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## Monday Morning Fun teaches about sea critters



Erika Fernandes (right) hands over a spider crab to Ayla Silva while her brother, Avery Silva, watches during the Fairhaven Visitors Center Monday Morning Fun event on 8/17. An outreach educator with the Lloyd Center for the Environment, Ms. Fernandes had a variety of sea critters for children to see and hold. The visitors center has only one more Monday program scheduled, for next week, 8/24. 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.



Beth David, Publisher

No, no, say it ain't so... it's back to school time? Really, already? It can't be. It's too hot, and it seems like only yesterday that we were shoveling out mountains of snow.

I'm so confused.

But, alas, the calendar does not lie.

So, if you haven't done all the summer play stuff you usually do, you'd better get out there soon.

And speaking of back to school. If you want a good way to help out the kids who are not able to get all geared up on their own, check out page 16. Gifts to Give is in the middle of their "Stuff the Bus" campaign to do just that.

Our cover story is a fun one, and another reminder of the lateness of the season. I had planned on getting to one of those Monday fun days sooner, but, next thing I knew, they only had one left. So if you want to take part, you've got one more chance. See page 12 for that.

On page 13, we have something a little different. We ventured out a bit farther than our own little ken. We went west, to Fall River for the naturalization ceremony. The event was held on the ship. Now, that was really kind of cool. My sister-in-law was one of the new citizens sworn in and I found a Fairhaven person, too.

As most of you know by now, I trace my roots to Lebanon. All four of my grandparents were born in the same little village, and we still have a few relatives there. My sister-in-law is also from Lebanon. So, how cool was it for us when both judges said they were Lebanese?

I'll tell you, it was WAY cool.

Yup, it was.

Speaking of Battleship Cove. It's a great spot for a day trip, or even a half-day trip with the kids.

They get to run around on the USS Massachusetts, a destroyer, a submarine, two PT boats and a Russian gunboat, forming the largest collection of historic naval ships in the world.

I think that would be a great day trip.

We also have a very short story about a woman posing as a visiting nurse, trying to get information about people's medications and asking elderly residents if they live alone (see page 22). She is NOT with the VNA. She's an imposter who is probably looking for an easy drug score.

Heaven help us all.

How pathetic is she, huh?

Anyway, be vigilant. Medical agencies are not so hard up for customers that they need to go door to door. If anyone comes by asking you personal questions, call the police and have a good description of the person ready. Some people just need a good long night in a holding cell.

Until next week then...see ya,

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Butterfly Release will support patients

## Press Release

Southcoast® Visiting Nurse Association will host the fourth annual "Hope Takes Flight: A Butterfly Release" on Saturday, September 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Avenue in Fairhaven. All proceeds will benefit Southcoast VNA's Hospice & Palliative Care Program.

As part of the event, there will be a release of more than 200 live butterflies to honor and remember loved ones who have died. Other activities will include musical performances, inspirational readings and a special recognition of Gwen Hofmann, Hospice Chaplain; Jeff Jenkins, Hospice volunteer; and Jeff Bacon and David Latessa, co-founders of Sharing One Family to Another: A Morressette Family Charity. A silent auction and prize raffle will also be held throughout the afternoon, and light refreshments will be served. The event will take place rain or shine.

Butterflies to honor a loved one can be purchased before August 21 for a \$25 minimum donation, which

will include a listing of a loved one's name in the event program book. A limited number of butterflies may be available after that date while supplies last.

The event is presented by Mallard & POPS Printing, with additional support from BayCoast Bank, Mill Bridge Holdings LLC, Surprenant & Berneski PC, and Expense Reduction Analysts.

To order a butterfly or for more information about the event, visit [www.southcoastvna.org](http://www.southcoastvna.org) or contact Southcoast VNA Community Affairs at 508-973-3470 or [scvnacommunityaffairs@southcoast.org](mailto:scvnacommunityaffairs@southcoast.org).

Part of Southcoast Health, Southcoast VNA is one of the largest not-for-profit, community-based home health and hospice care agencies serving Southeastern Massachusetts and East Bay, Rhode Island. For more than 100 years, Southcoast VNA has provided high quality, comprehensive home health and hospice services, which foster improvement and maintenance of health, prevention of disease and disability and compassionate end-of-

life care. Services are available 24 hours a day, every day.

Southcoast VNA's home health care program offers services tailored to the specific needs of every patient including skilled nursing, specialized wound and ostomy care, advanced cardiac care, rehabilitation therapies (physical, occupational and speech/language), infusion therapy, behavioral health services, in-home telemonitoring, medical social work, nutrition services, home health aides and health promotion and education.

Southcoast VNA's hospice and palliative care program offers specialized care for individuals with terminal and life-threatening illnesses including skilled nursing, physician services, pain and symptom management, inpatient care, palliative care, social work services, home health aides, drugs and medical supplies, complimentary alternative therapies, counseling, spiritual support, bereavement support and volunteer respite support.

Southcoast VNA's main office is located at the South Coast Business Center at 200 Mill Road in Fairhaven.



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# Planning Board continues Carapace for setback question

By Beth David  
Editor

Moving along in a process that is taking months, Carapace, LLC, got one step closer to getting approval for a new Mazda dealership to be built at 250 Bridge Street, adjacent to the existing Alden Buick dealership.

The sticking points with members at the Fairhaven Planning Board's 8/11 meeting were the positioning of the 10,000 square foot building with service bays, and the need for the large trucks to have to use the abutting property to turn around or exit the site. Members also voiced concern about the placement of an electrical box, which seemed to encroach on the other property.

At some point the board also noted that the bylaws require a larger setback in an industrial zone than the plans show.

The site is also partly wetlands, and the plan has been approved by the Conservation Commission.

Carapace also received a 47-foot setback variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals for a fence on Bridge Street, a point Planning Board members never failed to mention at each public hearing.

As one of 25 conditions for approval, the owners must record an easement with the Registry of Deed allowing cross over access to both lots. James Lutz, who appeared before the board, owns both parcels. He currently owns the Mazda dealership on Alden Road, but he does not own the building. The plan is to move the Mazda dealership to 250 Bridge Street.

Mr. Lutz and Project Manager Evan Watson, told the board that issues raised in previous meetings had been addressed, including the turning radius of the driveway; landscaping; lighting; dumpster placement; and potholes on Whaler's Way, which is a private road owned by abutters and will be used by trucks exiting the property.

The revised plans also addressed stormwater issues, increasing the volume that the site can handle. A stone rip-rap slope is also steeper than it would normally be to minimize encroachment on wetlands.

"Part of our duty to the wetlands act is to minimize impact," said Mr. Evans, explaining that a lesser slope would expand the rip-rap more into the wetlands.

The "rain garden" will filter rain water and in large storms, water will be retained on the property.

The revised site plan showed in better detail the adjacent property and Route 240.

PB member Jeff Lucas, however, noted that members did not get that copy.

Board members used the one copy Mr. Evans had to discuss the layout of the building and traffic flow issues they perceived to be a problem, especially with the adjacent GMC dealership.

PB chairperson Wayne Hayward said the board could require the easement and make sure there was a logical way for traffic to flow, but, he said, the details of traffic flow within the properties is up to the individual owners.

"It's a sea of asphalt," Mr. Hayward

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It's a sea of asphalt. If you can't maneuver a vehicle there with all the crossovers, you shouldn't be driving a vehicle  
[Wayne Hayward]

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said more than once. "If you can't maneuver a vehicle there with all the crossovers, you shouldn't be driving a vehicle."

Mr. Lutz said he would include traffic flow in the drawings.

"If that's what you want to see, we'll do it," he said.

Mr. Lucas said he still had concerns about where the bay doors opened and wondered how traffic flow would work around the building.

He also pointed out where a transformer pad seemed to be encroaching on the abutting GMC property by 1 1/2 feet. Mr. Evans said they could also get an easement for the placement of the box.

"This tells me the project is not appropriate for the properties," said Mr. Lucas, referring to the easements and especially the egress, the ZBA variance, and the Conservation Commission requirements.

He also took issue with the plans not showing Route 240.

Mr. Evans said it was common to have easements for traffic flow.

The new sticking point, and possibly a deal breaker, was the sudden realization that the bylaws state that buildings in an industrial zone must be 50 feet from the property line.

Mr. Hayward said it would require another variance from the ZBA, except that he did not believe it applied in this case.

PB member Rene Fleurent kept reading the same passage in the bylaws and insisted that the intent was clear.

Mr. Hayward, however, said that the two uses were actually commercial, not industrial. He said the intent of the bylaw was to keep two industrial-use buildings from being too close to each other.

Commercial zone requirements are not as strict. He said the board should use commercial zone (business to business) requirements, which have a zero setback.

Mr. Fleurent, however, insisted and read the bylaw again.

PB member Kaisa Cripps agreed with Mr. Fleurent.

Mr. Evans suggested that they get a ruling from Building Inspector Wayne Fostin, who is the enforcement officer.

"We can't approve it if we know it's wrong," said Mr. Fleurent.

Mr. Hayward argued, however, that it was not wrong.

PB member Gary Staffon chimed in, noting his longevity on the board, and agreeing with Mr. Hayward that the intent was use, not zone.

Mr. Staffon said that the industrial zone was created in response to New Bedford's Industrial Park. The town envisioned an area of heavier industry.

Mr. Fleurent, however, stood his ground, saying that the bylaw was very clear.

Mr. Hayward said it was a problem the town created by allowing commercial and retail uses in its industrial zone.

Mr. Staffon agreed, saying, "Most of our industry is business, not heavy duty industry."

"It's in the industrial zone," said Mr. Fleurent.

"That's what happens when you read the code literally," said Mr. Hayward.

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Free Movie Night

Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Main St., Fairhaven, will be hosting a family movie night on **Fri., 8/21, at 6 p.m. in the church basement.**

The movie is *101 Dalmatians*. Admission is free and **popcorn and a juice-box can be purchased for \$1.**

## WIIA Dance

Featuring The Relics, on **Sat., 8/22, from 8 to mid.,** at the West Island Improvement Association Community House, 41 Causeway Road, West Island, Fairhaven **Tickets: \$10, at the door. BYOB.**

## Beach Volleyball

**Fort Phoenix** will be host to a Beach Volleyball Tournament on **Sun., 8/23, starting at 10 a.m.**

This is a fun and competitive tournament. Spectators are welcome. Visit us on FB: Fort Phoenix Beach Volleyball.

Contact Larry Benaruz, 508-542-3351 for more information.

## Mon. Morning Fun

**Monday Morning Fun at the Visitors Center, With Ezekiel the Green, Mon., 8/17, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., program at 10:00 a.m., 141 Main St., Fairhaven**

A fun morning for kids aged 5 to 12 and their parents or guardians on the lawn of the Visitors Center. Play old-fashioned lawn games like trap ball, nine pins, Jarts, bean bag tossing, hoop rolling and more. Visit Heart Henna's face painting booth. Say hello to Chuck E. Cheese. Have some Dell's frozen lemonade. And at 10:00 a.m. watch some magical wizardry by Ezekiel the Green, magician of the Obscure Order of Lesser Green Wizards. Fun for muggles of all ages. Games and program are free. There are charges for face painting and lemonade. Sponsored by the Office of Tourism. For info, call 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@aol.com.

## Butterfly Release

See page 3.

## Lobster Dine-Out

Lobster Roll Dine-out, **Thurs., 8/27, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center St., Fairhaven**

Enjoy a lobster roll, cup of chowder, French fries, coleslaw, dessert and a beverage. **Price \$14.** Proceeds directly benefit the residents of Our Lady's Haven. **Tickets required in advance.** For information, call 508-999-4561.

## Jazz concert

Fairhaven native and resident Matt Richard will present a **jazz music concert on Thurs., 8/27, at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church** of Fairhaven, 34 Center Street. **Tickets are \$10 and will only be available at the door** with general seating. School-age children accompanied by an adult will be admitted free of charge.

Mr. Richard (piano) will be joined by drummer Greg Conroy and bassist Jerry Wilfong. Featured guests will include vocalist Marcelle Gauvin and tenor saxophonist Travis Bliss. A live recording will take place and anyone attending will receive a free download at a later date. Selections will include jazz standards and original compositions from Mr. Richard's 2014 CD, The Jazz Club.

Proceeds from this concert will benefit the musicians involved. The concert will be held in the main sanctuary which is handicapped accessible from the William Street side entrance.

## Evening Tour

**Riverside Cemetery Tour, Wed., 8/26, at 6:00 p.m., Riverside Cemetery, 274 Main St., Fairhaven**

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## Vendors Wanted

The 15th John Manjiro Festival will take place in the center of Fairhaven on Saturday October 3rd, from 10 am to 5 pm. Craft and food vendors are encouraged to participate. For an application visit: [www.Whitfield-Manjiro.org](http://www.Whitfield-Manjiro.org). Click on "Programs"

## Farmers Market

The Fairhaven Farmers Market , **every Sunday, on the lawn of Fairhaven High School from 1-4 p.m. through the fall.** 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.

## Mosquito Spraying

To schedule spraying in your yard call Bristol County Mosquito Control project at 508-823-5253, between 8:00 & 2:00 p.m. (June - September), or e-mail them at [RequestBristolMCP@comcast.net](mailto:RequestBristolMCP@comcast.net).

## Road Race Reg.

Registration is now open for the 15th annual **Fort Phoenix Road Race on Sun., 9/13.** Held rain or shine, 10 a.m. Entry fee \$15 before race day; \$20 post entry (day of race).

This USTF sanctioned 5K benefits a variety of local charitable causes. T-shirts for pre-entries. Food and refreshments. Cash prizes to top three male and female runners in various age groups.

Noncompetitive walk to take place concurrently with run.

Registration forms and online registration are available at <http://jbrace.com>. For more information, contact race director Kathy Lopes at 508-991-2194.

## Free Concert

Alden Court presents back-to-school concert **Girls Rule Tour, Thurs., 8/27, 5:30-7:30 p.m. (rain or shine), at Alden Court, 389 Alden Road, Fairhaven.**

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Food items will be available for purchase.

# Chinese Auction raises funds for WIIA, creates fun for all ages



The West Island Improvement Association held its annual Chinese Auction on Saturday, 8/8. The event raises funds for the WIIA and brings the community together. Donations of items come from the public and include games, gift certificates to local restaurants and stores, household items and more. Larger items this year included a high quality mountain bike, skate board, scooter, fishing gear, and gift baskets. LEFT, L-R: Barbara O'Brien and Beverly Wilson wait for the calling to begin after buying their tickets and making their choices. RIGHT: A typical table of items includes games, small household appliances, outdoor items, a beer basket and artwork. To learn more about the WIIA, visit <http://www.westisland-ma.com/index.html> Photos by Beth David.



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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Freedom Writers

Southcoast® Health's PRIDE Project will present Freedom Writers at the **New Bedford Whaling Museum Auditorium on Wed., 8/26, at 7:30 p.m.** The free, public event will feature Erin Gruwell, educator, nationally known speaker, and founder of the Freedom Writers Foundation, which helped transform students' lives in an inner-city high school in Los Angeles.

Gruwell, whose story was portrayed in the 2007 film, *Freedom Writers*, starring Hilary Swank, encouraged her students to read books about war and violence and document their reading in a project called the Freedom Writer's Diary. The diary, a collection of the students' thoughts, was published as a book and captured national attention. Gruwell and her students have appeared on numerous television shows and received dozens of awards including the prestigious Anne Frank Award.

The PRIDE (Personal Responsibility through Intentional Development and Engagement) Project, which is run by Southcoast Health's RAPP Program, was developed through a grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services as part of its Youth Empowerment Program II, which aims to address unhealthy behaviors in minority males and assist them with developing skills to make healthier life choices.

The PRIDE Project is made up by a group of minority male youths, ages 12-15, from the greater New Bedford area. It offers adult skills preparation, individual sports training, self esteem building and cultural exploration.

For more information contact the RAPP office at 508-995-0306.

## Singers Invited

Come join the acclaimed Greater New Bedford Choral Society. Requirements: Blend with your section, pay nominal dues. NO audition required. Rehearsals: **Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m.**, First Unitarian Church, New Bedford, corner of Union and Eight Streets. **Starting Date: Tues., 9/1.** Come at 7:15 to register and receive music. Make music and friends for a lifetime.

For more info, call 508-644-2419, or visit [www.GNBCS.org](http://www.GNBCS.org)

## Farmers Market

The farmers market is open in Custom House Square in downtown New Bedford on Thursdays from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Farmers and vendors will be selling fresh fruits and vegetables, chicken, meats, eggs, baked goods, jams, and more.

## Portuguese Speaking Volunteers Needed

Southcoast VNA, a part of Southcoast® Health, is seeking Portuguese speaking volunteers for its Hospice & Palliative Care program. Applicants should be comfortable engaging in conversation with Portuguese speaking patients and family members.

Volunteers are an integral part of the care giving team providing companionship, much needed relief for families and vigil support. Volunteers often read to patients or help them to discuss fond memories which makes sharing a common language a comforting touch.

To become a volunteer, individuals need to be 18 years of age, provide basic screening information and references and be willing to serve a minimum of two to four hours per week. Volunteers receive extensive training and support, and are supervised by the volunteer coordinator.

For more information or to apply, contact Mary Harrington, Volunteer Coordinator, at 508-973-3219 or [harringtonma@southcoast.org](mailto:harringtonma@southcoast.org).

## Dock-U-Mentary

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on **Friday, August 21st at 7:00 PM** with *America's Forgotten Heroine: Ida Lewis, Keeper of the Light*, an award-winning documentary by Marian Gagnon.

Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, and the Working Waterfront Festival. Films about the working waterfront are screened on the third Friday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at **33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. All programs are open to the public and presented free of charge.**

With a New England Emmy nomination for "Best Documentary" and a Gutsy Gals Award for "Best Short Historical Documentary," *America's Forgotten Heroine: Ida Lewis, Keeper of the Light* resuscitates the forgotten and intriguing life story of this country's most famous maritime heroine. Directed and produced by Marian Gagnon of Goodnight Irene Productions, this 45-minute film provides an intimate portrayal of Ida's life from age 15 to 69 (from 1857 to 1911) and the passion and moral fiber she intrinsically brought to her work as a lighthouse keeper and unlikely heroine.

It also explores myriad decisions which led to a life of both fame and isolation, Ida's unexpected celebrity in Newport as well as across the U.S., and the impact she inadvertently had on the early women's rights movement. Filmmaker Marion Gagnon will introduce the film and take questions following the screening.

## Day of Caring

Volunteers are needed for United Way of Greater New Bedford's Annual Day of Caring! This event brings together individuals from the community to volunteer their time and talents to help local non-profits.

This year's Day of Caring will be held on **Fri., 9/11, in conjunction with the National Day of Service and Remembrance.** Volunteers will help from 9am until 2pm. Lunch will be provided by each site and all volunteers will receive a t-shirt.

Volunteers are needed to complete a variety of projects ranging from landscaping and organizing to working with children and working on a farm.

Those interested in volunteering are able to choose where they want to volunteer by visiting [www.volunteer.southcoast.org](http://www.volunteer.southcoast.org) and click on "UWGNB Day of Caring."

Day of Caring is sponsored by BayCoast Bank, Bristol County Savings Bank, Sylvia Group of Insurance Agencies, and First Citizens' Federal Credit Union

Consider volunteering on September 11th and giving back to our community.

If you have any questions please contact Victoria Grasela at [vgrasela@unitedwayofgnb.org](mailto:vgrasela@unitedwayofgnb.org) or 508-994-9625 ext. 10.

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Acush. Car Cruise

Acushnet's 6th Annual Cruise Night Car Show will be held on Thurs., 8/27, from 5-8 p.m. in the center of town. Music by the Klassics; Dance to the Oldies and Today's Tunes on the Town Green

This event brought to you by the Town of Acushnet. Raindate: 8/28.

## 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.

## Jewelry Sale

Join in the fun of trying on the bling at the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library's Summer Jewelry & Accessory Sale, 7 Barstow St., Mattapoisett. The sale opens with a Members-Only Preview Fri., 8/21, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, and continue **Sat., 8/22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library is a 501(c)3 charitable organization and your donations are tax deductible. All proceeds benefit the library.

## Back to School Sale

Independence Academy, formerly Abington Academy, is having a Back to School Indoor Sale on **two Saturdays: 8/15 and 8/22, from 8:00 to 3:00, at the Center of Independent Learning at 118 Waterhouse Road, Suite B, in Bourne.** Items for sale include all types of books, educational materials, toys, dolls, and games. Nearly new DVD's, CD's, videos, and vinyl records. Antiques and collectibles of knick-knacks,

Barbie doll, Disney, and vintage tea cup setting and many more treasures.

Independence Academy is a small, unique, private school, serving southeastern Massachusetts. It is an exciting educational alternative for students from kindergarten to grade 12, or ages 5 to 22. Information about the school will be available at the fundraiser.

The sale will be held, rain or shine. Please contact Linda at lzuern@comcast.net, Donna at gwbeachdml@gmail.com or call 774 302-4544 for further information.

## Free Movie

*Woman in Gold* (PG-13 1 hr. 50 min.) is being shown at the **Mattapoisett CoA Senior Center, Center School, 17 Barstow St., on Tues., 8/25 at 12 noon. This free movie is sponsored by the Friends of the Mattapoisett CoA.**

*Woman in Gold* is based on a true story of an elderly Jewish woman's journey to the heart of the Austrian establishment and to the U.S. Supreme Court. Sixty years after she fled Vienna during World War II, she starts her quest to reclaim her heritage and to obtain justice for what happened to her family as she seeks to retrieve family possessions seized by the Nazis. Along her journey, she has to confront difficult truths about the past.

**You get two pizza slices for only \$2.00 prepaid.** Pay for your pizza at the CoA Senior Center by Mon., 8/24. Call the Senior Center at 508-758-4110 to reserve your seat - so we know how many chairs to set up.

## Free Workshops

Helfand Farm Community Gardens announces two free workshops at the Dartmouth Grange Kitchen and Crafters Fair. *Canning the Summer Harvest: Tomato Sauce*, will be taught by Round The Bend Farm chef, Shaun Van Laarhoven. He will show us ways to prolong the summer's tomato bounty with a workshop on canning tomato sauce on **Sat. 8/22 from 10am-12pm.**

The second workshop, *Raw Foods for Fall*, will be taught by Liz Wiley, Education and Projects Manager at Round The Bend Farm. Liz will teach a workshop on preparing raw food dishes from the garden using fall

vegetables on **Satt., 9/26 from 10am-12pm.**

The **Dartmouth Grange Kitchen is located at 1133 Fisher Road, Dartmouth.** Free Grange Kitchen workshops are supported by the Westport Cultural Council through a grant from the Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust administered by Bank of America.

Helfand Farm Community Garden's first Farmers Market and Crafters Fair will be on September 12th from 10am to 4pm. Space is available for crafters at a fee of \$20.

Please call 774-400-6088 or email helfandfarmfestival@gmail.com to reserve space. Helfand Farm Community Gardens, a volunteer run non-profit, offers garden rental plots on 4 acres of the historic Helfand Farm, in Dartmouth, MA, located on Chase Road. Discounted late-season plots are now available for \$30.

## Flag Football Clinic

Join Mattapoisett Recreation for another great season of Youth Flag Football. Through a partnership with NFL Play 60, your child will learn the fundamentals of football in a safe and fun environment with experienced coaches. Each week your child will participate in a team oriented practice & drills session followed by a 5 v 5 Flag Football Game. Each player will receive an official NFL Flag Football jersey and flag belt. This program is designed for girls and boys ages 6-12. Open to Tri-Town & Fairhaven residents.

Sundays 9-10:30 at Mariner Youth Soccer Complex Session starts September 13th.

**Join us for a free clinic on Sun., 8/30, from 9-am or on Wed. 9/2, from 6:30-7:30pm.**

## Singers Wanted

The Sippican Choral Society begins its Autumn rehearsals on Monday, September 14th at 7:15 p.m. in the Mattapoisett Congregational Church's Reynard Hall, located at 27 Church Street. New members are welcome to join the chorus simply by coming to the one of the first three rehearsals: Sept., 14, 21, and 28.

Call Peter McDonald, 508-748-0286, for further information.

# Recipe of the Week

## Baked Zucchini Fries

- Extra virgin olive oil
- Extra virgin olive oil spray
- 4 medium zucchini
- 1 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup freshly grated parmesan or pecorino cheese (omit to make dairy-free)
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground paprika
- 1/8 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 2 large eggs

Preheat oven to 425°. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper and brush parchment with olive oil.

Cut each zucchini in half crosswise. Cut each half lengthwise into halves or in thirds, and each one of those pieces into 4 sticks or into 1/2-inch wide sticks.

In a shallow dish, combine bread crumbs, parmesan, garlic powder, paprika, oregano, red pepper & salt. In a separate shallow dish, beat eggs well.

One by one, dip each zucchini stick into the egg mixture, then into the bread crumb mixture. Shake to remove any excess and place on baking sheet.

Once all are coated with bread crumb mixture and on the prepared baking sheet, spray with olive oil.

Bake for 15-20 minutes, or until golden and crispy on the outside and soft on the inside, flipping over halfway to ensure browning on both sides. Serve plain or with marinara sauce or ranch dressing.

*From Today.com*

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

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

# Fairhaven EMS announces staff changes

## Press Release

Chief Timothy Francis of the Fairhaven Fire-EMS Department is proud to announce the following promotions.

Lt. Todd Correia has been promoted to the rank of Deputy Fire Chief. This promotion took place after the retirement of long time Deputy Fire Chief Donn Fletcher who served 48 years with the Fairhaven Fire Department.

Deputy Correia is a 20-year veteran with the Fairhaven Fire Department, serving as its training and EMS Officer before being promoted to Deputy Chief. His appointment took place July 1.

Lt. Robert Lincoln has now been assigned the duties of Training & EMS Coordinator vacated by Deputy Correia.

To fill the vacancy of a shift commander on Lt. Lincoln's shift, Paul Correia has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and will supervise Shift #1.

Lt. Paul Correia is an 18-year veteran of the fire department. He is the older brother of Deputy Chief Correia. His appointment took place on July 1.

Both individuals successfully passed a State Civil Service promotional exam.

Both brothers reside with their families in Fairhaven.

To complete the ranks, two new firefighter spots were filled with candidates

from the Massachusetts Civil Service eligibility list.

Kevin Gonsalves and Shawn Grajales have both been appointed to the positions of Firefighter/Paramedic pending medical and physical evaluations. Once they have passed those evaluations they will be scheduled to attend the next 12-week training class at the Massachusetts Fire Academy in Stow, MA.



Donn Fletcher (left) pins the Deputy Chief badge on Todd Correia on July 1 at the Last Ride Home for Mr. Fletcher, who retired from the Fairhaven Fire Department on that day. He served in the department for 48 years. *Neighb News file photo. See 7/16/15 issue at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*

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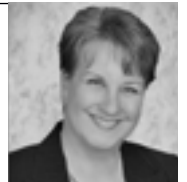
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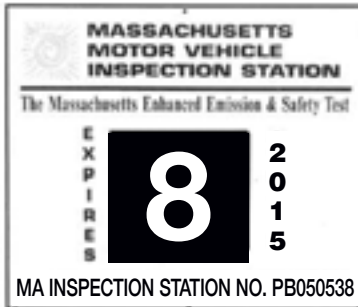
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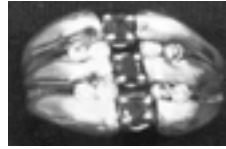
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# Monday Morning Fun explores the world of sea critters

By Beth David  
Editor

If you haven't had a chance to take advantage of the free Monday Morning Fun at the Fairhaven Visitors Center, take note: There's only one left. The popular program, in its first year, included a bounce house every week, programs that included hands-on activities such as origami, lots of old time children's games, and visiting with animals of forest and sea. Guests included the US Coast Guard Auxiliary with a boating safety demonstration, the Buttonwood Park Zoomobile with a live owl, and local author and artist Kristine Daniels reading from her latest children's book and helping children make seashell ornaments.

Each week, the Chuck E. Cheese mascot joined the group, Del's Lemonade by Dorothy Cox's and tempory tattoos by Heart Henna were available for a cost.

The bubble bounces at Monday Morning Fun have been provided by DeTerra's Jump and Party at a discounted rate. Sponsors for the bubble bounce have been Kristine Daniels Studio, Dream Land Arts and Crafts, Four Paws Up Bakery and Boutique, Green Fairhaven, the Fairhaven Lions Club, and DeTerra's Jump and Party.

Additionally, the Office of Tourism received a donation from the North Fairhaven Improvement Association to help with the cost of the Monday

Morning Fun programs. Fees for programs were paid from the Office of Tourism Gift Account.

Next week's program, on 8/24, will feature magical wizardry by Ezekiel the Green, magician of the Obscure Order of Lesser Green Wizards (see page 5 for details).

This Monday, 8/17, the Lloyd Center for the Environment gave a lesson on sea critters, including crabs, shellfish and a giant replica of a horseshoe crab.

Children got to hold the various crabs, shellfish, and a star fish.

Erika Fernandes, Outreach Educator at the Lloyd Center, explained that a pearl is created when a grain of sand gets trapped inside an oyster and the oyster surrounds the sand with its own liquid.

"People pay a lot for pearls," said Ms. Fernandes. "And it's just a ball of oyster spit."

On another part of the lawn, Education Intern Marisa Vidal had a cloth replica of a fish and a three-foot replic of a horseshoe crab that she used to show children all the different parts of each.

Other activities included old time lawn games such as trap ball, nine pins, Jarts, bean bag tossing and hoop rolling.

On the hot Monday this week, Director of Tourism, Christopher Richard, set up a sprinkler on the lawn of the high school, and children quickly took advantage of it to cool off.



He said the program was a great success, and was attended by 20-40 children and their adults each week.

"I think it's certainly something we're going to want to do next year," said Mr. Richard, adding that he hopes the Selectboard will support a line item in the budget for it. "It's not a lot of money."

Katie Gonzalez said she watches seven children on Mondays. She has taken them to each of the Monday morning programs.

"The kids love it. The kids really enjoy it," said Ms. Gonzalez. "They ask me every Monday, 'do we get to go to fun day today?'"



TOP RIGHT: Sydney McLaughlin checks out a spider crab at the Fairhaven Visitors Center Monday Morning Fun event on 8/17. Erika Fernandes, Outreach Educator from the Lloyd Center for the Environment had a variety of sea critters for children to see, touch, and learn about. ABOVE LEFT: Joshua Krashnow jumps high into the sprinkler set up on the lawn of Fairhaven High School to help people cool off on the hot Monday morning. ABOVE RIGHT: Marisa Vidal, Education Intern with Lloyd Center for the Environment, explains the anatomy of a horseshoe crab using the three-foot model, Lydia the Limulus. *Photos by Beth David.*

# 76 from 26 countries become US Citizens on USS Massachusetts

By Beth David  
Editor

Seventy six people from 26 countries took the oath and became naturalized citizens of the United States aboard the USS Massachusetts at Battleship Cove in Fall River on Friday, 8/14.

Usually held in the Superior Courthouse, the ceremony is held on the ship about once a year. This year, Battleship Cove celebrates its 50th anniversary, with many special events being held this past weekend.

The Hon. Richard Moses, Superior Court Judge, ruled on the motions, including the granting of citizenship to the 76.

Bristol County Clerk of Courts, Marc Santos recited the Oath of Allegiance. In addition to Judge Moses, speakers included former Mass. state senator Thomas Norton and Judge Raffi Yessayan, who said he tagged along, uninvited to the event.

"What a celebration, and what a place to have it," Judge Moses told the crowd, which included the new citizens and their friends and family. "It is such an honor to be here."

He said that as a judge, he hears many serious matters, including both criminal and civil cases. He said probate judges like to say that they have the best job when they do adoptions because they are putting families together.

But he disagreed, saying that granting citizenship brings people into the family of America.

"You are all part of America," said Judge Moses. "It's a family."

"Every one of you brings some-

thing from your country to this country, some benefit," said Judge Moses, adding that they should remember their cultures and pass them onto their children. "You should never forget your heritage."

He told them that they now had the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and the right to practice their religions freely without persecution. And, they now have the right to vote, he said, and each vote is counted equally: "Your vote counts the same."

He also encouraged them not to shy away from jury duty, saying he sees how the system works "every single day. It's a wonderful, wonderful

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Set your goals high,  
you will attain them  
[Judge Richard Moses]

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system."

Judge Moses said they should work hard, be honest, obey the laws and they will fulfill their dreams.

He also said that his family came from Lebanon and Sweden and he understood that it took courage to leave home to start a new life in a different country.

"Set your goals high, you will attain them," he said.



Judge Raffi Yessayan also took the podium, saying that he heard what was going on and decided to tag along. He said he was born in Lebanon and came to America when he was two years old, proving that this is a country of great opportunity.

"You can become what you want, and that's what's great about this country," said Judge Yessayan. "I'm proud to call you 'fellow Americans.'"

Fall River Mayor Sam Sutter also spoke to the crowd, saying that his wife was naturalized in the 1970s.

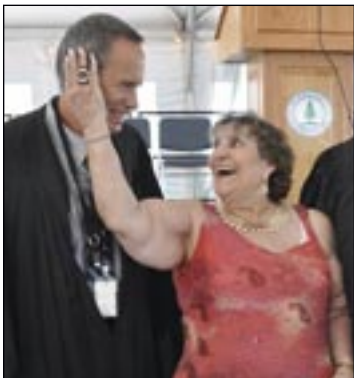
"Today is a wonderful day for Fall River," said Mayor Sutter. "It's an inspiring day, an auspicious day."

He said having the ceremony on the ship "captures the essence of our great country."

Linda Jensen from Fairhaven took the oath. She said she has been married to an American citizen for 33 years and decided it was just time. She was born in the United Kingdom, growing up on a farm just outside of Cambridge, she said.

Gisela Gomes, 28, and her friend

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LEFT: Dora Carreiro, 69, from Azores, enjoys a special moment with Superior Court Judge Richard Moses after he announced her, and 75 others, naturalized citizens of the United States on Friday, 8/14, on the USS Massachusetts in Battleship Cove, Fall River. MIDDLE: Alexandra Andujar from the Dominican Republic, takes the oath to become a citizen of the United States. RIGHT: Marcelle David, from Lebanon, poses with Judge Moses (right) and Judge Raffi Yessayan. Judge Yessayan was also born in Lebanon, and Judge Moses is also of Lebanese descent. (Marcelle is, indeed, related to the editor. She is married to Beth's brother.) TOP: Martin Tobias takes the oath, with his wife Mazi and daughter Amit close by. His son Tyler (left) documents the moment with his cell phone. *Photos by Beth David. Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) to see more photos of this and other events.*

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## Kool Kid Summers

Only 1 week left!!!! 10 (Demarest Lloyd Park). Call or visit Fairhaven Rec for more info.

## Trips

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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 meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays

of the month, 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.

### Butterfly Release

Hope Takes Flight, Saturday, Sept. 12, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Southcoast Hospice will be holding their annual Butterfly Release Fundraiser at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Butterflies can be ordered at the senior center for a donation of \$25.00

Call Southcoast VNA and Hospice at 508-973-3200 with any questions or to order butterflies. There will be light refreshments and lots of raffles.

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Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. for a light supper and companionship, call 508-979-4029 for more info.

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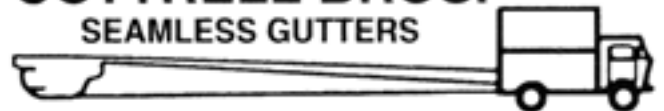
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# Gifts to Give in Acushnet is repurposing philanthropy

By Beth David  
Editor

Jim Stevens had a crazy idea: That philanthropy didn't have to cost a fortune. In his world, philanthropy should have tangible results, aka "Tangible Philanthropy"; it should engage people of all ages and inspire them to give more, aka "Big Citizenship"; volunteers should give freely, and not be paid; no state money or grants should be accepted, it should all come from the community; and it should pay for itself.

A tall order indeed.

But he's getting there.

Gifts to Give, now located in the old Titleist building in Acushnet, is a model of giving and giving back that centers around children, not just giving to children, but asking children to give as well.

More than 12,000 children from 158 schools have volunteered at Gifts to Give in the past year, along with 4,000 adults. The organization has given away thousands and thousands of backpacks filled with school supplies, clothes, toys and books to thousands of children in the area.

And for each of the five years they've been operating, it has cost them less and less to operate. Yes, that would be less, not more.

It's all part of the model.

The move to the old golf ball plant double their space and lowered their cost, although it cost a lot of money to get the building up to code at the beginning.

"It was designed to manufacture golf balls," said Mr. Stevens. "Not to make better citizens."

They receive about 20,000 pounds of donations each week.

"We get the most amazing things," said Mr. Stevens. "And the most unbelievable crap."

Even most of the crap gets reused or recycled somehow. He said about

75% of the donations are suitable to be given to children.

"Giving stuff to children is the least most important thing we do," said Mr. Stevens.

He said getting the children volunteers in to help is the thing that will change the world.

It's tangible philanthropy with big citizenship.

There are 38 adult volunteers who work (for free) every week. There are at least that many out in the community who donate in-kind services. There are hundreds of children who donate time.

Gifts to Give does not give out randomly to groups or individuals. They are affiliated with local social service organizations that "shop" on the Gifts to Give website and make requests for specific children. The children are in foster care, or are being seen at any number of social service agencies in the area.

This time of year, school supplies are the big push. The organization will fill thousands of backpacks with school supplies and donate them to agencies that will deliver them to children in local school systems.

Called the "Stuff the Bus," the campaign will continue through August 30.

Another initiative of the organization is an early literacy program.

"Thirty million fewer words are heard by poor children entering preschool," said Mr. Stevens. "Vocabulary is a predictor of literacy, and literacy is a predictor of school success. With 30 million fewer words, they're already at a big disadvantage."

So, instead of just giving books to children, which Gifts to Give most certainly does, volunteers actually go to classrooms and read out loud to students.

"My big secret," said Mr. Stevens, "Is making it easy for people to connect."

The new space is 60,000 square feet and at any given moment has volunteers of all ages sorting, folding, stacking, cleaning.

There's a "toy hospital," where a retired judge volunteers every week to repair toys.



ABOVE: These backpacks will be filled with school supplies and given to needy students by Gifts to Give in Acushnet. BELOW: All toys are cleaned by volunteers before they are given away. Gifts to Give uses five gallons of Simple Green each week. Photos by Beth David.

There's a toy cleaning station, where every single toy is cleaned before being given away.

There are washers and dryers to clean stuffed animals. Most places will not take stuffed animals, explained tour guide Bob Cormier. Clothes include prom dresses, to borrow or to keep.

Michelle, 14, was volunteering through her church group. She said it was a nice way to make friends, and interact with people.

"It opens your comfort zone," she said. "And helps you make sure you're on the right track in your life."

Melisa Aviles said she works at Trinity Day Academy, an alternative school in New Bedford. She sang the praises of Gifts to Give for completely stocking a new library that the school just created. She said they emptied out a classroom that was not being used, painted it, and took 300 books from Gifts to Give.

Ms. Aviles also volunteers at Gifts to Give with her students.

Artist Meg Roberts was working on the entrance way, with a yellow brick road and lots of colors.

"I'm having fun," said Ms. Roberts, who was donating her time, of course. "We want to make it fun. There are lots of people helping, and lots of kids helping."

To donate to Gifts to Give, visit them at Titleist Drive (off Slocum Street) Acushnet, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Wednesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The thrift shop is open on Saturdays only. Get a tour on Saturday, anytime.

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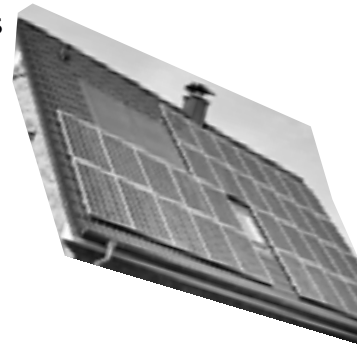
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# Fairhaven Housing Rehab Seeks Owners

## Press Release

The Fairhaven Housing Rehabilitation Program has funds available to assist Fairhaven homeowners with the costs of critical repairs to their residential properties. The Program makes no-interest, deferred loans to income eligible applicants or to landlords with income eligible tenants.

According to Bill Roth, Director of Fairhaven's Department Planning & Economic Development, "Since we started this program in 2006, we have been able to assist property owners with the costs of renovating over 50 units of residential housing. We can provide financial help to residents who can't afford to make repairs or don't have access to bank financing. At this time of year, we often get requests to assist homeowners with leaking roofs."

The majority of the Housing Rehabilitation Program's funds are targeted for home repairs in the North Fairhaven area south of Route 195. However, some funds are available to assist homeowners town-wide with emergency repairs to their homes. Emergency repairs can

include a roof or chimney leak into the living space, a failed heating, septic or well system, or other conditions that would require the homeowner to vacate the property. The Program can also assist homeowners with the costs of making a home handicapped accessible.

Eligible repairs can include roofing, plumbing, structural repairs, lead and asbestos removal, heating systems, window/door replacement and weatherization. The Housing Rehabilitation Program also accepts applications from landlords who do not live in the building to be renovated.

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

To learn more about the Housing Rehabilitation Program and to request an application, contact the Fairhaven Department of Planning & Economic Development at (508) 979-4082 x 128 or [cdbg@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:cdbg@fairhaven-ma.gov).

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Mr. Lucas said there were very few, if any, properties in Fairhaven where a 50-foot setback was feasible. He also wondered why it was not addressed in the beginning.

"I just don't that to be an issue," said Mr. Hayward, noting that Planning and Economic Development Director Bill Roth was not at the meeting to address the issue and had not brought it up in previous comments or meetings. "It's been starting at us since day one."

"I'm seeing a building in the middle of an asphalt sea," said Mr. Hayward, later adding, "What would be the point of requiring a 50-foot setback from that sea of asphalt?"

In the end, the board continued the hearing to the 8/25 meeting, to get clarification from Mr. Fostin.

Ms. Cripps also voiced her concern that the Mazda building would be left empty with the new move.

Mr. Lutz said he owned the Mazda dealership, not the building.

Ms. Cripps said the board still needed to consider the impact of empty buildings.

"We're adding another empty building," she said. ●●●

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# Visiting boater grants available

## Press Release

Visiting boaters, whether staying over for just one night or a couple weeks, offer real economic benefits and add to the vitality of waterfront communities, marinas and boat clubs. But laying out the welcome mat can be challenging. Transient boat docks that are protected and safe for overnight tie-ups, deep-water channels, restrooms, and pumpouts — just some of the infrastructure necessary to draw visiting boaters — can be expensive.

However, the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program from the US Fish and Wildlife Service can help communities, marinas and boat clubs pay up to half of these improvements, but they need to apply by September 18 by going to their state's BIG administrator, typically a boating, wildlife or natural resources agency.

Not a government handout, funding for the competitive BIG program comes from excise taxes on boat gasoline and fishing tackle that boaters and anglers pay into the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund.

The goal is to give cruising boaters convenient access to shore-side amenities via slips dedicated to transient boats as well as mooring fields and dinghy docks. Municipal or privately owned marinas as well as boat clubs can install these conveniences including moorings, restrooms (including floating ones), fuel docks, electricity, water and sewage utilities, recycling and pumpout stations, and undertake small dredging projects (up to \$200,000) using BIG dollars. Two tiers of funding, both competitive and non-competitive, are available.

Projects must be located on water bodies deep enough for boats 26-feet in length staying overnight from one to up to 15 days, and to navigate at a minimum depth of six feet. Matching funds — a 25% minimum is required — may not come from other federal sources, but state, local and private funds can be used to match.

Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) was instrumental in creating the program in 1998 that is viewed today by local municipalities as an economic

development tool to attract cruising boats and related boater spending. To date, over \$177 million in grants has been awarded.

BoatUS suggests that if your community, club or marina is interested, take a look at what's possible by seeing a list of projects that received prior grant funding at [BoatUS.com/gov/BIG.asp](http://BoatUS.com/gov/BIG.asp). There's also a helpful link to state BIG administrator contacts.

BoatUS is the nation's largest organization of recreational boaters with over a half million members. We are the boat owners' voice on Capitol Hill and fight for their rights. We help ensure a roadside breakdown doesn't end a boating or fishing trip before it begins, and on the water, we bring boaters safely back to the launch ramp or dock when their boat won't, day or night. The BoatUS Insurance Program gives boat owners the specialized coverage and superior service they need, and we help keep boaters safe and our waters clean with assistance from the non-profit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water. Visit [BoatUS.com](http://BoatUS.com).



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The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

**CONTINUED HEARING:**

1. **Petitioner: Jesse Wimberly, RE:** 7 Baker Avenue, Plot 02, Lot 222-223; Cert. #21699; 198-18: Short 5' of required 10' side yard, short 25' of required 30 rear yard and 2% over max building coverage of 30%, all within an RA District.

**NEW HEARINGS:**

1. **Petitioner: Bruce Haslehurst, RE:** 32 Littleneck Road, Plot 43A, Lot 227-225; Cert. #15460; 198-18: 18' short of required 30' front setback corner lot, 11' short of required 20' side yard, west side, short 24' of required 30' rear setback, and 2% over max coverage of 15% all within an RR District.

2. **Petitioner: Jose C. Gomes, RE:** 42 Gelllette Road, Plot 31, Lot 119; Book 10032 and Page 284; 198-16: Livestock raising under 5 acres requires Special Permit in an RA District.

3. **Petitioner: Green Meadows, RE:** 100 McGann Terrace, Plot 25, Lot 62A; Book 1610 and Page 740; 198-19-C: All fences shall be installed so that the finished side faces the abutting property.

4. **Petitioner: Scott Winnett, RE:** 27 Babbitt Street, Plot 31B, Lots 170 & 172; Book 1211 & 1505 and Page 239 and 225; 198-18: Short 5,000 sq. ft. of required 15,000 in an RA District.

5. **Petitioner: Luis Pacheco, RE:** 307R Scoticut Neck Road, Plot 29 & 29D, Lots 16F & 1C, Book 10183 and Page 295; 198-18: Short 13' of required 30' setback for an accessory structure (IF VARIANCE GRANTED, THEN SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIRED FOR PLACEMENT OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURE IN A REQUIRED FRONT YARD.), 1700 sq. ft. over maximum of 700 sq. ft. for an accessory structure.

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Friday	21	0057	1327	0549	1824
Saturday	22	0150	1419	0640	1927
Sunday	23	0241	1510	0742	2032
Monday	24	0336	1608	0844	2133
Tuesday	25	0438	1710	0944	2235
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Saturday	29	0803	2026	0117*	1337*
Sunday	30	0852	2116	0207*	1433*
Monday	31	0943	2207	0259*	1529*

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## Fairhaven Meetings

**Board of Appeals**

Tues., 9/1, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

**Cable Advisory Comm.**

Thurs., 8/20, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Commission on Disability**

Wed., 9/16, COA Sr. Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

**Conservation Commission**

Mon., 8/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Marine Resources Comm.**

Tues., 8/31, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Planning Board**

Tues., 8/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Selectboard**

Fri., 8/21, Town Hall, Noon  
Mon., 8/31, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

**Library Board of Trustees**

Tues., 8/25, Russell Mem. Lib., 4 p.m.

**Planning Board**

Thurs., 9/17, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

**Selectboard**

Mon., 8/24, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

**CITIZENS: cont'd from page 13**

Inira Dacosta from Taunton, also took the oath on Friday.

"To fight for America, for a better life," said Ms. Gomes, who works for a life insurance company.

Her daughter, Josiele Fortes, is in elementary school and has been here three years. She is not a citizen yet, but hopes to be. She remembers life in Cape Verde and said she likes it here better because she likes the food better, food like lollipops.

"There it's just chicken," she said.

Ms. Dacosta is also from Cape Verde, and joined her father here. She works and attends Bristol Community College. She said she became a US citizen "for a better life."

"You've got a chance here," she said. "More opportunities, opportunities to go to school, to work."

Martin Tobias, an Israeli citizen who was born in South Africa, was the last of his family to take the oath. His wife and daughter became citizens earlier this year. His son was born here.

"We love America, that's why," said Mr. Tobias, a software engineer. "It's the greatest country in the world."

Alexandra Andujar, 57, of The Dominican Republic agrees.

"For me the United States is a great great nation. I really love the USA," she said. ●●●

## Police: Woman is not from VNA

*From the Fairhaven Police Department Facebook Page*

The Fairhaven Police have received a call regarding a female with red hair and a chin piercing who has been going door to door asking elderly residents about medications and whether or not they live alone.

The female stated she worked with Community Nurse and Hospice Care and had a shirt for this company but she does not work for them. This female has not yet been identified.

Please be vigilant. As a reminder, never provide anyone with personal information. Please call the department if you see anyone suspicious or have any other information pertaining to this female.

## Tug boats adrift near Braga Bridge

*USCG Press Release*

The Coast Guard and local agencies responded late Tuesday to two tug vessels adrift near Fall River.

Watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England in Woods Hole were notified by a good Samaritan at 9:07 p.m. that the tugs Puma and David McAllister were unmanned and adrift in Mount Hope Bay, less than a mile from the Braga Bridge.

A 45-foot Response Boat Medium from Coast Guard Station Castle Hill

launched as well as marine units from the Portsmouth Fire Department and the Bristol Harbormaster. They were

quickly on scene and awaited a crew from McAllister Towing, who was able to regain control of the tugs and safely moor them at the pier.

"The coordinated effort ensured neither of the 100-foot tugs caused any injuries, damage, or navigational hazards," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Janayla Mattern, an operations specialist at the Sector Southeastern New England command center.

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