



# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Wow, our 10th annual Halloween Trail. How cool is that? We had six yards that first one in 2006, and we didn't know about Manny, Fairhaven's most Halloween-obsessed resident.

The trail has grown since then. Some years it's more than others. Some years, people just forget to let me know about it.

In any case, you can just drive around yourself and see who has their yards decorated.

There's a reason they did a movie on our home haunts, y'know. The movie outfit did a little research and decided our little burg was the most Halloween obsessed town on the east coast (honest...see *The American Scream*, you can get the video).

Unfortunately for us, Manny says this is his last year. So, if you haven't seen his famous home haunt, you'd better get there this week, because, it's your last chance.

Halloween is, of course, on the 31st, which is NEXT Saturday. We're running the trail issue a week early so you'll have time to pick up a copy and still follow the trail.

Now, here in Halloweentown, we have more than haunted yards to tickle your Halloween bones.

The annual Halloween Horribles parade (okay, they're trying to drop the "horribles" part, but I keep putting it in anyway), is THIS Sunday in North Fairhaven. See page 3 for details.

This event is totally free, folks. It's one of those rare events that is totally, completely free. There aren't any tip cups out, no one running around with a big pillow case asking for money, no "suggested donation."

So, if you're one of those people who usually avoids this stuff because you can't afford to take your 10 kids, worry not. This one welcomes your brood in all their quirkiness.

This past weekend the town hall was host to a production of "James and the Giant Peach," an adaptation of a Roald Dahl book (see page 6). What fun that was! I hope you got to see it. If not, keep an eye out for ONE Theater Group's next production in the spring. I'm sure it'll be just as much fun.

As the fall moves into winter, be sure to think of people who do not have as much as you. Donate to the food pantries. They will be trying to get some special meals to people for the holidays.

Until next week then...see ya

## Support the Food Pantry

The Shepherd's Food Pantry at the Long Plain United Methodist Church in Acushnet spends more than \$5,500 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 120 families each week and has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to Shepherd's Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit [www.shepherdspantry.org](http://www.shepherdspantry.org)

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# Fairhaven resident wins roof

## Press Release

Care Free Homes, Inc. is excited to announce the No Roof Left Behind winner of Bristol County, Massachusetts. The community chose the winner of a new roof via online voting two weeks ago.

Kari Miller, a single mother of four children from Fairhaven, Mass., took home 42% of the vote to win. She won a GAF Timberline roofing system, a Char Broil Grill from Mahoney's Building Supply, yard clean up services from Yard Boss Landscape Design, gas fill-up and oil change from Neighborhood Auto Services, tire rotation, balance, and alignment from Roland's Tire, hair cut and product gift basket from Gloss Hair Salon, and a gourmet cookie bouquet from Black Tie Cookies. The Pasta House will donate their fire deck oven pizzas for the roof installation celebration.

"I am beyond thrilled that the community and local, small businesses could help a hard-working single mom. Kari and her family are so deserving of this generosity," said Monique Major, a friend who nominated Miller as a finalist.

Bristol County homeowners were nominated for a free roof by family, friends and neighbors last month.

Care Free Homes selected four finalists and then invited the public to read each of their stories before casting their vote for a winner.

The other finalists, Carol Chase, James and Delores Furtado, and Jimmy Gomes, were all New Bedford residents.

Each of the finalists will also receive a gourmet cookie bouquet from Black Tie Cookies. The Sail Loft of Padanaram, Pub 99 Restaurant of Fairhaven, and Care Free Homes will donate additional prizes.

This is the first year Care Free Homes has participated in No Roof Left Behind, a nationwide program that connects local contractors and their community so they may help struggling homeowners.

The local home improvement company partnered with GAF Roofing, No Roof Left Behind, and the United Way of Greater New Bedford.

Care Free Homes will now make No Roof Left Behind an annual event.



Kari Miller, No Roof Left Behind Winner, pictured with her four children, (L-R): Corbin Veitch, Sarelle Veitch, Miller Veitch, and Daphne Veitch. Submitted photo.

Anyone interested in the 2016 No Roof Left Behind program is encouraged to follow Care Free Homes, Inc. on their blog, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or Pinterest for the latest updates.

# Halloween Parade this weekend

## Halloween Horribles

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association is sponsoring its annual Halloween Horribles Parade this **Sun., 10/25, beginning at 5:00 pm at Benoit Square.**

The parade begins at Benoit Square (at the merger of Adams and Main Streets at Howland Road), and marches down Main Street to St.

Mary's Church.

At the church, contests will be held for for most horrible, most original and most beautiful in age groups toddler to 4, 5-7 year old, 8-12 year old, 13-16 year old, and adult Free hot chocolate and treat bags.

## It's scary to be hungry

This year, Fairhaven Boy Scout

Troop 52 will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items at the Parade.

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# Acushnet passes Right to Farm bylaw

By Beth David  
Editor

Acushnet residents passed all but one of the 18 articles on the warrant at the special town meeting on Monday, 10/19, including a Right-to-Farm bylaw.

The lone article that failed faced opposition from Michael Cioper, armed with copies of subdivision plans that, he said, caused confusion on what was actually being accepted. TM voted to table Article 8, which proposed accepting Thomas Hill Road, part of the Braley Hill Estates.

Mr. Cioper referred to a plan from 2006 and one from 2001, asking which one was being used for the road acceptance. He said the retention pond was drastically reduced in size. He also questioned which one was actually built.

Town Administrator Al Coutinho and Attorney Darren Klein from Koppelman and Paige assured Mr. Cioper that town meeting was only voting on the road acceptance, not the plan for the development.

Mr. Cioper pressed on, saying that the plan from 2001 was labeled a "definitive plan," but the change from 2006 was not.

"This isn't a plan," said Mr. Cioper. "I don't know what it is."

TM voted to table the article, 55-18. Article 17, the Right-to-Farm bylaw,

passed with what looked like only one dissenting vote.

Agricultural Commission member Cynda Williams told town meeting that the bylaw would protect the "right to farm in our community."

Selectboard chairperson David Wojnar told voters that the bylaw they were voting on was "less aggressive" than the one initially proposed.



Michael Cioper speaks against accepting Thomas Hill Road at the Acushnet Special Town Meeting on 10/19. Beth David photo.

He said the law still recognizes the roots of Acushnet as an agricultural community.

Ms. Williams said the law "puts on record" that Acushnet supports agriculture.

"It adds no new rights to farmers," she said, adding that it informs residents of farmers' rights and informs people moving into town that

they are moving into a community that supports agriculture.

The law tends to "reduce nuisance complaints," against farmers, she said, and allows complaints to be handled by local boards instead of litigation.

Former selectboard member Leslie Dakin spoke in opposition, saying that he questioned how the bylaw would affect his peaceful enjoyment of his home. He questioned what "related activities" meant, and also complained that the farmers market in his neighborhood seemed to be pushing the boundaries of what a farmers market should be. He questioned whether the new law would make it easier for farmers to do the same.

Ms. Williams said "related activities" included things like slow moving hay wagons, manure spreading, horses on the road, animals "sometimes" getting out of a fenced area, use of pesticides and herbicides.

Mr. Dakin, however, pressed, saying that "agricultural tourism" was also included and was vague and could lead to unintended uses.

Mr. Klein told Mr. Dakin that the law did not change or add legal rights to farmers.

"This sort of codifies...things that are already on the books," said Mr.

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## Residents protest LNG expansion in Acushnet

By Beth David  
Editor

About a dozen people showed up at Acushnet's Special Town Meeting on Monday, 10/19, with signs to protest the proposed expansion of a Liquefied Natural Gas facility on Peckham Road in Acushnet. The group, made up of Acushnet residents and other activists, said they wanted to make their views known to town meeting and elected officials.

Eversource plans on a significant increase to the size of the facility on Peckham Road, including a pipeline expansion.

The current facility has two LNG storage tanks with a total capacity of 0.5 billion cubic feet (Bcf). The proposal includes two 3.4 Bcf tanks.

Joe Carvalho of Fall River, president of the Coalition for Responsible Siting of LNGs, said his organization is not against all LNGs.

"But I do think public safety is supposed to be job one forever and always," said Mr. Carvalho, adding that he did not believe that was the case here.

Maria Rodrigues said she lives near the facility and opposes the expansion because of "safety concerns," including its proximity to the schools, and the effect on well water if the tanks leak. She also said she was worried about her property values declining.

Eversource has held one informational meeting, but town officials promise there will

be many opportunities for public input during the years-long process.

Eversource estimates that the project will create 25 permanent jobs and generate between \$10 and \$12.5 million in annual tax revenue for the town.



Protesters opposed to the expansion of the LNG facility on Peckham Road hold signs in front of Ford Middle School before Acushnet's Special Town Meeting on 10/19. Beth David photo.

# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Halloween Parade

Sun., 10/25, at 5 p.m. See page 3.

## Halloween Party

**ADULT Halloween Party.** The West Island Improvement Association is holding a Halloween party for adults on **Sat., 10/31, at the Community Center, 41 Causeway Road, West Island, Fairhaven, from 7-midnight. Tickets: \$20**, includes late-night breakfast buffet

**Costume required.** Adults only. call 508-996-3473 for tickets

## Membership Drive

*"I can do things you cannot. You can do things I cannot." [Mother Theresa]*

We're rebuilding the North Fairhaven Improvement Association and we need your help

Paul Bloom said: "We are constituted so that simple acts of kindness, such as giving to charity or expressing gratitude, have a positive effect on our long-term moods. The key to the happy life, it seems, is the good life: A life with sustained relationships, challenging work, and connections to community."

Think back for a moment, do you remember the: Halloween Horrible Parade, The Easter Egg Hunt, The Summer Fun Fair & Car Show, The Lighting of the Square & Christmas Sing-A-Long at Benoit Square?

Over the years N.F.I.A. has accomplished many things and we know people from Fairhaven and surrounding communities have enjoyed them. In order for N.F.I.A. to thrive and continue, new members are needed.

Drop in at our monthly meeting, held once a month on the **third Wednesday at 7 p.m. at 267 Adams Street** in the Restored Fire Station #3. Meetings usually run for one hour. Membership fees are inexpensive, a yearly fee is only \$10 and family memberships are only \$15.

You need not live in North Fairhaven or even in Fairhaven to join a group of like-minded individuals. Can you spare five hours a year to support one of our many community events? You choose which one YOU would like to assist us with.

Keep in mind, this is not about any one member or officer, it's about what a group can accomplish working together for the good of Fairhaven as a whole. These words were written

back in 1950 by the founders of N.F.I.A.: "Please consider keeping it going for your children and grandchildren!"

Contact: N.F.I.A. P.O. Box 877 Fairhaven, MA 02719; [www.northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com](http://www.northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com); BobCormierNFIA@gmail.com

## Spooky Music++

"It's creepy and it's kooky, mysterious and spooky" ... it's "Music of the Macabre ... and More," a program to benefit the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven.

The concert, a presentation of the church's Music Committee, will begin at **7:30 p.m. on Sat., 10/24, at the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., Fairhaven.** Wheelchair access at Center Street driveway.

To get you into the spirit of Halloween, you'll be regaled with spine-tingling music on the organ, some melancholy (and amusing) piano compositions, a couple of Broadway songs (with sad endings), some suitably hair-raising violin tunes, a bit of ghoulish humor, and chilling stories and poems.

The suggested donation is \$10. Intended for ages 16+ Light refreshments will follow the concert. For more information, call 508-992-7081.

## Thrift Shop Holiday

Heavenly Treasures Thrift Shop at the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven at 34 Center St. in Fairhaven invites you to come see our **Halloween and Christmas items.** New things are appearing every day! Hours: Wednesdays and Saturdays 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

## CPC Apps

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee is accepting applications for the 2016 funding round. The 2016 Community Preservation Plan, Submission Guidelines and Application Forms are available on the Town's Web Site at [www.fairhaven-ma.gov](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov). Click on the Community Preservation Committee's page.

Activities that can be funded are: Acquisition, creation and preservation of Open Space; Creation, preservation and support of Community Housing; Acquisition, creation and preservation of Historic Resources; Acquisition, creation and preserva-

tion of land for Recreational Use.

**Deadline for applications is, Friday, November 6, by 12 noon.**

Further information is available from the Planning and Economic Development Department at 508-979-4082, Ext. 9 or [cpc@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:cpc@fairhaven-ma.gov).

## FHS 40th Reunion

The celebration takes place on July 23rd, 2016. Waypoint Event Center, New Bedford, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, Mass. 02740. The cost is \$50.00 per person.

The host hotel is the Fairfield Inn & Suites New Bedford, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740 USA (1-774-634-2000, same address as Waypoint Event Center).

You can also check out Class 76's 411's web page for additional lodging arrangements. At any time check out the Class 76 40th Reunion page for more information: <http://www.fshc76.com/WAYPOINT.html>

Do not hesitate to contact us with questions or suggestions at [40threunion@fshc76.com](mailto:40threunion@fshc76.com) or [davidf13@localnet.com](mailto:davidf13@localnet.com)

## SAVE THE DATES

### Run to Remember

The LCpl Matthew Rodriguez Run to Remember 5k will be held on **Sun., 11/8, at Fort Phoenix State Reservation, Fairhaven. 10:00 a.m. start**

Register online at <http://teamsmilingwarrior.org>

Adult Runners/Walkers \$30/\$40 same day; Student Runners/Walkers (under 18 y/o) \$15/\$25 same day; Active Military Runners/Walkers \$20 / \$20 same day; Virtual Runners/Walkers \$30

Awards will be given to the top Male & Female Adult runners in various categories. All proceeds will benefit The LCpl Matthew R. Rodriguez Memorial Foundation.

For more information or to volunteer for the event, contact Lauren Webber, Race Director & Foundation President: [lauren@thesmilingwarrior.org](mailto:lauren@thesmilingwarrior.org) or call: 774-202-9660. Visit [www.thesmilingwarrior.com](http://www.thesmilingwarrior.com)

### Turkey Trot

5K Fun Run/Walk on Thanksgiving morning, Thurs., 11/25, 8 a.m. (rain, snow, or shine). Starts and Finishes @ Nemasket Group, Green St. & Bridge St., Fairhaven, MA

# Production raises money for homeless children



ONE Theater Group presented "James and the Giant Peach," based on the Roald Dahl book, in the Fairhaven Town Hall auditorium this past weekend. Proceeds from the event will benefit Horizons for Homeless Children, which provides services to children living in homeless shelters and battered women's shelters in southeastern Mass. The story centers around James, who is living with his two mean aunts in England, but manages to escape to New York City via a giant peach that floats across the Atlantic. TOP LEFT: James (Shayne Furtado) listens to his mean Aunt Sponge (Stevie Nicole Edwards). TOP RIGHT: James waits on his Aunt Spiker, L (Brianne Allain), and Aunt Sponge. LEFT: James reacts to meeting the insects that live inside the giant peach, L-R: Old Green Grasshopper, Earthworm, Ladybird, James, Centipede, Miss Spider. To learn more about ONE Theater Group, Inc., visit [www.onetheatergroup.com](http://www.onetheatergroup.com). To learn more about Horizons, visit [www.horizonschildren.org](http://www.horizonschildren.org). Photos by Beth David.



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**Halloween Party Sat., 10/31, 2:30 p.m.** Come dance with Frank Noonan to the Monster Mash. Crawl on over to our Halloween Boo Bash. Dress in your favorite cosumer or mask. The bewitching hour is here at last and our costume party will be a Spooktacular Blast! Ghosts and witches and monsters, too. They're all invited and so are you! RSVP.

**Dorothy Cox Candy Sale Wed., 11/4, 12:30-2 p.m.** Let's celebrate National Candy Day! DorothyCox Chocolates will visit with an assortment of regular and sugar-free candies and chocolates.



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# Bayside patrons raise money for Jimmy Fund

By Beth David  
Editor

After being closed since June, the Bayside Lounge on Scanticut Neck Road in Fairhaven is open again, and held its first fund-raiser on Friday. Bayside patrons raised \$1,000 at a Spaghetti Supper organized by brother and sister team Kenny and Rosemary Beaudoin, with the help of Heidi Pereira.

The siblings both work for Taco

Bell, which often raises money for the Jimmy Fund. Kenny, who works at the Dartmouth restaurant, and Rosemary, who works at the Raynham restaurant, decided they wanted to do more than Taco Bell's regular annual fund-raiser.

"I love the Jimmy Fund," said Rosemary.

They needed to put something together quickly, because the Taco Bell fund-raiser is usually just through October, so they asked Ms.

Pereira for help. She managed to put the fund-raiser together quickly, getting the word out with flyers and by word-of-mouth.

"Heidi did everything," said Rosemary.

Kenny and his girlfriend, Lauren Souza, who also play acoustic music under the name "clouds," entertained the crowd.

Local businesses also donated items and gift certificates for a raffle.



LEFT, L-R: Lauren Souza and Kenny Beaudoin of the band Clouds entertain the crowd at the Bayside Lounge in Fairhaven on Friday for a fund-raiser for the Jimmy Fund organized by Mr. Beaudoin, his sister Rosemary Beaudoin and friend Heidi Pereira. MIDDLE, L-R: Rosemary Beaudoin and Heidi Pereira. RIGHT: At least one raffle item reflected October's special holiday. Photos by Beth David.



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## Boo At The Zoo

Sure to be a treat for the entire family, Buttonwood Park Zoo is holding its annual "Boo at the Zoo" **Fri.-Sun., from 6-9 p.m., 10/23-25.** Sponsored by Bristol County Savings Bank (BCSB), Boo at the Zoo promises to provide slightly scary fun for children of all ages.

In lieu of the former Haunted Trail, kids can climb aboard the new Spooky Safari Express train ride which will re-enter the zoo this year. Many other scary fun activities.

Members: **\$10 adults and \$7 children; Nonmembers: \$15 adults and \$12 children; under age 3 is free.** Visit [www.bpzoo.org](http://www.bpzoo.org) or call 508-991-4556 Ext. 19. Buttonwood Park Zoo is located at 425 Hawthorn Street, New Bedford, MA 02740.

## Free Flu Vaccine

The Greater New Bedford Community Health Center has announced that it will provide free flu vaccine on **Sat., 10/24, from 8:30 to 11 a.m.** The vaccine provides protection against seasonal flu and will be available to both adults and children six months and older. The vaccine will be available at **874 Purchase St., New Bedford, MA 02740.** For further information, please call 508-992-6553.

## Haunted Whale Ship

The third annual Haunted Whale Ship ties up at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, **18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB, on Sat., 10/24, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** The family friendly event is geared for children 12 and under and their parents. Children are invited to come in their Halloween costumes, explore the century-old museum in a strange new light and meet ghosts from New Bedford's seafaring past. Generously sponsored by Hawthorn Medical Associates, Fernandes Masonry, Inc., Lightworks Productions, Emma Jean's, and EJ's

Restaurant, Bar and Deli. In partnership with members of the New Bedford Preservation Society, notable spirits of Old Dartmouth and New Bedford will roam the galleries, greeting visitors with tales of long-ago as the whale ship Lagoda glows with "St. Elmo's Fire" and thunder rolls through the halls. The not-too scary fun includes costume contests,

haunted scavenger hunts, arts & crafts activities, refreshments, spooky stories, and more.

**Admission is \$5 per person** with proceeds benefiting the Museum's educational programming. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets will be available at the door but advance purchase online is recommended: <http://store.whalingmuseum.org>, or call 508-997-0046 ext. 100.

## Spooky Run

The Greater New Bedford Track club hosts the 37th annual Spooner 10K/Spooky 5K, the premier GNBTC road race, **Sun., 10/25, Senior Center, Buttonwood Park, NB.**

Spooky Kids' Run starts at 8:15 a.m.; 10K starts at 9 a.m.; 5K starts at 9:10. Online registration closes 10/23. Registration closes at 8:30 a.m. day of race. \$30 day of race. Awards, raffle, costume contest.

Visit [www.spookyspooner.com](http://www.spookyspooner.com)

## Connect 4 Change

Connecting for Change (CFC), a Bioneers Resilient Communities Network Event, is the largest annual sustainability and social justice conference on the East Coast. The event brings together diverse communities and inspires them to take action on local and global levels to make the world a better place.

Speaking to innovation and enduring change through community resourcing, we act as a bridge to get the conversations started. Over two days, leading speakers and workshop presenters reach across sectors demonstrating that all topics - from health and healing, food and farming, to race and environmental justice - are interconnected. What does it take to sustain our community, our environment, and ourselves? Join the 2,500+ individuals at CFC who are discussing root-cause solutions for these issues and more!

**Conference Only: \$25/\$60/\$100 With Lunch: \$40/\$75/\$115.** Group discounts available. In various venues in downtown NB, including the Zeiterion Theater, UMassD at Star Store Building, and BCC Purchase St.

For a complete list of speakers and our 40+ workshops, visit [www.connectingforchange.org](http://www.connectingforchange.org)

## Auditions

Auditions for *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie, Directed by Robin Richard, will be held on **Tues., & Thurs., 10/27 & 10/29, at 7 p.m.** at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. playhouse, 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church complex. Calling YTI at 508-993-0772; email [info@yourtheatre.org](mailto:info@yourtheatre.org), or visit [www.yourtheatre.org](http://www.yourtheatre.org)

Auditions consist of a cold reading from the script. Acting experience is not necessary, but role seekers should have a desire to share the experience of and commitment to live theater and the enjoyment of collaborating with other talented individuals.

Director Robin Richard is casting all roles. There are the 11 characters, 7 men and 4 women. Everyone will be expected to eventually learn the correct British accent for their character. Accents are not necessary at auditions.

The play takes place in 1936 on Malbode Island off the coast of Devon in England. Ten strangers have been lured to the island and one by one they begin to get murdered.

Visit [www.yourtheatre.org](http://www.yourtheatre.org) for character details.

## Calling all Marines

Attention All Marines and F.M.F. Corpsmen. Please join us on Nov. 5, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. to celebrate the 240th U.S.M.C. Birthday at Poirier Post V.F.W., 281 Appleton Street, New Bedford.

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Contact Sharon Tripp 508-971-3804 for details!

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Halloween Dance

Sponsored by Sociable Singles, **Fri., 10/30, at Reservation Golf Club, Reservation Rd., Mattapoissett, from 7:30–11:30 p.m.** Featuring dancing to the band Crossfire. Costumes encouraged. Raffles, door prize and refreshments. **Couples welcome.** Members \$10, Non-members \$12

## Addams Family Musical

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Performances at the theatre, 3065 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham, MA 02538. (directly across from Benny’s)

Yes the whole family will be there! Gomez and Morticia, daughter Wednesday, now grown up, the son Pugsley, up to the same old tricks, Uncle Fester, Grandma, Cousin Itt, and, of course, the faithful servants, Lurch and Thing. As a special added attraction the Addams ancestors will rise up to join the chorus.

The show is based upon characters created by Charles Addams which depict a ghoulish American family with an affinity for all things macabre, however, Wednesday is now engaged to a young man from Ohio and she asks her family to try to be “normal” for just one night.

The show is appropriate for children 6+ and adults of all ages!

**Tickets are \$12 for children 6 to 12 and \$18 general admission** and are available through [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) and at the box office. To reserve call 508-591-3065 or e-mail [buzzplayprod@gmail.com](mailto:buzzplayprod@gmail.com)

## Free Movie

*Aloha* (PG 1hr. 45min.) is being shown at the Mattapoissett CoA Senior Center, Center School, 17 Barstow St., on **Tues., 10/27 at 12 noon.** The free movie is sponsored by the Friends of

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*Aloha* is a comedy about a military contractor who returns to the site of his greatest career triumphs. He reconnects with a long-ago love and at the same time unexpectedly falls for his hard-charging Air Force watchdog.

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## Beasts Exhibit

Beasts—both real and imagined, historical and metaphorical—will fill the Beard & Weil Galleries at Wheaton College, 26 E. Main St., Norton, MA 02766. Two separate solo exhibitions by Boston artist Shelley Reed and Providence-based Johnny Adimando will be on view **from 10/23 through 12/16.** Both artists share an interest in science and nature, as well as the use of black and white as the primary palette in their work. But their paths diverge from there. Reed’s large-scale paintings and drawings use art history as an underpinning for lush landscape and banquet scenes. Adimando’s mixed-media drawings and sculptural works reference that liminal space between wake and sleep.

Open Monday through Saturday from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., except during college breaks. **Gallery Opening & Reception on Mon., Oct. 26 from 5:30-8 p.m.;** **Artist Talk by Shelley Reed on Tues., Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m.;** **Ellison Lecture, Watson Fine Arts; Artist Talk by Johnny Adimando, Tues, Nov. 10 at 5:00 p.m., Ellison Lecture, Watson Fine Arts**

For complete arts calendar, visit [www.wheatoncollege.edu/arts](http://www.wheatoncollege.edu/arts). For confirmations and updates call the arts information line at 508-286-3300 or email [arts@wheatoncollege.edu](mailto:arts@wheatoncollege.edu).

## Menopause Comedy

GFour Productions, winner of 54 Drama Desk Awards and 44 Tony Awards, has proudly joined forces with Susan G. Komen® to launch *Menopause The Musical*®: The Survivor Tour® benefiting Susan G. Komen® in 2015. With a cast of breast cancer survivors and co-survivors, *Menopause The Musical* and Komen partner to offer inspiration, sister-

hood and hope. At the Stadium Theatre Performing Arts Centre, 28 Monument Square, Woonsocket, R.I., at **2 p.m. on Sat. & Sun., 10/31 & 11/1.** Tickets are on sale now at the Stadium Theatre Performing Arts Centre Box Office, [stadiumtheatre.com](http://stadiumtheatre.com), or by calling 401-762-4545. The production will donate no less than \$2 per ticket sold to Susan G. Komen® to further its mission to save lives and end breast cancer. Greater discounts for groups of 25.

*Menopause The Musical* is set in a department store where four women at a lingerie sale have nothing in common but a black lace bra AND memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, not enough sex, too much sex and more! Singing along to classic tunes from the ‘60s, ‘70s and ‘80s, the cast forms a sisterhood with the entire audience. For more information visit: [TheSurvivorTour.com](http://TheSurvivorTour.com) and [www.MenopauseTheMusical.com](http://www.MenopauseTheMusical.com).

## Miss America Prelim

The Miss South Coast Scholarship Pageant will be held at the **Music Hall at 164 Front St, Marion, at 6 p.m. on Sat., 10/24.** Eight contestants will compete for the title, scholarship monies, and a chance to compete at the Miss Massachusetts Scholarship Pageant in July.

**Tickets at the door, \$20, general admission seating.** The show will also include teen competitors vying for the Outstanding Teen title which serves as the little sister to the Miss titleholders. The Miss America Program is the largest scholarship provider for young women worldwide. Young women are judged on talent, intelligence, personality, style, elegance, poise, and overall physical fitness. For more information, contact Eileen at [misspageant@comcast.net](mailto:misspageant@comcast.net) or call 508-454-1713.

## Food Plan meeting

The Massachusetts Food Policy Council will release a draft of the in-process Mass.Food System Plan.

Speaking program and discussion at the Massachusetts State House, 2nd floor Grand staircase and Nurses Hall on **Fri., 10/23, from 9:30–11:30 a.m.** **The plan will be made available at [www.mafoodplan.org](http://www.mafoodplan.org), and public comments on the draft will be accepted through Nov. 6.**

# Recipe of the Week

## Peanut Butter Cookies

- 1 c. unsalted butter
- 1 c. crunchy peanut butter
- 1 c. white sugar
- 1 c. packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 1/2 c. all purpose flour
- 1 t. baking powder
- 1 t. salt
- 1 1/2 t. baking soda

Cream together butter, peanut butter and sugars. Beat in eggs.

In a separate bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Stir into batter.

Put batter in refrigerator for 1 hour.

Roll into 1 inch balls and put on baking sheet. Flatten each ball with a fork, making a crisis cross pattern.

Bake in a preheated 375 degrees oven for about 10 minutes or until cookies begin to brown.

Do not over-bake.

Sooo Deelish. Enjoy!!

By Bevy Lussier

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# From our readers

## Give voters the chance to decide

Currently volunteers throughout Massachusetts are soliciting for signatures to get a question concerning the future of Common Core onto the 2016 ballot. This will provide voters with the opportunity to decide the direction of our schools, unlike when the governor made the decision without our input in 2010 to adopt Common Core.

As I was collecting signatures this week outside of a local market, I asked a gentleman if he would like to help get Common Core onto the ballot. He said he was a teacher and that he didn't want to sign because he didn't, "think the 'general public' knew enough about education to make an informed decision."

Later the same day two women passed by at different times, and when I inquired if they would like to sign the petition they each made comments that because they worked for the school system (one as a teacher and the other as a principal,) they didn't want to face repercussions at work.

There's a difference between not wanting to sign a petition for personal reasons, and not signing with the purpose of pre-

venting it from getting onto the ballot because one feels the "general public" is too ignorant to make an informed decision. There's also a difference between someone who doesn't want to sign a petition, and someone who verbally states that they can't sign because they don't want to face repercussions at their workplace.

I recently signed three petitions, all the while anticipating that I will vote against them if they appear on a ballot.

Not signing, with the intent to deny the general public its voice is wrong. And so is the school department's influence in this case over its employees.

For me, it will be one thing if the Common Core question makes it to the ballot and fails. It will be quite another if it doesn't make it to the ballot because of deliberate interferences in the process.

*Michelle Furtado, Fairhaven*

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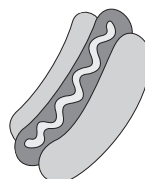
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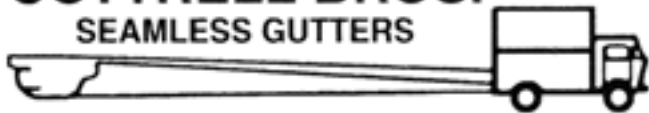


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### Attention Veterans

If you would like to participate in the Veterans Day Parade on November 11 but are unable to march the distance, the Fairhaven COA will be participating in the parade by using our vans to accommodate those who cannot march. Call the COA, 508-979-4029 if you would like to participate

### Flu Shots

Walgreens will be at the Fairhaven Senior Center administering flu shots on **Nov. 9th from 1-3:00 p.m.** Please call the Senior Center to sign up at 508-979-4029.

### PACE Fuel Assistance

PACE Fuel Assistance & Recertification Form, The Fuel assistance program starts in November for the 2015-2016 season. If you received fuel assistance last year you should have already received renewal in the

mail to be filled out. If you need help filling out the recertification form or a new application for fuel assistance call the Senior Center at 508-979-4029 for a appointment.

### SHINE Open Enrollment

During Medicare Open Enrollment from Oct.15 to Dec. 7 you will be able to change your plan for next year. If you would like help understanding your upcoming changes and options, a trained S.H.I.N.E counselor is available to offer FREE and CONFIDENTIAL counseling on all Medicare and related health insurance programs. Call the Fairhaven Senior Center, 508-979-4029 to make an appointment.

### Support our troops

The Fairhaven COA in partnership with Southern Mass Credit Union will be collecting non-perishable items, personal hygiene items and any other items that our troops overseas would enjoy (ie: Sudoku, word search, crossword books) this Holiday Season. Please drop your donation off at the Fairhaven COA by 11/20 at 229 Huttleston Ave. Fairhaven. so the troops can receive their packages by Christmas. Thank you for participating in this worthwhile cause.

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# Acushnet: Tax rate stays same; Coutinho to resign at end of FY

By Beth David  
Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard voted at its meeting on Monday, 10/19, not to raise the tax rate for the next fiscal year, even though they could have by state law.

Board members said they felt that taxpayers already had an additional burden with the debt exclusion for the new safety complex about to show up on their tax bills next year.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar said that the board had promised residents the taxes would go up "a certain amount," and he did not want to add to that number.

The board also accepted a letter from Town Administrator Alan Coutinho, announcing his intention to retire at the end of the fiscal year, on 6/30/16.

"It is with mixed emotions that I'm informing you of my intention to retire on June 30th, 2016," wrote Mr. Coutinho. "I was once told it is better to retire a year too soon than a day too late, making me confident now is the right time."

Board members praised Mr.

Coutinho, and pointed out that he was the town's first Town Administrator. He was the town accountant before he became the TA. In total, he worked for the town for 22 years.

Selectboard Chairperson David Wojnar said he regretted seeing Mr. Coutinho go, but that he also understood, adding that he left "huge shoes to fill."

Mr. Gaspar also sang Mr. Coutinho's praises, saying that although they disagreed at times, he believed Mr. Coutinho always had the town's and the residents' interests at heart.

He said even when Mr. Coutinho was on vacation, he answered the phone.

"All in all, I think Al's been phenomenal for the town of Acushnet," said Mr. Gaspar. "I wish you well on the other side."

In his letter, Mr. Coutinho also singled out two selectboard members, including Mr. Wojnar, who cast the deciding vote to hire Mr. Coutinho.

"The list of colleagues I've met and friends I've made over the this period are too numerous to list, but I would like to publicly thank two Selectmen

that have been the most influential in my tenure," wrote Mr. Coutinho. "Selectman Everett Hardy Jr., who took a chance and pushed to hire me as the Town Accountant in the very beginning, and Selectman David Wojnar who unexpectedly was the deciding vote to appoint me as Acushnet's first Town Administrator, and who I've since had the privilege to work for and with for over 15 years."

In another matter, the board held off on deciding on a Right of First Refusal parcel owned by Tilcon. The board opted instead to have the Coalition for Buzzards Bay attend the next regular meeting to discuss the parcel.

"I can't think of anyone better" to take over the parcel than the Coalition, said Mr. Wojnar.

He said the board could also get an update on the Sawmill property.

"It's been awhile since they've been in," he said.

The board tabled an item to appoint an account clerk, deciding instead to hold an extra meeting on Monday, 10/26, at 8 a.m. to discuss the appointment in executive session.



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...  
**8: 20 Elizabeth Street.** Watch your back on this street. Not only are you likely to run into this guy, but we're pretty sure there's more than one place ready to chill your blood. Just head east on Washington and turn right onto Elizabeth just before Route 6...and eerily close to 196. (Not on the map.) *Neighb News file photos, submitted.*



**9: NEW THIS YEAR! 20 Hiller Ave.** Next, you're heading onto Scoticut Neck Road to Hiller Ave. Partly decorated now, so feel free to go by anytime after dusk. But to get the full treatment, you'll have to go by on the big night.

...  
**10: 166 Dogwood St.** Now continue down Scoticut Neck Road and take a left onto Goulart Memorial Drive and head for my place on West Island. I can't say for sure which day I'll be set up, but we'll be ready for you on Halloween. I haven't heard from the Screaming Banshees yet, but they usually do make an appearance, if only for a little while.

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# FHS girls beat Wareham on senior night



TOP LEFT: Kari Berche plays an aggressive defense for the Fairhaven High School Lady Blue Devils in their 2-0 victory over Wareham during Senior Night at Fairhaven High School on 10/14. TOP RIGHT: FHS's Madisyn Silva prepares to move the ball to a teammate. ABOVE LEFT: The Lady Blue Devils celebrate a Madisyn Silva goal. ABOVE RIGHT: Brianna Cruz plays an aggressive defense for FHS in the team's 2-0 victory over Wareham. LEFT: Lady Blue Devil Senior soccer players from L-R: Elizabeth Cadieux, Kari Berche, Alexandra Lima, Madisyn Silva, Abigail Pires, Hannah Alves, Kaci Berche, Madison Bussierre. Photos by Ryan Feeney.

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### Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

#### NEW HEARING:

- Petitioner: Karyn Ferreira, RE:** 13 Jeannette Street, Plot 34A, Lot 62T; Book 4300 and Page 306; 198-22 #3 No accessory building or use shall be allowed in a required front yard.
- Petitioner: Jack Fournier, RE:** 25 Waybridge Road, Plot 29B, Lots 321, 322, Book 4782 and Page 101; 198-18: Short 10' on east and west sides of required 20' and 5% over max building coverage of 15% all within a RR District.
- Petitioner: Darwin Holdings, LLC, c/o:** Rick Miller, RE: 167 Huttleston Avenue, Plot 26, Lot 26, Cert. #23277; 198-18: 5% over max building coverage of 25% within a Business District.

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### Beautification Committee

Wed., 10/28, Fire Station, 6:30 p.m.

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 11/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Community Preserv. Comm

Thurs., 11/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 11/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Contributory Retirement

Tues., 10/27, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.

### Cultural Council

Mon., 11/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 10/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 10/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Agricultural Commission

Thurs., 10/22, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Historical Commission

Sat., 10/24, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

### Library Trustees

Fri., 10/20, Russell Library, 3 p.m.-

### Selectboard

Mon., 10/26, Town Hall, 8 a.m.

Mon., 11/2, Town Hall, 4 p.m..

## TIDE TABLE

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

	Oct. 2015	HIGH a.m. p.m.		LOW a.m. p.m.	
Thursday	22	0340	1608	0905	2138
Friday	23	0443	1712	1013	2241
Saturday	24	0543	1809	1123	2341*
Sunday	25	0635	1858	----	1223*
Monday	26	0722	1946	0032*	1315*
Tuesday	27	0809	2034	0120*	1408*
Wednesday	28	0858	2125	0210*	1503*
Thursday	29	0949	2216	0303*	1552*
Friday	30	1039	2307	0352*	1634*
Saturday	31	1130	----	0435*	1713

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# Attorney Brandon C. Walecka named 2015 Mass. Rising Star

## Press Release

The Law Office of Surprenant & Beneski, P.C. located in New Bedford, Hyannis and Easton is proud to announce that Attorney Brandon C. Walecka of Surprenant & Beneski, P.C. has been named a 2015 Massachusetts Rising Star by Super Lawyers®!

Atty. Walecka is a Dartmouth native and earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Massachusetts School of Law, Dartmouth, class of 2011.

In 2013, he completed the Master of Laws (LL.M.) Elder Law program through the Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport, Florida.

At Surprenant & Beneski, P.C., Atty. Walecka enjoys helping seniors, and clients of all ages, protect their hard-earned assets and make important decisions regarding their estate and their loved ones.

“Brandon brings to the firm, and to his clients, a fresh approach and a contagious enthusiasm. He is both knowledgeable and approachable, which is so important when dealing with families that are sometimes in crisis,” says Atty. Michelle D. Beneski, CELA, LL.M. who is a senior partner in the firm.

Super Lawyers recognizes attorneys who have distinguished themselves in their legal practice. To be eligible for inclusion in Rising Stars, a candidate must be either 40 years old or younger or in practice for 10 years or less. It is limited to no more than 2.5% of attorneys within Massachusetts. It is truly an honor to be recognized for this accomplishment!

Atty. Walecka can be contacted at The Law Office of Surprenant & Beneski, P.C. 508-994-5200.



Atty. Brandon Walecka has been named a 2015 Mass. Rising Star by Super Lawyers. Submitted photo.

## ACUSH TM: cont'd from page 4



ABOVE: Cynda Williams speaks in support of the Right-to-Farm bylaw at Acushnet's Special Town Meeting on Mon., 10/19. BELOW: Leslie Dakin speaks against the same bylaw. Town Meeting approved the measure. Photos by Beth David.

Wojnar.

Mr. Dakin, however, said that farmers are already taxed at “25 cents on the dollar” compared to everyone else.

Selectboard member Garry Rawcliffe said all the law does is allow the town to buy the signs.

“Let me bottom-line this,” said Mr. Rawcliffe. “Basically, it allows us to get the signs. Westport has them. Dartmouth has them. We don't.”

The bylaw easily got the 2/3 vote, with Mr. Dakin apparently the only

Town Meeting also approved \$265,000 from the Ambulance Reserve Receipt Account for a new ambulance.

Albertina Rodrigues questioned all the spending, saying that voters

needed to slow down. She said people have “just about had it” with property taxes going up.

She said she built her house 18 years ago, “and pretty soon, I can't afford to live in it.”

“Where's the money coming from? I think people should wake up,” said Ms. Rodrigues. “I think the town should live within its means. In the private sector, you don't get a raise every year.”

Town Meeting also approved \$109,294 for new wireless Internet for the school department, with \$24,444 from taxation and \$84,850 from free cash. School Committee chairperson Michelle DeTerra explained that the old switches were no longer adequate for the way schools use the Internet. She said students rely on the technology now.

Ms. DeTerra also said that if the \$109,294 was approved, that the school department would get \$54,646 in federal grant money for computers in each school.

Other spending articles included expenditures from the water and sewer fund, totalling about \$156,000.

In one of the handful of articles to elicit any discussion, Article 3 asked for \$3,500 for an increase in the treasurer's salary for achieving certification as a Municipal Treasurer.

Resident Leroy Joseph questioned if the certification was necessary and the amount.

Town Administrator Al Coutinho explained that the certification and amount of the increase were agreed upon as part of the contract when the treasurer was hired.

Voters also approved:

- Wage increases for AFSCME employees in town hall and the library through 2018;
- \$12,000 for a new copy machine in town hall;
- \$169,000 for an excavator for the highway department, with \$28,491 coming from the Solar Capital account and \$140,509 from free cash;
- \$45,000 to hire two additional maintenance workers;
- \$14,000 to replace the oil-fired burner at Fire Station 1.
- \$36,440 for Tasers and \$10,112 for bulletproof vests for the police department;
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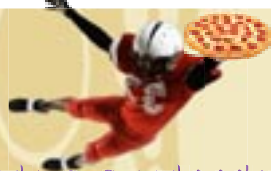


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