.com/site/ClientSite/article/1194793>

Or contact: fallsoccer@marineryouthsoccer.com

Picnic on Lawn

Picnic on the Lawn, a benefit for the Fairhaven Historical Society, will be held on **Sat., 8/13, 5-8:30 p.m., on the lawn of the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Greet St., Fairhaven.** Lead sponsor: Howe Allen Realty.

Tickets are \$160 for a table of 8. All white, smart casual attire required. Entertainment: Spheres of Influence, UMass Dartmouth jazz ensemble.

For tickets email tim@howeallen.com.

com; call 888-491-9993; or visit Howe Allen Realty, 43 Center St. Fairhaven.

Lobster Roll F-R

Lobster Roll Dine-Out, at Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center St., Fairhaven, 508-999-4561. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Proceeds benefit the residents of OLH.

Thurs., 7/28, 4:30-6 p.m. Includes: Chowder, Lobster Roll, French Fries, Coleslaw, Dessert & Beverage

Tickets: \$15. Must be purchased in advance. See receptionist.

Concerts in the Ctr.

The Fairhaven Improvement Association presents Music in the Center at Town Hall, **7 p.m. on Thursdays, through 8/11.**

"Concerts Under the Stars" is presented rain or shine, thanks to our major sponsor, Southern Mass Credit Union.

• **7/21: The Infractions** The name says it all. Come and relax, sit & enjoy the musical stylizations of one of the

most popular of our local groups.

- **7/28, Shipyard Wreck...Unplugged.** A true Son of Norway by way of Fairhaven and local musician of note is back on the front stairs of the Town Hall doing what he does best....Entertaining his fans!

Riverside Eve. Tour

Wed., 7/27, 6 p.m., Riverside Cemetery, 274 Main St., Fairhaven

Take an evening walk in one of the most beautiful rural-style cemeteries in Massachusetts, created in 1850 by Warren Delano II, the grandfather of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The tour visits the final resting places of some of the town's most prominent people. You'll also see lovely examples of early tombstone art as you walk along the beautifully landscaped paths. Tour includes walking on uneven ground. Wear comfortable shoes. Guide: Vanessa Gralton. Sponsored by the Office of Tourism. Free. Call 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@aol.com for more information.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Crafters Wanted

The Upper William Street Neighborhood Festival will be held **Sat., Sept 24, from 12-4 p.m.** Crafters may call 508-933-0257 or email jbregoli@gmail.com for more info.

Free Concerts

The City of New Bedford presents a series of free evening concerts on City Pier 3 on the waterfront, as well as during lunchtime in Custom House Square through Aug. 12. **Free parking and shuttle service to the concert venue is available at Whale's Tooth Parking Lot.** Additional parking is also available at Elm Street Garage within walking distance of City Pier 3.

The public is invited to bring their chairs and enjoy front row seating to performances by the following bands:

Concerts on Pier 3:

- **Fri., 7/22 Ultimate Soul (Disco Party Band)** Playing your favorite Soul, R&B, Old School Funk, and Top 40 Hits.
- **Fri., 7/29 Green Season (Classic Rock and Blues)** Get your fix of classic rock and blues with Green Season playing Tom Petty, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Muddy Waters and more!

Lunchtime Jazz:

- **Fri., 7/22:** Michael Gabriel
- **Fri., 7/29:** Marcus Monteiro (WEATHER PERMITTING)

Free at Whale Mus.

Join us for **two free events on July 25 at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford.** During the day, celebrate the ocean and the marine life that calls the sea home at "Party for the Ocean." This family-friendly event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Museum's plaza and inside in the Jacobs Family Gallery. Beginning at 7 p.m., the Museum will screen the film "Sonic Sea," followed by a panel discussion from 8-8:30 about ocean noise and other issues raised in the film. **Both events are free and open to the public.** For more info visit www.whalingmuseum.org.

Serve-a-Thon Kickoff

The public is invited to attend our public kickoff on **Sat., 7/23, at 11 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 619 Purchase St. in NB. Cookout to follow.**

Learn how you can participate in our Serve-A-Thon on Sept. 10.

More Free Concerts

What better way to spend a summer evening than to take in a free concert in a garden setting? Join us at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William St., Thursday evenings through 8/25, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Moves indoors in inclement weather.

- **7/28: Squeezebox Stompers:** Cajun and Zydeco music
- **8/4:** Candida Rose and Women in World Jazz

Fish Fry F-R

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center will hold its second annual Fish Fry Fundraiser on Friday, July 22nd from 6-11 pm at Cotali Mar Restaurant (1178 Acushnet Avenue).

Cash bar, silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$35 (\$15 for kids 12 and under) and may be purchased by phone or in person at the Center or on line through the Center's Facebook page. All proceeds will benefit the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, a 501c3 non-profit organization. For more information contact the Center at 508-993-8894 or info@fishingheritagecenter.org. Visit www.fishingheritagecenter.org.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Skydiving 4 Charity

I once again will be Skydiving on September 3, 2016 to raise money to help feed the hungry and the homeless, many of which are families like yours: women and children!

I belong to Mobil Loaves & Fishes (MLF) in New Bedford, which is a food truck that goes out into the street to feed the hungry. The truck goes out 6 nights a week and also every Saturday morning serving over 100 each time. To some, this is their ONLY sustenance for the day!

The fundraiser that we are doing is a Serve-A-Thon together with The Salvation Army of New Bedford. The money raised will help support these two groups and their efforts to care for those in need and to help feed the hungry and the homeless.

You can help by sponsoring me with a donation. If you do, please make your check out to The Salvation Army and put Serve-A-Thon on the memo line. Mail to: , Tabitha Tripp, 11 Oak Street Marion, MA 02738

For more information about the Serve-A-Thon, visit the Lift-in-Love Facebook or Lift-in-Love.org

Waterfire

The next WaterFire lighting will be on **Sat., 7/23. Full Lighting at Sunset: 8:12 p.m. Lighting time: 8:32 p.m.** The fires will remain lit until 12:30 a.m. Music Program. Sponsored by Cox Business.

On the river in Providence, RI. All full WaterFire installations light up over eighty braziers **from Waterplace Park to Memorial/South Main Street Park.** Visit <http://waterfire.org/> for information on other activities that night and upcoming dates.

Farm to Table

The Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership (SEMAP), in partnership with The Livestock Institute of Southern New England (TLI) will be hosting the biggest event of the summer, the **2nd Annual Farm to Tapas.** At this event, we will have over a dozen restaurants and caterers from the community (all of which source ingredients from local farms) set up stations and serve a variety of food items. There will also be an open bar, featuring local beer, wine, and spirits; a live auction; and a

fantastic bluegrass band. We are kindly being hosted at the historic home and farm of Joseph Keith III, deep in scenic Westport with the ocean providing a peaceful, cool breeze. Limited tickets available.

Sun., 7/31, 5-8 p.m., The Historic Home & Farm of Joseph Keith III, 775 Horseneck Rd, Westport, MA 02790. Cost: \$80 General Public; \$30 Farmer (You MUST currently be farming, as your main income source, to be eligible for this ticket price. Limit 6 Farmer Tickets per farm.) Register online at semaponline.org/events.

Author Event

Acushnet resident Jackie Leduc will be signing her books on **Sat., 7/30, from 9:30-4:30 at Nelly Strong Day at Durfee High School in Fall River.** Nelly was a teenager from Durfee High School who recently passed away from cancer. There will be about fifty vendors at this event and 20% of all sales will go to the Nelly Strong Fund.

For more information, visit authorjleduc.weebly.com/events.

Farmers Market

Open every Saturday, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Stone Bridge Farm, 186 Leonard St., Acushnet, 508-951-1551. Ample off-street parking.

Fruit, veggies, baked goods, honey, cheese, coffee, preserves, eggs, gluten-free baked goods, BBQ sauce, wine, pork, chicken, beef, jewelry, dog treats, classes, demos and more.

Visit www.AcushnetFarmersMarket.com, or follow us on Facebook: Acushnet Farmers Market.

Photo Exhibit

The photos of internationally renowned photographer Michael Kahn are the subject of a new exhibition and sale at the Maritime Gallery at Mystic Seaport. "Photographs of the Sea by Michael Kahn" running through Sep.25.

A practitioner of traditional techniques, Kahn travels extensively to photograph the world's finest boats and pristine seascapes. Using his 1950s-era camera, he collects images on black-and-white film and produces luminous silver gelatin prints in his darkroom.

Each photograph is signed and created in limited editions.

For more information visit www.mysticseaport.org/gallery.

Low # Plate Lottery

Applications for the 2016 Low Number Plate Lottery are now being accepted online or by U.S. mail.

Starting this year, for the first time ever, customers will be able to enter the lottery online by visiting: <https://secure.rmv.state.ma.us/myPlateLotto/>. Mail-in applications are available for download at www.MassRMV.com, or at Registry branch office locations across the Commonwealth. **Applications must be received online or postmarked by Aug. 26, to be eligible.**

This year, there are 183 plates that are part of the low plate lottery, surpassing the large pool of plates offered in 2015. Annually, approximately 6,800 applications are received. There is no fee to apply; there is a fee to receive the license plate and there is a standard registration fee.

Visit www.MassRMV.com for info.

VT Jerkfest

The 2nd annual Vermont JerkFest is a family-friendly Caribbean foodie festival celebrating jerk hot foods in the cool mountains of Vermont. This 2-day festival kicks off with a Rum & Brew Tasting on Fri., 8/5, 7-10 pm, at the Robert H. Gibson River Garden, 157 Main St., downtown Brattleboro.

The spicy festivities continue on Sat., 8/6, 11 am-7 pm at the VABEC Fields, 40 University Way, Brattleboro.

Vermont JerkFest will feature the best local and regional Caribbean Chefs serving authentic Caribbean food, regional and local spicy foods, Chef Demos, a Jerk Cook-off, live music from international reggae artists Everton Blender and Teflon, local musicians, Tempo International Steel Band, and a Kids & Culture zone. Festivities also showcase local agricultural and specialty foods such as spicy cheeses, hot sauces, jams, desserts, and traditional homemade Caribbean libations, local brews and spirits.

Tickets from \$20-\$75, depending on event. Purchase tickets at <https://localvoretoday.com/events/view/vermont-jerkfest-june-2016-event>

Recipe of the Week

Nikki's Jerk Chicken

Some like it hot, and those who do will absolutely love this jerk chicken recipe.

- 1 whole chicken cut up into medium size parts
- 1/4 cup of soy sauce
- 1/4 cup of jerk sauce (Walkers Wood Jerk Sauce)
- 4 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 2 tablespoons onion powder
- 1 tbsp of ground black pepper
- 8-10 pieces of allspice
- 2 bunches of scallions diced
- Salt to taste

Wash and marinate chicken with all ingredients above, except the scallions, for 1 hour min., and up to 24 hours in the refrigerator.

Heat oven to 400° and place chicken in a shallow pan. Bake for an hour (depending on the size of the pieces, it could be a little more). Turn over chicken after 30 minutes to ensure both sides are nice & brown. Add diced scallions after 45 minutes cook time.

During the summer, you can top off the chicken on your BBQ grill after 30 mins. Let cook for 15-20 mins until done. Serve with rice and beans or bread. Serves 4.

From VT Jerkfest website

To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to neighnews@comcast.net (Email preferred)

FHS old track is hidden gem

By Steve Bender

So much can be said about the quality of materials that went into the building of Fairhaven High School. So much can be said about the craftsmanship, that is of museum quality, that is throughout the main building. It would be a well founded opinion there is no high school in the country that features such aesthetical beauty.

The 32-lap track above the "round gym" (now a library) was one of those hidden gems. During the winter months, it was difficult to find a facility to train the track team but the program was blessed to have the indoor track.

It was of the quality that is prevalent through out the "old" building. It had a hand-crafted sub floor with lattice that had to be steamed for proper curve placement. On top of the lattice was a cork surface. Once again aesthetic and functional.

The track had two entrances. The back staircase, with a mahogany paneled wall that was peppered with photos of past FHS athletic teams. The other entrance/exit to the track was a spiral staircase that went to and from the gym floor. The spiral staircase was described by a former FHS runner as the same that was in a WW2 submarine. It's somewhat of a comical analogy but it's accurate.

Because of the banks and turns, the workouts were limited to running intervals (330 yards or six laps and 440's or 8 laps). That doesn't sound like much but when 6-8 intervals are run with a timed rest period, it was "grueling" as stated by a former 600 yard runner. The fire escape door on the first turn was left open in case of any abdominal discomfort.

Through "trial and error" it was determined that 220's (4 laps) were somewhat hazardous because of the tight turns. Distances beyond 440's wreaked havoc on the legs because of the banked turns.

There was no racing allowed because of the width of the track.

This may be somewhat technical to the average reader but those who ran workouts on the FHS indoor track there will relate and hopefully smile.

The workouts were spirited. Goals were set for groups pre-workout and the "leader of the pack" had to make sure he/she set the pace to meet that goal.

You could not use the track two days in a row because there had to be a physical recovery period.

When the runners would check out the posted workout in the morning, many times a slight depression would set in because the workouts were tough but at the end of the season, many runners would admit that the intervals run on the FHS indoor track were part of the training that helped them the most.

The 32 lap indoor track was also used by the Phys. Ed. classes. It was a healthy alternative to the activities provided for the classes.

The track is still above the library where the "round gym" was. It was resurfaced with a special linoleum in the late 80's.

On reflection, it was a training facility that no other local school had. It was a factor in the success of the FHS Winter/Indoor Track teams from years gone by.



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Fairhaven Fire Department combines fun with safety tips

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Fire Department combined a lesson on fire safety with good old fashioned fun at its annual fire safety event on Wednesday, 7/20, on Walnut Street near the Millicent Library. After children, and their adults, learned about what to do in a fire, firefighters turned on the hose of the 750-gallon pumper truck and let children hold the hose and run through the spray.

Public Safety Officer Wayne Oliveira told the children four things about fire: 1) It can get up to several hundred degrees, and will burn them very quickly; 2) It is smokey, and they will not be able to see; 3) It creates

dangerous gases that can make them sick; 4) They will have very little time to react, about one minute.

He told them they needed to leave the house immediately if a fire broke out.

Then firefighters David Gordon and Joshua Benoit dressed in their firefighting gear, from their booted slacks to their special helmets. Mr. Oliveira explained each piece of clothing and its purpose, the most important being to cover up all their skin and protect their heads from falling debris.

Then Mr. Gordon and Mr. Benoit crawled around in their gear, including their gas masks, so the children could see what they would

look like.

Mr. Oliveira admitted that they looked kind of scary. Picture the house full of smoke, he said, and these guys crawling around your house.

"I want you to know he's your friend," said Mr. Oliveira. "He's not a monster."

Then they turned on the hose on the lawn of the Unitarian Memorial Church.

Children also received fire safety coloring books, a bright red fire hat, and a chance to hang out with Sparky the Fire Dog.

The annual event is held in July and is sponsored by the Millicent Library.

Now THIS is how it's done



Children spray the hose and get sprayed by the hose at the annual fire safety demonstration and hose down on the lawn of the Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven. ABOVE: This little guy knows how to do it right. BELOW LEFT: Young Zoe is completely mesmerized by the hat filling up with water. BELOW MIDDLE LEFT: Gavin Skaar runs through the spray. BELOW MIDDLE RIGHT: A girl jumps right up off the ground when she feels the cold spray. BELOW RIGHT: This little guy stands with feet firmly planted as the spray washes over him. Photos by Beth David. Find us on Facebook to see more photos of this and other events.



Opening Our Living Treasure Chest

By Ken Hartnett

Taryn MacGregor, 18 and athletic, on her Christmas break from college, never thought anything could derail her happy-go-lucky life. That notion was all but snuffed the moment her car collided with a concrete flower pot along Route 18 in downtown New Bedford. In an instant, she learned a profound lesson: life comes with nothing guaranteed — not even your next breath or next step.

It's been one tough winter for the Fairhaven teenager, who might have easily died last December 20 in the post-midnight wreck. The impact left her with a brain bleed, multiple fractures of the pelvis, a broken collarbone, and a broken neck. What came next was a string of difficult obstacles, like hobbling on crutches for weeks in a rehabilitation hospital, dealing with confusion, fighting the inability to move, and enduring the obvious pains associated with her injuries. Even so, Taryn's overall recovery has been a testament to great resiliency — to the point where she now is considering a bike ride fund-raiser in September.

This is a far different outcome from the fearsome scars and paralysis she witnessed in other young patients in the hospital. To her credit, she has grasped that reality and intends to do something influential and positive with her new lease on life. Her chosen method of giving back is to make herself part of the community of giving behind the second annual area Serve-a-Thon, a fundraiser benefitting the Salvation Army and Mobile Loaves & Fishes to be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016.



TOP: Volunteers help plant at the Fairhaven Veterans Park on Route 6, at last year's Serve-a-Thon. ABOVE: Volunteers help with harvesting at the YMCA farm in Dartmouth. Submitted photos.

She'll be lending a hand to raise funds for the organizations whose primary function is to lighten the struggles of the hundreds of men, women, and children among us in need of the daily basics most of us take for granted.

How exactly does this work? The Serve-a-thon invites everyone to participate in any way that they can. It is structured to allow people to contribute their labor in assorted community projects such as beautifying an historic park, assembling or wrapping toys and clothes for kids in need, offering a hand to a litter-free neighborhood effort, working on a farm for a morning or afternoon, or lending individual gifts from a living treasure chest that consists of every imaginable talent.

Taryn MacGregor will be doing her part by dedicating a day to help landscape Cooke Memorial Park in Fairhaven. Billy Biggs, a local resident, will be teaching kids in the neighborhood how to shoot free throws and dribble like a Globetrotter.

Mary Worden of the Mattapoisett Library promises to share the technique of painting water colors. Roy Arsenault will demonstrate how to build a beautiful bird house that looks like a Swiss chalet. Another local, Nelson Hockert-Lotz, will exhibit his culinary talents by giving pointers on how to whip up a tasty pizza.

No matter your gift, you can become a contributing factor to the Living Treasure Chest. Simply decide what you are going to do; then on September 10, 2016, put action to that decision.

Perhaps the Living Treasure Chest will contain tap dancing, singing, or reciting lessons, housecleaning, painting, carpentry, or plumbing... Whatever the case may be, the idea is to pair these donations of talents and services with matching contributions from friends, family, neighbors, or



businesses who readily support the cause. Simple as can be.

Some may not be in a position to make a financial offering. That's perfectly okay. Giving comes in many practical forms. Maybe a neighbor or a friend or relative has a repair that is overdue. The Serve-a-Thon could be the perfect way to assist an elder down the street by cleaning his or her gutters. A donation to the Serve-a-Thon fund could be the payment for your helpful work. A side benefit is that you may get to know your neighbor a little better through the process, which in turn strengthens the neighborhood by pulling it closer together.

Participating in the Serve-a-Thon is a great way to open our eyes to the needs around us and a very practical way to address them directly. We all have a unique gift to share. When your gift is allowed to shine for the greater good of others, it is the type of thing that uplifts and promotes the spread of grace. That is where things could get very interesting, for grace has in it the potential to transform a region.

During last year's Serve-a-Thon, I offered a journalism class in the basement of St. Francis of Assisi Church with former Standard-Times executive Mary Harrington. The attendees gave generously to the cause at the close. Roy Arsenault offered half of a dozen hand-crafted birdhouses and sold them all to swell the collection basket.

Try it yourself. It's only for a few hours on one day. You'll be surprised at how many ripples result. See for yourself. ●●●

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Acushnet Selectboard holds off on Eversource/LNG discussion

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard held off on talking about negotiations with Eversource at its 7/11 meeting to make sure that all three board members would be present. Selectboard chair Garry Rawcliffe was absent. Mr. Rawcliffe had put together a list of items he wanted to negotiate with Eversource in relation to the expansion of the LNG facility on Peckham Road.

Vice chair Kevin Gaspar Jr., who chaired the meeting, told the residents in attendance that he would rather wait for Mr. Rawcliffe to be at the meeting to discuss the issue.

In another matter, the board heard from Highway Superintendent Dan Menard about the new trash bins that started July 1.

Mr. Menard had said he was in the process of combining the list of residents with the assessor's list for two-family houses.

"I was on vacation so there's a little bit of chaos happening, but we are trying to consolidate lists," he said, adding that he has had calls from

people who want a second barrel.

Before they pass those out, the town needs to make sure all households got one barrel.

"The two family issue needs to be addressed," agreed Mr. Gaspar. "Beginning with permitted two families. We need to make sure that the in-law apartment or the second floor apartment is actually a permitted two-family. Get those out as fast as possible."

Mr. Gaspar explained the reason the town went with the new trash barrels was to try and save money. After a 30-year contract, the tip fee (price per ton) increased and the town will pay about \$285,000 a year to SEMASS (SE Mass. Resource Recovery Facility) for trash disposal.

Mr. Gaspar said he was receiving a lot of complaints from residents that they need an additional barrel or had not received it yet.

The board briefly discussed fees for a second barrel.

"I would hold off on issuing a second barrel for now," Mr. Gaspar said. "We can have a discussion in a few weeks on what the fee should be,

and how we go about issuing the second barrel. But I definitely think there should be a fee if a resident wants a second barrel; as well as a fee yearly for the extra tonnage."

Board member Mike Cioper agreed that there should be a fee for a second barrel.

Mr. Menard stated they had just ordered 100 smaller barrels.

"Thirty-five gallon barrels," he said, adding that they would be available if some people, primarily senior citizens who had to wheel out the barrels themselves, wanted the smaller ones.

In other business with Mr. Menard, Mr. Gaspar read off the awarding contract for repaving the streets. For cold plane, PJ Keating was awarded the contract with a bid of \$16,016; for hot mix, PJ Keating was awarded at \$361,934; and for reclaim, Allstate was awarded with a bid of \$27,816.

Mr. Menard told the board the streets that would get fixed were Main Street from the New Bedford line to the four corners; Leonard Street, Ward Street, and Perry Hill Road (from Mendell Street).



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Residents take to the streets against LNG expansion

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

On Saturday, July 9th more than 60 residents, friends, and members of the South Coast Neighbors United; marched from Pulaski School in New Bedford, past the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility on Peckham Street in Acushnet, to Mill Street back the three miles to the Ford Middle School.

"We did this to bring the information to the residents," said organizer and Freetown resident, Wendy Graca. "We did it to get it out there. I believe we made an impact. Some people videotaped, took pictures with their phones, even to our signs. I'm happy with the turnout."

As they marched down the streets of Acushnet, Ms. Graca led the marchers with a chant which could be heard all the way down to the last person.

"Tell Spectra. No Thanks

"We don't want it, we don't care

"Get your fracked gas out of here

"Money's what it's all about

"Tell the Town don't sell us out

"If Baker approves the pipeline tax

"In two years, he'll get axed."

Dana Gravina said he was amazed at how many people still don't know anything about the facility or the project.

"That's why we are here," he said.

At Ford Middle School marchers heard closing remarks, before having a picnic lunch.

Acushnet resident Roger Cabral thanked Ms. Graca for putting the walk together and then said, "I was amused as we walked by the current facility, they actually had security out in front of the current LNG tanks. They probably had more security there today than what they are going to have when their tanks are triple the size; they're afraid of us."

He said he was very pleased with the turnout.

"We don't want them here," he said.

Cathy Kristofferson, of StopNED said her organization started in 2014 to fight the Kinder Morgan Northeast Energy Direct pipeline proposal and to promote a clean renewable energy future. Kinder Morgan withdrew their application at FERC in May.

"We came down to Acushnet today to march in solidarity with the South Coast Neighbors United, an organization we have been assisting since they formed, and their fight against the Spectra Access Northeast," she said.



Marchers protesting the expansion of a Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Acushnet march down the street on Saturday, 7/9. Photo by Pattie Pacella.

Acushnet LNG Committee reports to Selectboard

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

Approximately 40 people attended the Acushnet Selectboard meeting on 6/29, to hear the LNG Advisory Committee's findings and recommendations on the proposed expansion of the facility on Peckham Street.

Access Northeast, a project proposed by Eversource, National Grid and Spectra Energy, will seek to construct two 3.4 Bcf (billion cubic feet) Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) tanks with an outside diameter of 270 feet at the base and a height of 170

feet each. The site on Peckham Road currently contains two LNG tanks with a total capacity of .5 Bcf.

For comparison, the rainbow tank that can be seen from the Southeast Expressway in Dorchester has a 477-foot circumference, is 152 feet wide, 140 feet tall and holds 1.2 Bcf, according to National Grid.

Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher, the LNG Committee chairperson, began by saying it was not the Acushnet Selectboard, or the Mayor of New Bedford that was going to make the decision regarding this project.

"It will be made by four commissioners on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)," he said.

He said his committee met for 23 hours, 10 meetings in total.

"But countless hours individually," he said.

He explained the process for the project, which is in the pre-filing phase, with a filing application due in November 2016. Mr. Gallagher said that it could take a year until the commission makes its recommendation for a yes or no.

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From our readers

Trees should not be cut down

At the end of June signs went up on more than a dozen shade trees on Green Street in Fairhaven, between South Street and Washington Street.

A closer look revealed painted white dots at the base of the trunks of 17 of the 25 trees on those three blocks of Green Street. These 17 trees are scheduled to be removed in early August because of a road repair project that the town has organized with money from the State.

The argument for removing them is that their roots will be compromised, they might later fall down, and they are too big to allow for new uniform sidewalk installation.

On March 15th the BPW held a "Neighborhood Forum" at the Town Hall and invited residents of those three blocks of Green Street to attend to learn about the project. Although it was taped and available to watch through the town government public access website*, this was not advertised as a public hearing, no minutes are available, and it was under the radar for most of us. The plan was presented with no options for change by those whom we have elected to protect our interests.

Shade trees provide real benefits to the neighborhood. They absorb noise, block wind, clean the air, keep the area cooler in the summer and are lovely to look at.

In the Center we keep losing trees one or two at a time because of old age, disease or damage — four on two blocks of Union Street, three on one block of Church Street, six on two blocks of Laurel Street, several on Center Street, Green Street and Chestnut Street. Most of them have not been replaced.

To purposely cut down most of the mature healthy trees on this section of Green Street is an action that is not well thought out and shocking to the residents. They were told at the forum in March that each tree cut down would be replaced by two new ones. But the Town's track record for replacing trees is not a good one and most of the new ones we see planted around town are small ornamental trees. They struggle to survive and will never provide the shade and majesty of the maples and other trees we have now.

A public hearing has been requested by several residents after learning of the impending tree removal. Although public hearings were held for the Spring Street and Fort Street road projects in 2012, this request has been refused as of the July 11th Selectmen's meeting. The Board of Public Works is willing to have another forum on July 26th at 6:30pm at the Town Hall, which all residents interested in preserving the beauty of Fairhaven Center should attend.

There are ways to modify the project to preserve some or all of the tagged trees. The property owners on

Fort Street managed to save eight of 13 healthy tagged trees before the road repair done on the southern part of Fort Street in 2012 by eliminating a planned new section of sidewalk on one side of the street. Custom sidewalks like those on the northern part of Fort Street can be constructed to accommodate the older tree trunks. Or just redo the sidewalk on the west side of the streets where only four trees are tagged for removal. There are options.

Once these trees are cut down, they are gone forever and the neighborhood landscape is permanently changed. And this is only a beginning phase of the road project that will run the entire length of Green Street in the coming years. Every mature shade tree from Washington Street to Fort Phoenix is in danger of being cut down.

Barbara Lorentzen, Fairhaven

**Editor's Note: Chapter 87, Section 3 of Mass. General Laws states that a legal notice must run in a newspaper and a public hearing must be held to cut shade trees. The Tree Warden has not responded to two email requests by the Neighb News. However, Town Administrator Mark Rees forwarded a letter from Town Counsel Thomas Crotty explaining that this project is exempt from the Tree Warden legal notice requirement. The DPW notice about the road project and Mr. Crotty's letter are available on our website: www.NeighbNews.com (click on archives, then 2016, for current issue).*

BPW selects Jonathan Bowers for Water Department job

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Board of Public Works met on Monday, 7/11, to interview candidates for the Water System Maintenance Craftsman/Operator position.

The board first interviewed Jonathan Bowers, a current employee of the Fairhaven Water Department. Mr. Bowers addressed the board by stating his experience with everyday water maintenance, as well as his experience with heavy equipment, such as the backhoe, which he has been licensed on for two years.

The BPW had a few questions and concerns regarding Mr. Bowers as a candidate. The board's main concern was licensing. The Operator position requires a Grade 3 Water License. Mr.

Bowers holds a Grade 1 Water License, and the board questioned whether or not he was qualified for the position.

Board members cited his great dedication to the Fairhaven community, his years of work experience, and his willingness to pursue his Grade 3 license. The board saw him as a strong potential candidate for the job.

"He is a hard worker and I'd hate to see him bypassed," said BPW member Kathy Sturtevant.

Other than licensing, there were no other major concerns with Mr. Bowers for the job.

Before deciding, the board also interviewed Jeffrey Furtado.

Mr. Furtado, currently the Foreman for the Fairhaven Sewer Department

began his interview by stating his reasons for pursuing the job. He said he wanted to give this new position a shot, to make a change for himself and the water department.

The board also had concerns regarding Mr. Furtado's qualifications, as well as concerns regarding his current position as Foreperson.

Board members said they felt that Mr. Furtado was a well-rounded, hard worker, citing his 13 years as foreperson in the Sewer Department, plus experience in the Water Department,

Despite his work ethic and experience, Mr. Furtado's licensing was the main concern for board.

The issue of active licensing was brought up by the board multiple

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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

July 21, 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

Town of Fairhaven, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719
Contact Person: Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Environmental Certifying Officer
Telephone: (508) 979-4023 Ext. 2; Fax: (508) 979-4079

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS: REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 2, 2016, the Town of Fairhaven will submit a request to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) as amended for the purpose of the following FY16 CDF-1 project:

Oxford Terrace Parking Lot & Sidewalk Improvements Project: The project will reconstruct the existing parking area and driveway and reconstruct sidewalks and curbing around the parking area at Oxford Terrace, a 108-unit public housing (667-3) complex in Fairhaven for the elderly and disabled. The project will replace and reconfigure 875 LF of existing bituminous concrete parking lot; replace 1,810 LF of existing curbing with 1,570 LF of new curb and reset 100 LF of existing granite curb; replace 2,380 LF of existing sidewalk and ramps with 2,235 LF of new concrete sidewalk and ramps; repair 7 existing storm water catch basins and 2 sewer manholes; remove 8 existing trees and plant 5 new ones; and replace existing benches and site lighting.

The project will replace and repair infrastructure within a project area in Fairhaven's Anthony School Neighborhood Target Area, which is designated as a slum and blight area. The Project also will meet the national objective to benefit Low and Moderate Income Persons as noted in federal regulations 24CFR 570.483. Estimated cost: \$554,948. This activity is categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 Section 58.35 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements.

The project involves engineering, program delivery expenses and general administrative activities, which are exempt (24 CFR 58.34 (a) (3)).

Additional information for this project is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Office of Planning & Economic Development, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA and may be examined or copied between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Fairhaven Selectmen's Office at the above address. All comments received by August 1, 2016, will be considered by the Town of Fairhaven prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS: The Town of Fairhaven is certifying to the Commonwealth that Charles K. Murphy, Sr., in his capacity as the Environmental Certifying Officer, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Commonwealth's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Fairhaven to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS: The Commonwealth will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Fairhaven's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases:

- The certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Town of Fairhaven;
- The Town of Fairhaven has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58;
- The grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Commonwealth; or
- Another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58.76), and shall be addressed to the Mass. Small Cities Program, Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300, Boston MA 02114. Potential objectors should contact DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Signed: Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Environmental Certifying Officer, Town of Fairhaven, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petition(s):

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Petitioner: Stephane Ann Florea, RE: 3 Wampanoag Drive, Plot 29D, Lot 1A; Book 5356 and Page 55. 198-23 Special Permit required for Landscaping Business.
- Petitioner: William & Pamela Yukna, RE: 160 Balsam Street, Plot 43B, Lot 26; Book 21238 and Page. 198-18: Short 12' of required 30' front setback, 13' short of required 30' rear yard, 10' short of required 20' side yard and 14% over max building coverage of 15% all within an RR District.
- Petitioner: Michael Gallagher & Joann Gisborne, RE: Nakata Avenue, Plot 43, Lot 105; Book 9195 and Page 118. 198-28 Continuation of Special Permit for seasonal trailer in flood zone.
- Petitioner: Cathleen Travassos, RE: 14 Pilgrim Avenue, Plot 13, Lot 72; Book 11172 and Page 260. 198-18: Short 8' of required 30' rear setback and 4% over max of 30% building coverage in an RA District.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on August 01, 2016 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Request for Determination Applicant Fairhaven Guests Realty Trust Location 65 Balsam Street Plot 43C Lots 77-78 Purpose cut trees, remove brush, loam and seed and add irrigation within an AE flood zone and within 100' buffer zone to BVW. AFTER THE FACT
- Notice of Intent Applicant Overlook Realty Trust Sciticut Neck Road Plot 29 Lot 1C Purpose cut over grown vegetation to perform land surveying within the 100' buffer zone to BVW.
- Request for Determination Applicant Carol Ann Sherman Location 36 Reservation Road Plot 29A Lot 234 Purpose install an asphalt driveway within a VE flood zone.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Paul F. & Barbara E. Beatrice Location 21 Silver Shell Beach Drive Plot 41 Lot 41 Purpose install new septic system within 100' buffer zone to BVW and within a VE flood zone.

Jay Simmons, Chairman

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times throughout the meeting. Mr. Furtado has had a Grade 3 Water license in Rhode Island, since 1999, but it is currently inactive.

The board questioned what the process may be to get that license transferred to Massachusetts, as well as activated again.

Mr. Furtado told the board he was not sure what the process might be to transfer his RI license to Mass.

Another concern was Mr. Furtado's current position in the Sewer Department.

Board member Brian Wotton questioned Mr. Furtado on who was qualified and prepared to fill Mr. Furtado's current position if the board were to hire him for the new job.

Mr. Furtado said he believed that there were people in the Sewer Department that were capable of filling his shoes.

The deciding factor came down to the fine print of the union contract itself.

Vice Chair Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said, "[Furtado is] a very good employee and is dedicated to the town, but the contract says to take within the department."

Chairperson, Michael Ristuccia read from the contract that states qualified employees within the division of the greatest seniority should be considered first for job openings, but if that person is not qualified then the job can be opened

to other departments.

After much debate over the statements in the union contract, the board agreed that both Mr. Furtado and Mr. Bowers were not qualified for the position of Water System Maintenance Craftsman/Operator. Both candidates would need to pursue their Grade 3 licensure, which both candidates were willing to do.

With all the information the board had received, Mr. Hobson made a motion stating, "In my opinion I'd like to hire Jonathan Bowers."

The motion passed.



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Mon., 7/25, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 8/1, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Forum

Street repair/tree cutting
Tues., 7/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 7/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 8/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Commissioner of Trusts

Mon., 7/25, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Planning Board

Thurs., 7/28, Town Hall, 7:15 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 7/25, Town Hall, Time TBA

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Monday	25	0030	1305	0548*	1821
Tuesday	26	0128	1403	0643*	1932
Wednesday	27	0226	1459	0750	2047
Thursday	28	0324	1559	0856	2205
Friday	29	0428	1705	1002	----
Saturday	30	0535	1805	0002	----
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Mr. Gallagher presented numerous recommendations to the board in the categories of Public Safety/Security, Environmental/Alternative Locations, and general recommendations.

The first recommendation under public safety/security was that a third party consultant be hired to review all of the draft resource reports as they relate to the Acushnet components of the project.

The second recommendation was that the Selectboard should hire consultants to conduct the following studies: Worst case scenario, present capability assessments, and overlay (a report which draws from the worst case findings and overlays results of present capabilities.)

Chief Gallagher reviewed the third recommendation as a draft by-law which would establish a "permit to operate an LNG facility in the Town of Acushnet."

The next recommendation was for a risk assessment.

"The town deserves a quantitative risk assessment at the highest levels," Chief Gallagher said.

Recommendation five and six referred to monitoring the language that Northeast Access provides FERC, especially with piping, and per Acushnet's request to eliminate LNG's trucks from the roadways.

"[Police] Chief [Michael] Alves and I are extremely concerned when LNG trucks come into town," Chief Gallagher said.

He did say that as of June 27, 2016 there were no trucks coming out of Acushnet, and that the proponents took that off the table.

Recommendations seven through nine referred to the pipeline. Chief Gallagher said that there was an old 12-inch supply line on South Main Street, and he was concerned about that pipe.

"It was installed in the 1960's," he said. "And it's falling apart."

The final two recommendations in public safety/security referred to security planning and review. The committee recommended that the board begin a "Security Summit" in

the summer months to review with local, state, and federal law enforcement authorities.

"Our world is very different from 1971," he said. "Terrorism is a daily event and we can't seem to escape it in the last six months."

The next set of recommendations that were environmental. He said that Access Northeast was proposing that 65 acres of wetlands would be permanently impacted or destroyed.

Chief Gallagher said that losing 65 acres of wetlands would be historic on both a state and local level. There are nine recommendations in that category and they included the topic of wetland delineation, including the Acushnet Conservation Commission, mitigation, monitoring air quality, and independent monitoring of drinking water around that area.

There was a brief presentation on home values. Chief Gallagher said that the committee has initiated a property value impact study, and hoped that the Selectboard would follow up on it.

Among the general recommendations, the topics included tanks and containment, cost to taxpayers, necessity, property taxes to Acushnet, and payment for studies.

Chief Gallagher also stated the last general recommendation was for the Selectboard to appoint an "LNG Ombudsman," to be the principal point of contact for the town; and ask Access Northeast to designate an "Acushnet Ombudsman" to be the contact for the project.

Selectboard chairperson Garry Rawcliffe thanked the work of Chief Gallagher and the committee in glowing terms.

"This is stellar work," Mr. Rawcliffe said. "An outstanding job, thank you."

He then assigned each selectboard member an area of the presentation to review and gather their own information to report back.

Selectboard member Mike Cioper took the conservation review; board member Kevin Gaspar took the alternative site review, and Mr. Rawcliffe took the parts he can review with town counsel now.

Mr. Gaspar also thanked the committee for their hard work and asked a question in regard to the "dialogue over the \$12.5 million revenue number that they keep saying the town will receive."

Chief Gallagher stated that principal assessor Kelly Koska took the total cost of the Acushnet project as a root to use in the formula. He said that the town does not tax based on the project, but on the structures.

Mr. Cioper asked if residents' homeowners insurance would be affected.

Mr. Gaspar stated that he had spoken to a few people he knew in the insurance field and they had stated that if the policy required to go to an underwriter with anything new in the policy that the insurance was going to go up at least 25%.

"The people I spoke to in the insurance field said most people would go to the Mass. Fair Plan," said Mr. Gaspar. "You're thrown into a pool and charged a higher rate."

Mr. Gaspar said he would like to see the committee stay established as the project moved forward. Mr. Rawcliffe agreed, especially where more resource reports would be coming out from Access Northeast at the end of July.

Chief Gallagher stated that committee members thought it was important for another set of eyes to review the resource reports, so they wanted to stay together.

Mr. Gaspar said that he had "rarely seen such attention to detail given to a report in my political, professional or personal life," and he found the committee's presentation "commendable."

He also said the report was "an asset to this board and this job."

The meeting ended with the Selectboard voting unanimously to keep the LNG Advisory Committee together until November.

"And making you the LNG Ombudsman," Mr. Gaspar said directly pointing to Chief Gallagher.

The presentation can be read in its entirety on the Acushnet website at www.acushnet.ma.us; under Boards and Committees, LNG Advisory Committee. ●●●

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