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## Outdoor movie rained out, but still lots of fun



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Dark clouds start to roll in as the crowd begins to settle down for Outdoor Movie Night in Fairhaven. A few minutes after the movie started, the rain came down everyone ran for cover. The crowd still had fun though, enjoying bounce houses, face painting, a meet-and-greet with Joy from the movie, and food vendors for two hours before the 8:15 show time. 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

Oh, my poor, old, tired brain! I totally spaced on writing about the special town meeting in last week's issue. It happened on June 30, the last day before my summer break. I guess my brain was still on vacation. Ah well. See page 3 for that.

Also on page 3, you'll find a story about the removal of the Rogers School Bell, scheduled for this Saturday. Who knew a "Bell Committee" would have so much to do?

Our newbie reporter Mary Macedo covered BPW this week (see page 22). They hired a Sewer System Maintenance MAN. Yup, the title actually is MAN. Really, Fairhaven. There's a 50-50 chance we'll have a woman president soon. Think maybe you could move into the 21st century, even if just on paper?

Now, about those trees.

What a fun meeting that was! I wish I had the time and wherewithal to quote everyone who spoke. It was taped, and it even looks like it's up online. Now, take my advice, get your favorite beverage, pop some popcorn, and watch that thing all the way through. I might even do the same, even though I was there.

And be sure to visit our website and check out the documents from last week's issue.

You can decide for yourself if Mr. Crotty's letter is just a bunch of legal doubletalk or not.

Not that it matters. Anyone with an ounce of sense should realize that it's not just the direct abutters who are affected when 18 majestic shade trees are taken down from a main thoroughfare.

Green Street is a jewel in this town. So are most of the roads that have decades old shade trees and canopy trees.

The trend now is not to plant those trees because they mess up the road and interfere with the almighty electric company. Now we plant scrawny, little trees that will never grow to rival the elms, maples and oaks that New England is so famous for.

It's tragic. It's wrong. And I can only hope it's a trend that doesn't last.

I suspect one of the reasons is that the law regulates the removal of shade trees and canopy trees. I mean, I ain't no attorney, I'm just a local wordsmith who fancies she knows how to read the English language pretty well.

So, if they plant little trees that won't make shade in 50 years, does that mean they don't have to get the public's input to cut those down when they decide they want to? Probably, a lawyer's argument, but one they'll make, I'm sure.

Note, I didn't say hold a "public hearing." We don't do that in Fairhaven anymore, we have "Neighborhood Forums." We get "input" from the public.

Heaven help us all.

Dr. Bowcock was a Selectboard member for years. It boggles the mind that he, as the tree warden now, believed he did not have to hold a public hearing. He attended and probably chaired those all the time as a Selectboard member. It boggles the mind even more that town counsel Tom Crotty distorted himself into pretzels to legitimize it all.

It's disheartening, but not surprising. Shame on both of you. You both know better.

And hurray for the smart and outspoken residents of Fairhaven. GAWD, I was so proud to be part of this town on Tuesday. You guys were great. You were really, really great.

I urge my readers, make that popcorn, watch that meeting. Enjoy a little democracy in action.

Until next week then... see ya,

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Rogers Bell to be removed Saturday

By Beth David  
Editor

Who knew the Fairhaven Bell Committee would have so much to do? Less than a year after a successful and major operation to remove the Paul-Revere-made bell from the cupola of the Oxford School on Main Street, the committee has found a new project: Removing the bell from the Rogers School.

The Rogers bell is not as storied as the Oxford Bell, which was made by Paul Revere's company in 1795, but its removal is probably more important. The Rogers bell is about to fall out of its cradle.

The Rogers bell was cast by William Black & Co., formerly Henry N Hooper & Co. of Boston in 1885 and weighs 890 pounds according to an old newspaper article, undated, but probably from the Fairhaven Star in July, 1885. Both those names are on



the bell. The article announces the opening of the school to students.

"To its musical sound our children respond morning and afternoon of each school day, and content should all we parents be that, in the goodness of one heart, do our little ones get so much of that, which aids them toward true manhood and womanhood, that otherwise could not possess."

The bell marked the beginning and end of school, and alerted residents to fires.

On Saturday, 7/30, at 10 a.m., the bell will be removed from a rusting and collapsed cradle. The public is encouraged to attend and take pictures with the bell after it is



BELOW: The Rogers School Bell was cast in 1885. ABOVE: Two angles of the corroded cradle. The bell will be removed on Saturday at 10 a.m. Committee members hope to have it re-installed after getting the cradle rebuilt. *Submitted photos.*

removed. The committee has enlisted the help of volunteers, including A#1 Crane Service, whose owner Patrick Carr, donated the services free of charge. Keith Silvia will build a crate for the bell to be transported safely.

The committee hopes to have the bell returned to the school at some point after rebuilding the cradle.

## Town Meeting approves Oxford School deal

By Beth David  
Editor

At a Special Town Meeting on 6/30, Fairhaven TM members voted to accept the terms of the sale of the Oxford School building to Stratford Capital Group (SCG). The plan is to transform the property into an affordable housing complex for residents 62 and older.

The vote was the culmination of months of effort by the town to unload the building after the school department shut down the school and turned over the building to the town about three years ago. The last use for the building was the 2012 school year, when Wood School students used the building while a new Wood School was built. The new

The town sent out two Requests for Proposals for sale and re-use of the Oxford School building on Main Street at Benoit Square.

After months of wrangling over myriad details, the negotiating committee came to an agreement with SCG for sale of the building. The result was a 28-page Purchase & Sale

agreement that includes restrictions on use of the building, creates additional public parking for 30 cars, and carves out the old firehouse that is being used by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association as a separate lot for the NFIA to continue using it.

Although the measure saw vocal opposition from residents who did not want to see housing at the site, the measure passed easily.

The Oxford School Residences will include 63 units consisting of 46 one-bedroom units and 17 two-bedroom units for a total of 80 bedrooms, with 75 parking spaces for tenant use.

The old building, which will be restored following National Park Services historical guidelines, will have 10 units (five bedrooms), and a new three-story building will have the remaining 53.

Conditions in the P&S include: a \$325,000 purchase price with a deposit of up to \$20,000; giving the company up until 2019 to secure financing; requiring the company to pay \$5,000 a year for building

maintenance. SCG paid for the STM.

In a related article, TM voted for the town to pay for a sewer tie-in for the Fire Station #3, the building the NFIA rents.

TM also approved \$27,160 to pave Welcome Street from Route 6 south, despite dire warnings from the Board of Public Works and Finance Committee members past and present that approving a road project in such a manner at a special town meeting, sets a bad precedent.

After an impassioned and emotional plea by Linda Therrien, who invoked the good will of her husband, recently retired Fire Department Lt. Wally Therrien, speakers supported the expenditure on the short dirt road.

Some decisions should be based on humanity and not just the budget, said Lee Baumgartner. The measure passed.

The P&S is available on the town's website at [www.Fairhaven-ma.gov](http://www.Fairhaven-ma.gov), click on "Documents and Contracts," and then "Rogers-Oxford Documents."

# BPW puts hold on Green Street project after uproar over trees

By Beth David  
Editor

About 100 people tried to jam their way into the Banquet Room at Town Hall on Tuesday, 7/26, for a re-do of a "Neighborhood Forum" pertaining to the proposed removal of 18 trees on Green Street as part of a road reconstruction project. Residents filled the doorway and the hall to make their presence known.

The Fairhaven Board of Public Works called the meeting to discuss a roadway project on Green Street, from Washington to South Street, the first phase of a project that would eventually re-surface Green Street all the way to Fort Phoenix using state Chapter 90 funds.

Controversy arose when the trees were marked for removal with flyers a few weeks ago. Many residents said they were not aware of the plan to cut down the trees.

Public Works Superintendent Vinnie Furtado chaired the meeting, and started by saying that he wanted direct abutters to speak first and then other people. He noted that it was a "Neighborhood Forum," not a public hearing. He said they had the "same meeting" on March 15 and it was posted with the town clerk.

He said nothing was done under the "cloak of darkness."

He said they notified abutters by mail and answered all questions anyone asked of them and provided

all documents.

"We're trying to improve the roadway," said Mr. Furtado, adding that Green Street is a "very important" street.

He said the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) necessitate the cutting of the trees to make the sidewalks safe to travel. The large roots of the decades old trees have pushed up sidewalks and the road.

He said after the road is dug into to create a "stable base" for the repaving, the root structures of the trees in question would be compromised and the trees would be in danger of coming down.

This is also the rationale that Town Counsel used for saying the project was exempt from the usual legal notice requirement by the Tree Warden. That law, Chapter 87, Sections 3 & 5, requires the Tree Warden to run a legal notice in a newspaper for two weeks before any shade trees can be cut down.

Town Counsel's letter, dated 7/7/16, says that an exception is made for trees that are a danger to the public.

Tree Warden Brian Bowcock, in an email to the *Neighb News* last week, stated that he knew nothing about the project until he was asked to put the notice on the trees.

He wrote, in part: "I attended the meeting in March and answered any

questions that were asked regarding trees and issues raised about the road reconstruction project."

He also stated that it was a BPW project.

"I had not heard any more about this project until I was asked to post the trees by the Public Works Department," wrote Dr. Bowcock in the email. "I do not know if there is going to be another public hearing or when the trees are scheduled to be removed. I'm sorry I cannot answer more of your questions, but this is a Chapter 90, road reconstruction, public works project."

Mike Carter of GCG Associates, explained the project, saying that narrowing the road was not a good option for Green Street. He said ADA requires the sidewalk to be five feet wide for most of the way, with the option to go down to three feet at certain intervals.

The crowd got a bit rowdy, with people shouting questions, and Mr. Furtado got a rise out of people when he said he would not let people talk out of order or get out of control, or the board would leave.

He said the meeting was being held, again (he stressed), as a "good faith effort."

Mr. Carter said that a trip hazard was enough reason to have to remove the trees, according to ADA requirements.

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## Mon. Morning Fun

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

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

Features old fashioned lawn games, bounce house, and special guest programs at 10 a.m. geared toward children ages 5 through 12 and their parents and guardians. Admission, games, bounce house, and programs are free. There is a charge for face painting and lemonade.

- **Mon., 8/1: Ruth & Abby, the 1850s ladies** from the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, old fashioned activities and fun. Bounce House sponsored by: Friend of Monday Morning Fun. Water Slide sponsored by: Seconds Count and Rotary of Fairhaven.

Programs canceled in the event of rain. The Academy Building is on the Main Street lawn of Fairhaven High School. Off-street parking in the high school lot. Funded by contributions to the Fairhaven Office of Tourism Gift Account and additional sponsors as indicated. For more information, email FairhavenTours@aol.com or call 508-979-4085.

## Concerts in the Ctr.

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

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

- **7/28: Shipyard Wreck...Unplugged.** A true Son of Norway by way of Fairhaven and local musician of note is back on the front stairs of the Town Hall doing what he does best.....Entertaining his fans!
- **8/4: Absolute.** Well, this is it, here comes the best music of the 50's and the 60's, here to impress Fairhaven in a big way.
- **Aug. 11: Eddie and the Exciters** Closing this successful season is a Great local Band once again bringing us that wonderful Doo Wop '50s sound. LAST ONE!!!!

## WIIA Raffles

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

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

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

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

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

## Teddy Bear Parade

At the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Accessible. **Wed., 8/3. 32nd Annual Teddy Bear Parade. 10 a.m. on the Walnut Street side of the library on the Unitarian Church lawn.** Daisy D. Dots will be painting faces again. We'll provide juice boxes and Teddy Grahams. Bring a picnic if you like.

## Crafters Wanted

Calling All Artists & Crafters! Applications are now being accepted for the Our Lady's Haven Holiday Craft Fair. This year's Fair will be held on Sat., 11/5, from 9a.m.-4p.m.

The annual Fair is held in the historic Tabitha Inn of Our Lady's Haven (71 Center St., Fairhaven). This historic building, built in 1904, serves as a wonderful setting for the Fair, which features a wide variety of unique handmade items and gifts, raffles and delicious food from Our Lady's Haven kitchen.

Space is limited, so we encourage the return of your application as early as possible. **Applications received by Aug. 1 will be given first priority.** The cost for a **6-foot exhibit space is \$30.** Each vendor will also be asked to donate one item for our Chinese auction. Proceeds from this event will directly benefit the residents of Our Lady's Haven.

Please contact: Bethany Camara, Human Resources Coordinator, Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA, 02719; 508-999-4561; or BCamara@dihfo.org

## Soccer Registration

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

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

Or contact: fallsoccer@marineryouthsoccer.com

## Picnic on Lawn

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

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

For tickets email tim@howeallen.com; call 888-491-9993; or visit Howe Allen Realty, 43 Center St. Fairhaven.

## Farmer's Market

Fairhaven Farmer's Market runs **from 1-4 p.m. every Sunday through mid October.** At Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven

Buy fresh local produce and other products from area farmers. Entertainment will be available occasionally during market hours. Access the parking lot off Main Street to the rear of the Academy Building. Handicap parking. Free admission. Coordinated by the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee.

## WI Breakfast Buffet

**Sun., 8/7, West Island Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven, 8-11 a.m.**

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

# Our Lady's Haven celebrates with Mad Hatters Day



Our Lady's Haven recently enjoyed a Mad Hatter's Tea Party on a sunny July afternoon in our Courtyard. A special thank you to Savers, New Bedford, which provided the beautiful dresses and accessories for the ladies to wear; and to Mendonca's Florist Shop, New Bedford, which generously donated fragrant red roses for all to enjoy. Tables were beautifully adorned with the finest lace and china, while the ladies and gentlemen enjoyed herbal teas, old-fashioned sun tea and fancy pastries. The afternoon was delightful as we enjoyed each other's company in the sunshine. *Submitted photos.*

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**Traveling Boutique Summer Sale** Thurs., 8/18, 1 p.m. Peggy's Traveling Boutique returns to Atria. Stop by to visit our summer sale.



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# New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site Community Update on Site Activities

## EPA Superfund Lower Harbor CAD Cell (LHCC) Update

EPA continues the cleanup efforts in New Bedford harbor, with a focus on dredging of contaminated sediment, followed by placement in the Lower Harbor Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD) Cell (LHCC).

The first phase of dredging in the Lower Harbor began February 1 and is now complete. The area selected for dredging was in the vicinity of the Cozy Cove Marina in Fairhaven as shown on the map in green. Dredging work of this 13.5 acre area was completed between February and June. Post-dredging samples taken from the area averages about 14 parts per million for total PCBs. The remaining Lower Harbor areas to be dredged for placement in the Lower Harbor CAD cell are marked in blue on the attached figure. Contaminated dredge material from the lower harbor is disposed of in the Lower Harbor CAD cell.

Data collected from our monitoring network during the work all around the harbor show that levels of PCBs in air are well below any level of concern. Monitoring of water quality and air quality continue to be performed in conjunction with the work to make sure it is being done safely.

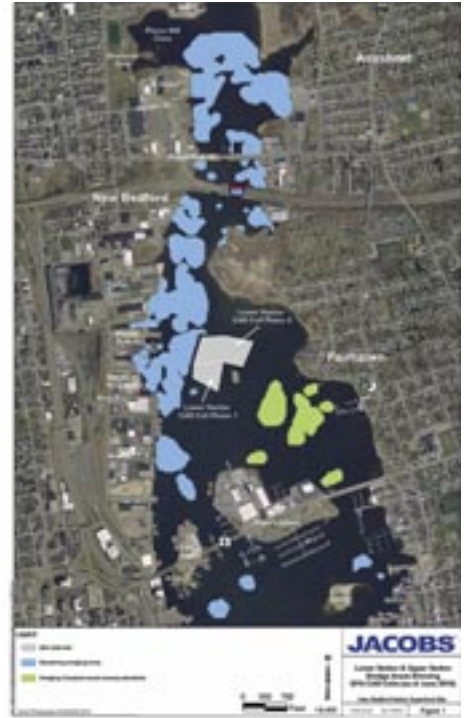
Between January and March EPA completed cleanup of the New Bedford shoreline area located between the Coggeshall Street Bridge and the end of Sawyer Street. The City of New Bedford plans to construct one of the first segments of the "Riverwalk" at this location, a pedestrian pathway eventually stretching 2.2 miles north to Wood Street.

EPA performed additional sampling in 2015 along the Acushnet, Fairhaven and New Bedford intertidal/shoreline on properties where updated access agreements were in place. In April 2016, all historic and updated 2015 intertidal/shoreline sampling results were transmitted to all Acushnet and Fairhaven property owners for which 2015 sampling was performed. Data will be transmitted to New Bedford property owners later this year. EPA is currently performing additional intertidal/shoreline sampling to address data gaps and in order to resample some historic sample locations. Additional

sampling along the shoreline may be performed in the future to further refine remedial plans, if needed, and following any intertidal/shoreline remediation to document that cleanup levels have been achieved.

Through a cooperative agreement with the City of New Bedford, and working with the Community Economic Development Council (CEDC) in New Bedford, EPA hired local residents to conduct outreach and educate the public on EPA's seafood consumption restrictions and recommendations last summer. EPA staff gave an orientation to the Outreach Coordinators in May 2016 and they began their outreach in early June.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.epa.gov/nbh](http://www.epa.gov/nbh) or contact Kelsey O'Neil, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator [oneil.kelsey@epa.gov](mailto:oneil.kelsey@epa.gov), 617-918-1003.



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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Free Concerts

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

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

### Concerts on Pier 3:

- **Fri., 7/29 Green Season (Classic Rock and Blues)** Get your fix of classic rock and blues with Green Season playing Tom Petty, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Muddy Waters and more!
- **Fri., 8/5. DJ Lady K (Record Hop & Dance Party)** Put on your dancing shoes because DJ Lady K will be spinning the hits through the decades, from the 60's (think saddle shoes and poodle skirts) through today!
- **Fri., 8/12, Hipshot Band (Top 40, 80's, Country, Rock & Jazz)** Bringing you the best dance music of "THEN & NOW."

### Lunchtime Jazz:

- **Fri., 7/29:** Marcus Monteiro
- **Fri., 8/5:** Marcus Monteiro
- **Fri., 8/12:** Michael Gabriel (WEATHER PERMITTING)

## More Free Concerts

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

- **7/28: Squeezebox Stompers:** Cajun and Zydeco music
- **8/4:** Candida Rose and Women in World Jazz
- **8/18:** Toe Jam Puppet Band: kids' concert
- **8/25:** Wampanoag Singers and Dancers (Native American music)

## Crafters Wanted

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

## Portuguese Feast

The 102nd Feast of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at Madeira Field in New Bedford, **Thurs. through Sun., 8/4, 5, 6, 7.** Featuring music, Portuguese food specialties, games for children, a parade and more. Visit <http://portuguese Feast.com/> for more information.

## Divine Comedy?

The First Unitarian Church in New Bedford presents "**Misgivings,**" a **Divine Comedy of bellylaughs, blarney and bingo!** Please join us for this fun night of comedy featuring "Father Patrick Aloysius Misgivings" as he regales us with stories and one-liners about growing up Catholic. This hilarious, interactive comedy will even include an actual Bingo game!

**Sat., 8/13, at 8 p.m., The First Unitarian Church in New Bedford, Corner of Union, County & Eighth Streets, Downtown, New Bedford. Tickets are \$15 each,** general admission, and are available at the door or can be reserved by calling 508-994-9686 (leave a message with your name and how many tickets you'd like held)

## Low Income Farmers Market

Free locally grown produce is available for low income residents of New Bedford and surrounding towns thanks to the United Way of Greater New Bedford. For the second summer, United Way's Hunger Commission will operate a Mobile Market in the North & South Ends of New Bedford. This mobile food pantry allows families and individuals access to fresh produce — something they may not be able to afford while on a tight budget.

The fresh produce distributed is grown locally by Sharing the Harvest Community Farm at the Dartmouth YMCA and at Sampson's Farm in Westport. The Mobile Market is made possible with the support of Bank of America and Southcoast Health.

Produce is distributed on Tuesdays from 5:30-7pm (Wednesdays in the case of rain) on alternating weeks in the North and South End. The Mobile Market is located in the South End across the street from Dennison

Memorial Community Center on Aug. 2nd, Aug. 16th, Aug. 30th, Sept. 13th and Sept. 27th and North End across the street from St. Anthony's Church on July 26th, Aug. 9th, Aug. 23rd, Sept. 6th and Sept. 20th.

Low-income families and individuals are invited to visit the Mobile Market every other week. Photo ID and proof of earned income are required. Preference is given to households with some level of earned income who often don't qualify for other assistance.

In 2015, United Way's Mobile Market served 165 households over the course of 12 weeks handing out over 10,000 pounds of fresh produce including potatoes, squash, tomatoes, zucchini, peppers and assorted fruit.

To learn more about the Mobile Market, the Hunger Commission or United Way of Greater New Bedford, please visit [www.unitedwayofgnb.org](http://www.unitedwayofgnb.org).

## Nominations Sought

nbbeautiful, a public-private effort dedicated to enhancing the beauty of New Bedford by encouraging and facilitating community participation in beautification projects throughout the city has created an award to recognize citizens who have beautified a space or building in New Bedford. The first annual New Bedford Beautification Awards will publically honor and commend homeowners, individuals and business owners who showcase civic pride in the outward presentation and appearance of their property. nbbeautiful invites the public to nominate beautification projects they believe are worthy of recognition.

nbbeautiful is accepting award nominations in three categories including: 1) RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPE; 2) NON-RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPE; 3) SPECIAL AWARD (Project by Boy Scout, Girl Scout Troop, non-profit organization, etc.)

Applications are now being accepted for the Beautification Awards, and will be accepted until August 22. 2016 Application forms may be found at City Hall and the main library downtown.

Presentation of the Beautification Awards will be made at ceremony on September 24 following the Lower William Street Festival



## Farm to Table

The Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership (SEMAP), in partnership with The Livestock Institute of Southern New England (TLI) will be hosting the biggest event of the summer, the **2nd Annual Farm to Tapas**. At this event, we will have over a dozen restaurants and caterers from the community (all of which source ingredients from local farms) set up stations and serve a variety of food items. There will also be an open bar, featuring local beer, wine, and spirits; a live auction; and a fantastic bluegrass band. We are kindly being hosted at the historic home and farm of Joseph Keith III, deep in scenic Westport with the ocean providing a peaceful, cool breeze. Limited tickets available.

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

## Author Event

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

For more information, visit [authorjleduc.weebly.com/events](http://authorjleduc.weebly.com/events).

## National Night Out

The Town of Acushnet and The Police Association proudly sponsors National Night Out at the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 South Main Street on **Tues., 8/2, starting from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free for the Whole Family**. Soda-Pizza-Hotdogs.

Many other free activities for all to enjoy.

## Farmers Market

Open every **Saturday, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Stone Bridge Farm, 186 Leonard St.,**

**Acushnet, 508-951-1551.** Ample off-street parking.

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

Visit [www.AcushnetFarmersMarket.com](http://www.AcushnetFarmersMarket.com), or follow us on Facebook: Acushnet Farmers Market.

## Padanaram Detour

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation announced that **Padanaram Causeway in Dartmouth will be closed for reconstruction beginning on Mon., 8/1**

The reconstruction work includes roadway, drainage, structural, pedestrian, and lighting improvements along Gulf Road, from the eastern edge of Apponagansett Park to the Padanaram Bridge and on Smith Neck Road, from Gulf Road, (southerly approximately 400 feet). This project does not include the swing bridge portion of Gulf Road.

**A permanent detour will be in place for all motor vehicle traffic as follows:**

From Smith Neck Road to Padanaram Village and points north and east:

- South on Smith Neck Road to the intersection of Smith Neck Road and Rock O'Dundee Road
- West on Rock O'Dundee Road to the intersection of Rock O'Dundee Road and Bakerville Road
- North on Bakerville Road to the intersection of Bakerville Road and Russells Mills Road
- East on Russells Mills Road to the intersection of Russells Mills Road and Elm Street
- South on Elm Street

From Padanaram Village to points west and south of the bridge:

- North on Elm Street to the intersection of Elm Street and Russells Mills Road
  - West on Russells Mills Road to the intersection of Russells Mills Road and Bakerville Road
  - South on Bakerville Road to the intersection of Bakerville Road and Rock O'Dundee Road
  - East on Rock O'Dundee Road to the intersection of Rock O'Dundee Road and Smith Neck Road
  - North on Smith Neck Road
- The Padanaram Causeway

Rehabilitation Project is a town-initiated and town-designed project.

The project is anticipated to be completed in June 2018.

The contractor for the project is John Rocchio Corp. The total contract amount is \$8,274,790.95.

Drivers who are traveling through the affected areas should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution. All scheduled work is weather dependent and/or may be impacted due to an emergency situation.

## Giant Yard Sale

Animal Advocates is having a Giant Yard Sale to raise money for abandoned dogs and cats on **July 30 & 31, Sat. & Sun., from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. On Sunday at 1:00 pm, everything is free.**

The Yard Sale is at 153 Rockland Street, So. Dartmouth, off Dartmouth Street. The money raised will spay and neuter abandoned dogs and cats, and dogs and cats living with families struggling financially. Your support helps dogs and cats receive spaying, neutering, vaccinations and health-care assistance.

If you wish to donate items, please call 774 888-9008.

Please call us at 508 991-7727 or (774) 888-9008 for more information or e-mail us at [animaladvocates@comcast.net](mailto:animaladvocates@comcast.net) Animal Advocates, Inc. is a nonprofit charitable humane animal organization for cats and dogs, committed to preventing pet overpopulation and the needless suffering of homeless animals.

## Comedy Show

Boston Comedy Festival winner Peter Martin will be making his way to Buzzards Play Productions for the Paperback Comedians Showcase **Tuesday, August 2nd at 8pm**. The Somerville native will bring his blue collar humor and intelligent, yet, silly style of Stand-Up to **3065 Cranberry Highway in Wareham!** (directly across from Benny's) Martin has been a staple in the Boston Comedy scene for about 8 years.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and Showtime is at 8. **Tickets are \$10 at the door, \$8 in advance at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event)**

## Recipe of the Week

### Walnut Pound Cake

1 cup butter softened  
1/2 cup Crisco shortening  
2 cups sugar  
1 tbsp vanilla  
5 large eggs  
3 cups flour  
1/2 tsp baking powder  
1/2 tsp salt  
1 cup milk  
2 cups chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour a 10-inch bundt cake pan.

Combine butter, shortening, sugar and vanilla. Beat until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each egg.

Combine flour, baking powder and salt; stir into butter mixture, alternately with milk.

Stir in walnuts, mix well.

Pour into prepared cake pan.

Bake in 350° oven for 1 hour, 20 minutes to 1 1/2 hours, or until cake is done.

Cool 10 minutes, then place on serving plate.

By Chris Bernard

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

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

## Fire damages house at 44 Bridge Street

Press Release

At 10:15 p.m. on Wednesday, 7/20, Fairhaven Firefighters received a 9-1-1 call reporting smoke in the house at 44 Bridge Street. Two engines and a ladder truck responded to the scene.

On arrival firefighters found smoke and flames on the 2nd floor of the 2 family home.

Firefighters were able to extinguish the flames in approximately 20 minutes, but flames had caused significant damage to the attic space above the second floor apartment.

One resident was transported to St. Luke's Hospital after being overcome as well as one firefighter who suffered exhaustion while fighting the fire. No other injuries were reported.

Two family members were displaced from the second floor apartment. Damage was estimated at approximately \$20,000.00 which was mostly exterior.

All units cleared the scene at midnight.

The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

## SJC rules against Carter, due in court 7/29

By Beth David  
Editor

Michelle Carter, the Plainville woman who is charged with manslaughter in the suicide death of Conrad Roy III of Mattapoisett, is due in court on Friday, 7/29. The Mass. Supreme Judicial Court rejected her appeal, heard on April 7.

At that hearing, Carter's defense attorneys argued that her actions were free speech protected by the First Amendment and did not cause Mr. Roy to take his own life. Mr. Roy's body was found in his truck in the KMart lot in Fairhaven in June, 2014. He had run a water pump in the cab and died from carbon monoxide poisoning. When he got out of the truck because he was scared, Ms. Carter told him to get back in the truck.

It was that

exchange that much of the testimony hinged upon.

In a ruling on 7/1/16, the court stated that the "grand jury were justified in returning an indictment of involuntary manslaughter."

The court also ruled that Ms. Carter should be tried as a "youthful offender." She was 17 at the time. As a youthful offender, all proceedings are open to the public. Her attorneys had hoped to have the case heard as a juvenile, where proceedings are closed to the press.



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Fri., 7/29: The Relics, 8–Mid.

Sat., 7/30: Chris Richards & Mike Lavoie, 3–7 p.m. &

Johnny Barnes & The Nightcrawlers, 8 p.m.–Mid.  
Sun., 7/31: Butch McCarthy and Friends, 3–7 p.m.

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# Outdoor movie night gets rained out

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven's annual Outdoor Movie Night, featuring Disney's *Inside Out*, was going swimmingly, despite one, big ole' dark cloud that seemed to be hanging around the fringes of Livesey Park on Saturday, 7/23.

The kids ran around and played in the bounce houses, food vendors were busy dishing out their wares, the entertainers of the Girls Rule Tour sang up a storm, and a long line of admirers stretched in front of Joy, a character from the movie, right up until show time.

Zoey and Riley staked out their spot on the Livesey Park lawn with their grandmother Jen.

Riley said she had seen the movie before and liked it because it was about "all the feelings." Her favorite character is Joy, she said.

Ariyah, who said she had not seen the movie yet, was there with her older cousin Darrin.

Darrin's favorite character was the clown.

"It's a little funny," he said, and liked the faces he made.

Before the movie started, organizer Wayne Oliveira thanked the United Way for a "major grant" that made the night possible. He also thanked the vendors, who added to the festival atmosphere, the Fairhaven Improvement Association, East Fairhaven IA, the North Fairhaven IA, the Lions Club and Girls Rule Tour.

The movie started around 8:15, and then that pesky little cloud start shooting out some lightning. Then the thunder. Meanwhile, people started packing up. After one or two long rolling thunder growls, even your intrepid editor started packing up her chair (just in case). Then the skies let loose.

As your fearless editor strode quickly to her car, she heard organizer Wayne Oliveira announce that the movie would be stopped.

It looked like about half the 300 or so attendees managed to sneak away before the rain. The rest of us got drenched as we headed to our cars.

On my side of the park, though, there was nothing but squeals of delight and laughter as people raced to their vehicles.

"Just wanted to thank everyone for their help and understanding for the rained out movie night," wrote the organizers on their Facebook page. "Because the movie company showed up to start the movie we are unable to use our rain date as an option. It costs over \$1000 to put on the production so we can not reschedule for another date this year. Unfortunately we have to wait for next year and try again. Got to love New England weather.... always unpredictable!"

The group has a GoFundMe page, if anyone wants to donate to next year's effort. Visit <https://www.gofundme.com/rfzss>



Although rained out a few minutes after the movie started, Fairhaven's Outdoor Movie Night at Livesey Park was still a good time for everyone. Disney's *Inside Out* ran for about 20 minutes before the rain came down and sent everyone scurrying for their vehicles. ABOVE LEFT AND MIDDLE: Joy, a character from the movie *Inside Out*, gets a hug and entrusts a young girl with a precious memory ball. RIGHT: Abby Frias, from the Girls Rule Tour, entertains the crowd before the movie. BOTTOM LEFT: Zoey of New Bedford, and Darrin of Acushnet pose with their adults for the local free sheet while waiting for the movie to start. BOTTOM RIGHT: Members of the Girls Rule Tour, who performed for the crowd before the movie began. Photos by Beth David. See more on our Facebook Page



# West Island Regatta big on fun, small on drama

By Beth David  
Editor

Just a little bit of drama spiced up the first annual West Island Regatta on Sunday, 7/24. Beginning and ending from Hoppy's Landing in Fairhaven, the fleet of about a dozen small sailboats signed up to set sail for a three mile course.

Two ended up not joining the fray due to rudder problems. A couple of others looked to be having trouble getting past West Island.

Out on the course, one boat capsized and the young sailors had to be rescued by the Harbormaster deputy.

Brother and sister team Elliott, 11, and Morgan, 14, Bennett, said they had a little trouble at the outset, but managed to overcome that and made it around the first buoy.

Then they started making good speed, according to Morgan.

"After the buoy, we jibbed and then turtled," said Elliott, meaning they tried to turn hard and capsized.

Did they freak out?

"I wasn't that freaked because it happened so fast," said Elliott

"Then you were just off the boat," added Morgan.

Were they glad they had their life jackets on?

"Oh, without the life jacket it would've been so much harder," said Elliott. "Even just climbing on the boat."

He said he hung onto the capsized boat, while Morgan said she tried to pull the center board up to flip the boat back upright.

"I just held onto it," said Elliott.

In just a few minutes, the monitoring boat, captained by their grandfather and the regatta's organizer, Paul Casey, came to the rescue along with acting Harbormaster Todd Cox.

They righted the little boat and the two youngsters got right back in with their grandfather, and the three brought the boat it into shore in one piece, albeit in last place.

"Overall, it was a very good experience," said Morgan.

It was the first regatta for both of them.

There were no official prizes, just bragging rights, and the winners were



Brother and sister, Elliott & Morgan Bennett, pose for a picture after finishing the West Island Regatta on Sunday, 7/24. The two capsized their boat, but finished the race anyway. Photo by Beth David.

not announced, although Dave Hickox said he came in second.

On shore, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary was on hand to talk about safety on the water, giving information on life jackets, boating safety equipment and upcoming boating safety courses.

Organizers hope to make the regatta an annual event. For more information, visit [www.WestIslandRegatta.com](http://www.WestIslandRegatta.com)



ABOVE LEFT: Boats line up on the shore at Hoppy's Landing for the first annual West Island Regatta on Sunday, 7/24. ABOVE RIGHT: Five boats make their way around the 3 mile course. BELOW LEFT, L-R: Elliott Bennett, Paul Casey, and Morgan Bennett make it to shore after the boat capsized, or "turtled" during the course. The two siblings had to be rescued by the Harbormaster, but got right back into the race. Grandad Paul Casey, however, insisted on joining them for the rest of the course. BELOW MIDDLE AND RIGHT: Two boats make their way back after finishing the course. Photos by Beth David.



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**Aug. 10:** Wareham Crossing,

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Aug. 8 & 22, from 1-3:00 p.m. and July  
28, Aug. 4, 18 & 25, from 5:45-7:45 p.m.  
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### Mah Jongg Lessons for Beginners

This six-week program is for those  
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# Acushnet wants special LNG ballot question

By Pattie Pacella

## Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard met on Monday, 7/25, mostly to discuss the LNG project and related negotiations with Eversource. Selectboard chair Garry Rawcliffe said he had begun to write up a few negotiations that he would like to see with Eversource.

He stated he would like the board to give him leeway to review the negotiations with town counsel.

He said it was actually "phase one," and included \$250,000 in non refundable pre-permitting fees to hire independent consultants as the LNG Advisory Committee recommended, to review the peer reports.

He did advise the board that Eversource was supposed to have additional reports filed by the end of July with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and that they have asked for an extension to mid August.

Mr. Rawcliffe stated that if they had to then extend that date, then the November due date for the application may be pushed to February. He said he was hoping they could then push that to after April, so they could put the question on the town ballot.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar said that he has been asking about putting the LNG project to a ballot question for some time and he did not want to act prematurely in making any decisions to negotiate with Eversource prior to the question being voted on by residents.

"I want to know which way my constituents are going to vote," said Mr. Gaspar. "I want to know if I, myself, am going to support this project or deny it," he said.

Mr. Rawcliffe stated that as it stood the ballot question as discussed previously would be on the ballot in April, "as we left it," he said.

Mr. Gaspar said he thought they should hold a Special Town Election in September to ask the question.

"If it costs \$5,000 to put on a Special Town Election, I say we just do it," he said, adding that he was tasked to look for alternative locations and did not know why he should be doing that if he did not know which way his constituents are going.

Mr. Gaspar then asked the board to give him permission to speak to the town clerk and the Commonwealth's board of elections to see what they can do as far as holding a special town election for the ballot question.

Town Clerk Pamela Labonte joined the meeting, saying she was watching it in her office. She told board members that she did research on the special ballot question and was told that the town cannot put the question on a special town election or on the November ballot.

She said the non-binding question can only be put on a ballot in an April, local election.

Mr. Rawcliffe asked if they had a binding question on a special town election, could they then add a non-binding question as well.

Ms. Labonte said she did not know, but would look into it.

"I don't think so," she said.

Mr. Gaspar asked if the board of elections had given a reason why they cannot do a special town election to ask the question.

Ms. Labonte said, "No. I think because of politics."

From the back of the room, the voice

from behind the government access door said, "what politics," which brought laughter from the board.

"I think I just heard the guy in the closet ask exactly what I was going to, what politics," Mr. Gaspar said. "What constitutes as a special town election?"

Ms. Labonte said she believed it was used if an elected position was vacant due to a death or a resignation. She said it has to be in the town charter and it is not.

Mr. Gaspar said he would work with Ms. Labonte to try and get an answer to why and report back to the board.

In another matter, Selectboard member Michael Cioper asked if the board could ask the town administrator screening committee to expedite the process.

"I feel like it's been a long time already," he said

Mr. Gaspar agreed saying he was "somewhat dissatisfied at how things were going."

Administrative Assistant Lisa Leonard, who has been filling in where possible after the departure of Town Administrator Al Coutinho, said the screening committee was holding interviews with seven candidates sometime in the next two weeks.

In other business the board:

- Announced an opening on the Zoning Board of Appeals due to the resignation of Alan Perry. Those interested should send letters to the Selectboard's office at Town Hall, 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.
- Reviewed the safety committee's recommendations for Pope Street to be a one-way in an easterly direction.

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## TREES: cont'd from page 4

"The goal is not to cut trees," said Mr. Carter. "They're beautiful trees. They have just reached the point where they are impacting the roadway, impacting the sidewalk"

He said the original plan called for planting two trees for each one taken down, but now they will plant one tree for each taken down and plant larger trees.

Mr. Carter also said that it sounds worse than it is. They are not cutting down all the trees on Green Street. Almost half are staying.

BPW chairperson Michael Ristuccia said that if there had been that many people at the meeting in March, the plan might be different. That caused another uproar as people started saying they did not know about the meeting in March.

"I don't want to hear about March anymore," said one man loudly.

Residents went to the meeting prepared, with written statements, written questions, specific references to the law, and visual aids of other projects.

Diane Hahn took pictures of her street with her and warned people not to believe the stories about how the project will improve the street. Her street was reconstructed with a Community Development Block Grant, and she said it "destroyed" her neighborhood. She said the trees they planted were small and designed not to grow large canopies or create shade. They were designed to stay small, under the electrical lines, and not spread out.

"We were misled," said Ms. Hahn, adding that she went to all the meetings and still did not understand how the project would look.

"It's horrible, she said. "Don't let them do this to your neighborhood."

Barbara Acksen, President of the Fairhaven Improvement Association, said the first thing the FIA did when it was created in 1883 was plant 1,083 "fine shade" trees.

She said, as an abutter, she was notified and attended the meeting in March. She said they were told there were no options, only what was being presented.

She also read from a prepared statement that outlined the requirements in Chapter 87, Sections 3 and 5 about notification for cutting down shade trees.

She said that the exceptions in the

law do not apply to the trees in question. They are not a present danger.

"I, on behalf of several residents, request that the town's tree warden, Dr. Brian Bowcock, fulfill his legal responsibility in preparing for a public hearing in the manner described and that no trees are removed until this legal requirement is met, and the public have an official hearing that is entered into the record."

Mr. Furtado reiterated that the meeting in March and the meeting on Tuesday were not public hearings, but were "forums."

Other residents asked if an arborist looked at the trees, if raising the sidewalks had been considered, and if just top-coating the road would save the trees.

After much wrangling and talking over each other, Mr. Ristuccia said he was inclined to kill the project. He asked if people wanted to stop it, and he got a resounding yes.

One man, however, said he wanted the road re-done and said it was "ridiculous" to kill the whole project just because they did not know how to handle the trees.

He said he definitely wanted the road resurfaced, "Because we've got one of the worst roads around."

Howe Allen said it was ironic that the focus was on making room for wheelchairs, strollers and handicapped accessibility, since the BPW is so bad at clearing the snow. He said the town should care about access all year round.

He said removing shade trees will absolutely result in a reduction in property values, but doubted the town would offer tax abatements.

"This is what I do for a living," said Mr. Allen, a real estate broker.

BPW member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said if people on Green Street do not want the project, that the department should just take that money and use for dirt roads on West Island.

One woman said that just looking at Spring Street and some other recent projects should be warning enough for people.

"You're ruining this town," she



Diane Hahn uses before and after pictures of her street to tell residents of Green Street that her neighborhood was "destroyed" by so-called improvements to the road. "Don't let them do this to your neighborhood," she said. The Green Street project has been put on hold. Seated is Mike Carter of GCG Associates, the engineering consultant on the project. *Photo by Beth David.*

said. "If we wanted to live in the city, we'd live in the city."

Another woman said she saved for "many, many years" to be able to buy a house on Green Street. Now they would change it from what it has looked like for a hundred years.

Carol Murchie, who ran for Tree Warden in 2012, insisted that the tree warden should hold a public hearing and that he is charged with taking care of public trees, not just taking them down.

"This is your project," she said to the BPW. "But you are not in charge of public shade trees."

After much more back and forth, Mr. Ristuccia finally said that if people were that against it, he was inclined to stop the project.

The room exploded.

He did not, however, let it go at that.

"There's always a way," said Mr. Ristuccia. "It's just a matter of finding that way."

The BPW did enter into a contract. Mr. Furtado said they could get out of it, but it would cost the town money.

In the end, the project was officially put on hold. Town Administrator Mark Rees is going to contact some people who were in the room to represent the neighbors and the two sides will try to come to a compromise.

The BPW promised to run notices in the paper and to hold more public meetings to discuss the project.

Tree Warden Brian Bowcock was at the meeting but did not speak. No one mentioned any plans for the tree warden to hold a public hearing about taking down the 18 public shade trees

# SMCU Sponsors CU 4 Reality™ Financial Education Fairs

*Press Release*

For the fourth consecutive year, Southern Mass Credit Union, Fairhaven, sponsored several CU 4 Reality™ Financial Education Fairs. Fairs this year were held at Fairhaven High School, Plymouth North High School, Global Charter Learning Public School and a combined fair for St. Joseph and St. James-St. John Schools.

The fair is part of the CU 4 Reality™ Financial Education Program curriculum developed by America's Credit Union Museum. The program is geared toward elementary, middle and high school student.

The curriculum is a complete financial education program teaching students financial literacy, from choosing and researching a career to budgeting skills to handling money responsibly. Since 2013, when SMCU began sponsoring these fairs, a total of 1,858 students have participated.

This year approximately 146 Fairhaven High 10th grade students, 264 Plymouth North 11th grade students, 128 Global Charter 8th and 10th grade students, 31 St. Joseph 7th and 8th graders and 46 St. James-St. John 7th and 8th grade students made real-life financial decisions participating in the fairs.

After researching and selecting their chosen careers with minimum starting salaries, students were given a budget worksheet listing their monthly "take-home pay" which they used as a guide to save and spend for monthly living expenses. It was evident that the students left the CU 4 Reality™ Fair with a deeper understanding of what it takes to manage finances in the real world.

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Each student who participated in a fair received a gift and photos in Nellie's Phototainment booth compliments of SMCU.

Daniel Waltz, President/CEO of Southern Mass Credit Union stated, "Southern Mass is extremely pleased to sponsor these reality fairs for our school district partners and help them to teach their students the importance of financial education and to learn how to manage their money wisely."

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## Press Release

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well. We appreciate the partnership and support of our neighbors and are glad to be able to give back by helping to sustain local communities.”

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by economists Catherine Cullinane Thomas of the U.S. Geological Survey and Lynne Koontz of the National Park Service. The report shows \$16.9 billion of direct spending by 307.2 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 295,000 jobs nationally; 252,000 of those jobs are found in these gateway communities. The cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy was \$32 billion.

According to the 2015 report, most park visitor spending was for lodging (31.1 percent) followed by food and beverages (20.2 percent), gas and oil

(11.8 percent), admissions and fees (10.2 percent) and souvenirs and other expenses (9.8 percent).

Report authors this year produced an interactive tool. Users can explore current year visitor spending, jobs, labor income, value added, and output effects by sector for national, state, and local economies. Users can also view year-by-year trend data. The interactive tool and report are available at the NPS Social Science Program webpage: [go.nps.gov/vse](http://go.nps.gov/vse).

The report includes information for visitor spending at individual parks and by state.

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topic with someone from the Selectboard and it was suggested that they do a re-vote for the record and that Ms. Sturtevant does not have to abstain from the vote.

Mr. Hobson suggested the BPW vote immediately, but both Ms. Sturtevant and Mr. Ristuccia disagreed.

With board member Brian Wotton absent from the meeting Ms. Sturtevant said, "I want the whole board here."

Mr. Ristuccia also said that the board could not vote on Monday, because it was not on the agenda for. The item will be on the 8/8 agenda.

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#### NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

*Peter DeTerra, Chairman*

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 8/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Board of Assessors

Fri., 7/29, Town Hall, 3:30 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 8/8, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

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

### Historical Commission

Wed., 8/3, Fire Station, 7 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 8/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

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

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 8/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Board of Health

Tues., 8/2, Parting Ways, 6 p.m.

### Planning Board

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

### Selectboard

Fri., 7/29, Town Hall, noon

### TA Search Comm

Tues., 8/2, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Thurs., 8/4, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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

	July 2016	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	28	0324	1559	0856	2205
Friday	29	0428	1705	1002	----
Saturday	30	0535	1805	0002	----
		----	----	1119	----
Sunday	31	0632	1856	0102	1229
Aug. 2016		HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Monday	1	0720	1942	0156	1321
Tuesday	2	0807	2028	0250	1412
Wednesday	3	0853	2113	0333	1500
Thursday	4	0939	2158	0354	1532
Friday	5	1023	2241	0359	1600

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
\*\*Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

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# BPW hires one for Sewer Dept.; continues remote vote topic

By Mary Macedo

## Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Board of Public Works met on Monday, 7/25, to discuss a range of issues, including trash pick up at the parks and a new hire for the Sewer Department.

Antone Medeiros met with the board seeking a Driveway Waiver at 18 Church Street. He explained that he wanted to install a driveway and a sidewalk from the property line to Fort Street. Mr. Medeiros also confirmed that, with this project, he was willing to pay for the materials himself.

The BPW was impressed that Mr. Medeiros was willing to pay for the project himself. They also commented that he had done a beautiful job on the house in the past three years. They agreed that the sidewalk would be a great finishing touch to the property and approved the project.

The board also interviewed John McGilvray for a Sewer System Maintenance position. Mr. McGilvray explained that he did not have the grade 5 license, but was willing to go for it.

"I already have the book and I have started to look it over," he said.

The BPW seemed impressed by the references on Mr. McGilvray's resume, as well as his experience with waste water management, trenching, and plate factory experience.

Board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said that Mr. McGilvray should get his sewer license and class 2 license to plow.

Mr. McGilvray agreed and said he has already started the process to get licensed.

"It would be great to work for the town and to further my skill set," he said.

"It would be a plus to get someone in here willing to go for their license and willing to stay," board member Kathy Sturtevant.

The board voted unanimously to hire Mr. McGilvray. He was the only applicant for the job.

In another matter, the board discussed the possibility of using Chapter 90 funds for a stop sign study on West Island. Chairperson Mike Ristuccia, who lives on the island owns property on the island, explained that West Island has around 42 intersections, but only two or three stop signs on the island.

Mr. Ristuccia said that although he believed the lack of stop signs was an issue, especially on Causeway Road, he said he was not sure if the town could use Chapter 90 funds. Criteria include 6,000 cars per day and significant crash records (three or more crashes in a year).

Public works superintendent Vincent Furtado explained that a traffic study is necessary, to find out how bad it really is. He said first they hire the company to do the traffic study on West Island for a week or two, then they see the results, then they send it to the state and wait to see if a stop sign is approved.

The board agreed that the study was necessary and unanimously passed a motion to order the plan.

The board also discussed the

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With board member  
Brian Wotton absent from  
the meeting Ms. Sturtevant  
said, "I want the whole  
board here."

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cleanliness of the town parks, such as Livesey Park and Fort Phoenix, as well as the issues with trash pickup.

Board member Jarrod Lussier brought up the concerns with Livesey Park. He said that the picnic tables at the park have been demolished. He expressed concern with the broken pieces lying around being dangerous and that he would like them to be removed and hopefully replaced by new tables in the near future.

The BPW agreed that the tables should be removed and replaced. But Mr. Lussier and other board members expressed concern over children, teens, and even young adults who are running around town playing the new game called "Pokemon Go."

Board members wondered whether or not the demolished picnic tables were due to the recent influx of people playing the game.

The mention of Pokemon Go brought up other concerns by the board.

Mr. Hobson mentioned his concerns with trash pickup at Fort Phoenix. He

said he went there Thursday and Friday nights and it was packed with people all playing the game.

Mr. Furtado said that they have already added more trash barrels to the area and that they pick up trash every Thursday and Monday. But Mr. Hobson said it needs to be picked up on the weekends, because that is when it is most busy.

Mr. Ristuccia also expressed concern with ABC Disposal, which has been taking anything that people put outside near their trash barrels. ABC is only supposed to take what is in the barrels.

Mr. Ristuccia explained that when they signed the contract with ABC, they had specific rules stating that only what was in the barrel should be taken. The point of the new barrels was to decrease trash and increase recycling. If ABC takes everything, even what is outside the barrels, then residents have no incentive to recycle.

"People know, but are not following the rule," said Mr. Furtado.

In a follow-up phone interview, he said that the health agent said recycling numbers dropped down.

Residents may call the town or ABC directly if they have a bulky item, such as a couch or chair, and ABC will take it. But regular trash that is just overflowing should not be picked up.

If the recyclable material is separated and put into the bins with the orange cover, there should be room in the trash barrels (with the blue cover) for the trash.

The board will contact ABC and remind them not to pick up the extra trash.

The board also continued a discussion from the last meeting. Ms. Sturtevant has requested a re-vote of her request to participate in the meetings remotely and vote.

The change requires a positive vote by the BPW and by the Selectboard. This past spring the BPW voted to allow the change, but the Selectboard did not allow it on a 2-1 vote.

The Selectboard now has a new member, Daniel Freitas, who won his seat against Geoffrey Haworth. Mr. Haworth was a "no" vote for the change. Mr. Freitas, who was a BPW member at the time, supported the change.

Mr. Furtado said he discussed the

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