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

Teddy Bear Parade marks end of reading prog



The annual Teddy Bear Parade marks the end of the summer reading program at the Millicent Library. This year's theme is "On your mark, get set, read." ABOVE: The big kids lead the parade on Union Street past the Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven at the annual Teddy Bear Parade on Wednesday, 8/3. The parade started at the library, visited seniors at Our Lady's Haven, then headed back to the lawn of the church on the Walnut Street side for face painting and Teddy Grahams. See page 12. *Photo by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

It's the big Portuguese feast this weekend (see page 6). You know what that means, right? It means that Fairhaven's Big Little Feast is just around the corner. Stay tuned for info.

And the back-to-school ads have started. Oh....where did the time go?

My Little Water Buggy only got fixed up this week (see the blog, www.bethdavid.net/blog).

Our cover story (page 12) is one of my favorite events. It sends all the cutest kidlets you've ever seen marching around the center holding their precious Teddy Bears. They head over to Our Lady's Haven where the senior set can take oooh and aaah. It's a fun event.

We also have yuuuuuge news for you fairy and gnome lovers. Fairhaven is building a "Little Fairhaven Village" for the little people (see page 7). It's in front of the Senior/Recreation Center property, near Route 6 in that small grove of cedar trees. What fun!

I love fairy houses. We've done stories on the concept before, and if you're a careful reader of this page, you know I always keep a part of my yard fairy-friendly. You should also read my e-book, *Who Makes the Magic* (visit www.zorena.com for links).

On a more serious note. I have been trying not to be too public about the presidential race. Most of you know I'm a lefty liberal feminist, feminist lefty liberal, whatever. So you probably already know that you couldn't pay me to vote for Trump. Still, I really don't want to go back and forth with the tit for tat arguments.

I do, however, have to speak out about this bashing of a Gold Star family. We have Gold Star families in Fairhaven. I won't name names. They don't need to be dragged into this that way.

I just want to say that I was thinking of them. I pictured a couple of the family members up at either one of those conventions. The Republicans had the mother of a man killed in Benghazi; the Democrats had the parents of a Muslim American man who was killed in Iraq.

So, just imagine either one is our neighbor, whose pain is so raw and always will be.

Our neighbors, people you see at the grocery store, at a community event, at a stop sign; and hopefully you wave, nod your head, or otherwise acknowledge their presence with respect.

Imagine them standing on that stage to make a point so important to them that they are willing to face the wrath of millions: Our neighbors, people you know, on that stage.

When you do that, if you cannot simply just cut the crap and shut up, then I do not know how you can live with yourself.

Let them have their say.
Then leave them alone.

Gold Star families have given enough. We shouldn't take any more from them.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

FAIR Plan to refund some cancelled customers

Press Release

The Mass. Property Insurance Underwriting Association (FAIR Plan) has agreed to pay \$350,000 to resolve allegations that it impermissibly cancelled homeowners insurance policies between January 2010 and February 2014, Attorney General Maura Healey announced on 7/26.

Under the assurance of discontinuance, filed in Suffolk Superior Court, the FAIR Plan will pay \$350,000 to settle allegations that it has been cancelling hundreds of policies each year in violation of state law. This payment will be used to provide relief to homeowners who had to purchase more expensive force-placed policies after their FAIR Plan policies were cancelled. The affected homeowners are located all over the state, with concentrations in Boston, Brockton, Springfield, and Worcester.

"A home is frequently someone's largest investment and homeowners should be treated fairly when they purchase insurance to protect that investment," AG Healey said. "This agreement ensures that the FAIR Plan treats policyholders appropriately

when it is considering cancelling policies."

Under Massachusetts law, after a homeowners insurance policy has been in effect for 60 days, it can only be cancelled for a limited number of reasons, such as nonpayment of premium. According to the assurance of discontinuance, the FAIR Plan frequently inspected insured properties after 60 days and then impermissibly cancelled policies in instances where the FAIR Plan did not approve of the property's condition.

The FAIR Plan is a statutorily created entity jointly run by the state's property insurance companies. It is designed to provide coverage at reasonable rates to homeowners who have been unable to purchase insurance through the open market. The FAIR Plan is frequently the only option for homeowners who live in urban areas or along the coast.

Because the FAIR Plan is the insurer of last resort, many of those insured by the association whose policies were cancelled could not find alternate insurance on their own. Their mortgage companies purchased

force-placed policies on their behalf and then billed the homeowners for the premiums. Force-placed policies are much more expensive than traditional homeowners insurance policies and provide more limited coverage.

In addition to protecting FAIR Plan customers from unfair cancellations, the AG's Office also regularly advocates to keep rates appropriate and affordable. The AG represents the public interest in administrative rate cases in front of the Commissioner of Insurance, and has repeatedly and successfully stopped unjustifiable rate hikes sought by the FAIR Plan.

In 2012, the AG's Office blocked a proposed average seven percent rate increase, and in 2014 saved homeowners in New Bedford, the Cape and Islands, Lynn, Worcester, Springfield, and parts of Boston from a nine percent proposed rate hike.

The AG's Office has also been conducting outreach events around the state to help inform homeowners about the FAIR Plan, their insurance options, and the nature of the rate setting process.

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- Brake fluid/carburetor fluid
- Car wax/polishes
- Driveway sealer/roofing tar
- Swimming pool cleaners

From the Yard

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

From the House

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

What NOT to take

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- Infectious & biological wastes
- Ammunition/fireworks
- Fire extinguishers
- Prescription medicines/syringes
- Asbestos
- NO LATEX PAINT

Safely transporting these hazardous materials

- Leave materials in original containers
- Tighten caps and lids
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For more information:

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boh@fairhaven-ma.gov

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POISON

Fairhaven Board of Health: Jeannine Lopes Lindsay Gordon Peter DeTerra

Carter's attorneys file 22 motions, one to suppress statements

By Beth David
Editor

Michelle Carter, the Plainville woman who has been charged with manslaughter in the 2014 suicide death of Conrad Roy III, was in court for a pretrial hearing on Friday, 7/29, for the first time since her appeal to the Mass. Supreme Judicial Court was rejected. The SJC ruled that there was enough evidence for Ms. Carter to be tried for manslaughter and that she should be tried as a "youthful offender," which means she is treated as an adult, with all proceedings made public, although she is being tried in juvenile court. She was 17 at the time of Mr. Roy's death; she will turn 20 next week.

Mr. Roy was found in his pickup truck in the parking lot of the Fairhaven KMart on July 13, 2014. A gasoline powered water pump was in the cab with him. He died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

An investigation by Fairhaven Police uncovered a series of text messages and emails showing that Ms. Carter allegedly encouraged Mr. Roy to kill himself.

Although Ms. Carter was in Plainville at the time, prosecutors contend that her behavior, in the form of texts and phone calls, constituted wanton and reckless behavior resulting in his death.

In particular, an email in which she tells a friend that she told him to get back in the truck when he got out, fearing that it was working.

Ms. Carter's attorney's filed 22 motions with the court on Friday, including a motion to suppress "all evidence obtained by the Commonwealth from the defendant and her possessions," on several grounds,



including that she was not informed of her right to keep silent and her right to an attorney.

That motion also claims that the search and seizure was made without a warrant and violated the US Constitution and Mass. General Laws.

The motion also claims that Ms. Carter was not "properly advised and fully aware of her constitutional right to consult with and be represented by counsel," that her statements were not made voluntarily and that she did not "knowingly and voluntarily waive her rights, including Marina Rights, nor voluntarily consent to any such search and seizure.

Judge Lawrence Moniz set a hearing date of October 14 to hear evidence on that motion. The judge also set a hearing date of September 2 for a discovery motion.

Most of the motions were for discovery, including Conrad Roy's psychiatric and hospital records from St. Luke's, Tobey, Boston Children's Hospital, Bournemouth, his psychiatrist and his medical doctor. The defense also asked for school records from Bishop Stang High School, Old Rochester Regional High School, Fitchburg State and Northeast Maritime Institute in Fairhaven where Mr. Roy received his captain's license.

According to the court records, the defense is trying to find evidence of Mr. Roy's "intellect and education and whether he could be 'coerced' to commit suicide or had the mental capability and intellect to know the consequences of his own actions that lead to his death."



ABOVE: Michelle Carter entering the Taunton courthouse with her parents, Gail and David, on Friday, 7/29 for a pretrial hearing. It was the first time Ms. Carter was in court after the Mass. Supreme Judicial Court ruled that there was enough evidence for her to be tried for Manslaughter in the death of Conrad Roy III, and that she should be tried as an adult. BELOW: Michelle Carter in court with her attorneys. Pool photos.

Other discovery motions are for records from the Mattapoissett police department regarding Mr. Roy's suicide attempt in 2012 and a restraining order against his mother stemming from a dispute with Conrad's father, Conrad Roy, Jr.

The defense has also asked for a variety of digital records, including Facebook posts and messages from Conrad Roy's friend.

"...these communications contradict part of the Commonwealth's theory that the defendant failed to inform anyone close to the decedent of her knowledge of his mental health and intent and plan to commit suicide in the years and months before he did so," reads the motion.

The defense also asked for funds for experts in adolescent psychology, and "clinical forensic pharmacology," specifically to address the effects of Celexa (a/k/a Citalopram) on "suicidal ideation, impulsivity and behavior."

Celexa showed up in Mr. Roy's toxicology report, according to court records. Ms. Carter was also taking Celexa in 2014, according to court records. ●●●

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

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.

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., 8/8: Hogwarts Herbology Prof. Pomona Sprout.** Wand making, potion making. Bounce House sponsored by: What A Find! Consignment Furniture.

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.

• **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!!!!**

Farmers Market

National Farmers Mkt Week

National Farmers Market Week is August 7-13. In celebration, on **Sun., 8/7, from 1-4 p.m., the Fairhaven Farmers Market will be having an extra special event**, including games and giveaways for everyone, as well as a bounce house to enjoy on the lawn of Fairhaven High School.

Farmers markets are more than just an outlet for fresh produce and friendly farmers. These markets preserve farmland, stimulate local economies, increase access to fresh nutritious food, improve community health, and promote sustainability. We feel that our market is a wonderful addition to our beautiful community in Fairhaven.

The Fairhaven Market began nine years ago and currently has multiple vendors selling a wide variety of products, including fruits, veggies, flowers, cheese, honey, eggs, bread, bakery items, meat, pies and many more items. We are also glad to have vendors selling cookbooks, dog treats, local crafts, soap and face painting. Please join us for the first time, or return again to support local businesses and purchase some delicious produce and food.

Our market vendors accepts SNAP/EBT, WIC, and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program. We are open every Sunday, rain or shine from 1-4 p.m. The Fairhaven Academy Building is open during the market and members of the Fairhaven Historical Society give tours of their exhibits. Green Fairhaven is the committee that sponsors and runs the market, which is a volunteer town committee. We are always looking for new members. For more information please contact ann.richard@gmail.com

Art Fair

An intriguing variety of fine art and fine craft, all created by local artists from Fairhaven, Marion, New Bedford, Westport and other nearby towns, will be **on exhibit and for sale at Art On Center's 4th Annual "Members' Showcase" Art Fair.** See paintings in oil, watercolor, pastel, and mixed media, as well as photography and handcrafted jewelry, woodwork, stained glass, and textiles. You might find the perfect artful accent for your home, or a unique gift for that

someone special.

The public is invited to the **opening reception Sat., 8/6, from 1-4 p.m., at Art on Center, 15 Center St., Fairhaven.** The exhibit runs through the end of August. Free parking; wheelchair accessible. For info email us at info@artoncenter.org or call 774-206-1709. Art On Center is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization.

Items needed

The Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Main St., North Fairhaven, is accepting items for its **annual yard sale, held rain or shine, on Sat., 8/20, from 9-3.** The kitchen menu will include stuffed cabbage and corn on the cob. **Donations for the yard sale are now being accepted on Saturday mornings from 9-1 during Book Cafe hours.** Any questions, please call 508-992-2281.

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.

Rogers Bell Remove

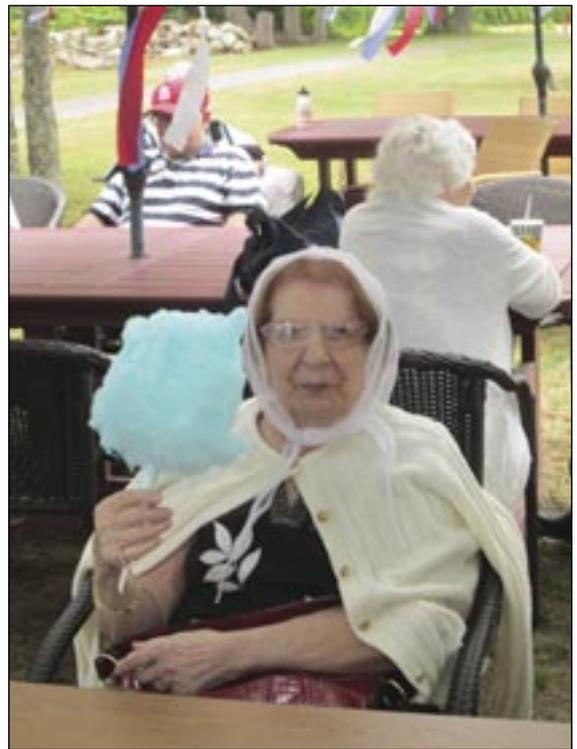
The removal of the Rogers bell was postponed due to the weather. The **new date is Sat., 8/13, at 10 a.m.** The public will have a chance to take pictures with the bell. At Rogers School, 100 Pleasant St. (corner of Center), Fairhaven.

Crafters Wanted

Applications are now being accepted for the Our Lady's Haven Holiday Craft Fair scheduled on **Sat., 11/5 from 9a.m.-4p.m.** Cost for a 6-foot exhibit space is \$30. Each vendor will also be asked to donate one item for our Chinese auction.

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

COA Carnival entertains kids and senior



The clients of Fairhaven Social Day and the children from the Kool Kids Summer Program got together to enjoy an afternoon of food and fun, thanks to a Community Building United Way Mini Grant. They enjoyed a cookout, face painting, arts & crafts, a magician, a petting zoo, cotton candy and someone making balloon animals. Everyone had loads of fun and the biggest hit was the cotton candy. *Submitted photos.*

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And stay with us throughout the Olympic Games as we celebrate culinary styles from around the world!

MENU

	8/5 - 8/6 Salgadinhos, Feijao Tropicero, Arroz Branco, Feijoada, Pizza Brasileira, Lasanha de Frango e Presunto, Pudim de Leite, Caipirinha
	8/7 - 8/9 Chimichanga, Quesadilla, Tacos, and Churro Bowls
	8/10 - 8/12 Pretzel Bites, Schnitzel, Brats, and Black Forest Cake

New village being built in Fairhaven; public invited to help



There is a new village being formed in Fairhaven! In front of the Fairhaven Senior Center is a grove of beautiful cedar trees. Within this grove is Little Fairhaven Village. We invite all residents of any age to help build village houses for its resident fairies and gnomes. You may build houses small and hidden for the fairies and gnomes, but please do not use living or artificial materials. The best materials are found in the landscape of the village itself, but if you chose to bring in natural materials, please return with those items that you do not use. We ask that you treat the Little Fairhaven Village with care and respect. This helps the fairies and gnomes to keep coming back. Fairy and gnome house materials must be shorter than three feet in length. Structures that are too large are a danger to children, animals, fairies and gnomes. This Village is sponsored by The Fairhaven Lions Club with many thanks to the Fairhaven Senior Center and COA Director Anne Silvia. *Photos by Beth David.* For more information and ideas on Fairy Houses, visit www.fairhouses.com, www.fairywoodland.com, or www.myfairygardens.com



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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

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.

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

More Free Concerts

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.

- **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 for more info.

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)

HFHN Registering

Holy Family Holy Name School Registration for the 2016-2017 year is on-going and we welcome new students in our Preschools for 3 and 4 year olds, Kindergarten and Grades 1-8. Call HFHN today (508-993-3547) and ask for Linda Boswell to learn more about our school and to schedule a tour. Visit us today at www.hfhn.org and share the Good News of Catholic education with your family and friends! Don't delay call now...school opens on Wednesday August 24, 2016

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. 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 (Wed. 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 8/16, 8/30, 9/13, 9/27; and North End across the street from St. Anthony's Church on 8/9, 8/23, 9/6, 9/20

Low-income families and individuals are invited to visit the Mobile Market every other week. Photo ID and proof of earned income are required.

To learn more about the Mobile Market, the Hunger Commission or United Way of Greater New Bedford, please visit www.unitedwayofgnb.org.

Vendors Wanted

Holy Family-Holy Name Holiday Fair, Sat., 11/19 from 9-3, is looking for vendors. Registration for a display booth at the Holiday Fair will be \$35 and an optional gift for our Holiday Auction.

Registration payments and gifts are non-refundable and are to be remitted to school by September 15th. Checks should be made payable to Holy Family-Holy Name School.

Booths areas include one 6-foot table and up to 2 chairs for each booth area. Contact Marsha Gushue at the school, 508-993-3547

Blood Drive

Donors of all blood types are urgently needed to help restock the shelves. The Red Cross is thanking those who come in to donate blood or platelets through Aug. 31 by emailing a \$5 Amazon.com gift card claim code.

To schedule an appointment to donate, use the free Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donation appointments and completion of a RapidPass online health history questionnaire are encouraged to help reduce wait times.

The blood van will be in the following locations in New Bedford:

- **8/8: 2-7 p.m., Waypoint Event Center at Fairfield Inn, 185 MacArthur Drive**
- **8/11: 2-7 p.m., Greater NB Community Health Ctr, 874 Purchase St.**

Festival of Health

A Festival of Health and Wellness is being hosted by the **Greater New Bedford Community Health Center on Thurs., 8/11 at its New Bedford**

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HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots for qualified residents are now available at the Acushnet Town Clerk's Office for the State Primary Election, which will be held, Thursday, September 8th. Qualified residents eligible for an absentee ballot application include the following:

- Those who will be absent from Acushnet during the voting hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. the day of the election.
- Those who have a physical disability which prevents them from going to the polls.
- Those who have religious beliefs which prevent them from voting the day of the election.

Absentee ballot applications can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and every Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please call the Town Clerk, Pamela Labonte at 508-998-0215 with any questions.

Twilight Workshop

The Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership (SEMAP) is pleased to announce their next workshop of the season! Ben and Hannah Wolbach of Skinny Dip Farm have been growing cut flowers for decades. Presently they grow about a quarter of an acre of flowers as part of a diverse, certified organic five acre vegetable farm. They market their flowers primarily as mixed bouquets at three weekly farmers' markets, but also offer bulk buckets to DIY brides and take on a few full service events each season. Come tour the flower field, see what varieties they've come to count on, and hear their take on whether growing flowers is financially viable.

Mon., 8/8, 6-8 p.m., at Skinny Dip Farm, 85 Willow Ave, Little Compton, RI 02837. Cost: \$5 Beginning Farmers, \$15 SEMAP Members, \$20 General Public. Register online at semaponline.org/education. Direct event link: <http://conta.cc/29JGmWW>

Krazy Days

Aug. 5 & 6 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Outdoor festival offers free entertainment for all ages! Located in the heart of Cranberry Country, just north of Cape Cod, Krazy Days is an annual

street fair in the historic **downtown business district of Middleborough.**

The festival features vendor booths showcasing arts, crafts, and food. Cultural events include hourly live entertainment by local talent. Enjoy creative, interactive and educational children's activities. Shop local businesses for unique festival offerings! Fun for the entire family!

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VT Jerk Fest

Eat, Drink and Be Irie at Vermont JerkFest, Vermont's 2nd annual jerk food festival. Celebrating food, culture and all things spicy and hot, this Caribbean-style foodie festival features local Jamaican jerk hot-spiced food and entertainment for the whole family. This year's festival will feature international Reggae artist Everton Blender, a traditional roots-reggae artist, songwriter, composer and producer. Other featured artists include Teflon, and Crucial Fiya Reggae Band, as well as local and regional bands.

Vermont JerkFest features local reggae bands, Caribbean chefs, authentic Caribbean, jerk-style meals, and international and local spicy foods. There will also be specialty foods such as spicy jams, hot sauces, Caribbean-themed desserts, and traditional, homemade Caribbean drinks for sale. Of course, we can't have a Caribbean food festival without coconuts, so there will be plenty on hand for sale!

Fri., 8/5: Rum & Brew Tasting 7-10 pm (6 p.m. VIP entry), 157 Main St., Brattleboro;

Fri., 8/5: Food and Reggae Festival, Sat., 8/6, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Vermont Agricultural and Business Education Center (VABEC Fields), 40 University Way, Brattleboro, VT. No parking at VABEC Fields. Free parking at High School nearby, shuttles are provided.

Advance tickets at www.localvoretoday.com Visit VermontJerkFest.com for more information.

Rum & Brew, \$50 adult advance sales (21+ only) food included. Saturday Vermont JerkFest: **General**

Admission advance sales: \$20; \$25 at door; Children 5-12, \$5; children under 5 years old, free.

Civil War Re-enact

More than 1,000 historic military reenactors and 10,000 spectators will converge on Old Sturbridge Village August 6 and 7 for the Village's 13th annual Redcoats and Rebels — **the largest Revolutionary War reenactment in New England. At Old Sturbridge Village, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge, MA 01566**

Weekend highlights include mock battles and skirmishes between the Colonial and British troops and their allies. Soldiers on horseback return this year, and mounted troops from the Second Regiment Light Dragoons will demonstrate cavalry sword work and drill maneuvers. Visitors can also witness cannon and musket demonstrations, visit the field hospital, enjoy fife and drum music, and experience daily life for soldiers.

Throughout the weekend, Old Sturbridge Village is filled with non-stop activity — teeming with more than 1,000 reenactors in historic costumes and uniforms, making Redcoats and Rebels a favorite among visitors and history-buffs alike. In camp, reenactors will demonstrate historic methods of cooking and baking, as well as making soap, candles, brooms, musket balls, buttons, bowls, and more.

In addition to free second day admission, Old Sturbridge Village offers **free parking and extended evening hours on Saturday, August 6, when the Village stays open until 8:00 p.m. for the popular "Twilight Encampment,"** a chance for guests to mingle with and talk to the soldiers around their campfires. For details, visit www.osv.org.

Free Concerts

The Acushnet Historical Society is sponsoring two free concerts this month at the Long Plain Museum 1203 Main Street Acushnet.

- **Sun., 8/14, from 1-3** Walk The Line Band w/Johnny Cash, and The Relics together as the **Dueling Bands.**
- **Sun., 8/21, from 1-3** Neil Diamond concert **starring Bill Reidy.** Snacks and drinks will be available.

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Recipe of the Week

Linguica Cheese Rolls

1 lb. linguica peeled & chopped
 1 lb. sharp cheddar cheese-grated
 3 cups Bisquick
 3/4 cups water

In large bowl, mix linguica, Bisquick and water. Add cheese and thoroughly mix. Mix will be stiff.

Drop by teaspoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake at 375° for 15 mins.

By Janice Girard-Rose

Eating is not merely a material pleasure. Eating well gives a spectacular joy to life and contributes immensely to goodwill and happy companionship. It is of great importance to the morale.

Elsa Schiaparelli

Lions donate computer to COA



Fairhaven Lion, Bill Kligel assembled all components needed for a complete working computer donated to the Fairhaven Senior Center for use by Fairhaven Seniors. The computer is loaded with software for games, brain teasers, sign language, and nature activities. Thanks to Bill Kligel for his time, knowledge, and caring for making this donation possible. If you would like to use the computer to easily learn to play some games and brain teasers, call the Senior Center to set up an appointment. It is easier than you think! ABOVE: Bill Kligel (center) demonstrates use of the new computer at the Fairhaven Senior Center to COA Director Anne Silvia and seniors Bill and John.

Submitted photo.

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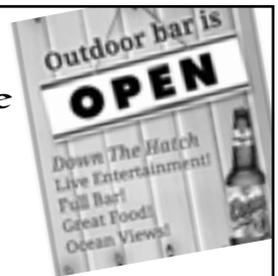
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Teddy Bear Parade brings all ages together

By Beth David
Editor

This year's annual Teddy Bear Parade in Fairhaven had a special visit from President Teddy Roosevelt, who is, in case you did not know, the reason we have "Teddy" bears at all.

It was a hunting trip in 1902 in Mississippi that started it all. President Theodore Roosevelt was not able to find a bear to shoot. So the party he was with trapped a poor, old bear and trussed it up for the president to shoot. Mr. Roosevelt felt bad for the bear and did not shoot it.

The political cartoons of the day made much fun of the event.

A creative retailer named Morris Michtom got permission to use the term "Teddy Bear" and started selling the stuffed bears at his candy shop in Brooklyn, NY, eventually founding the Ideal Novelty and Toy Company.

Mr. Roosevelt told the *Neighb News* that it was fitting for him to be in our little burg.

After all, he said, the whole business started with him.

"Because I wouldn't shoot that bear."

The annual Teddy Bear Parade is the grand finale for the Millicent Library's reading program. This year's theme was "On your mark, get

set. Read."

The parade filed past the seniors at Our Lady's Haven, bringing together all ages, albeit for just a short while.

Daisy D. Dots was on hand painting faces, and parade participants got free Teddy Grahams (what else?) and juice drinks.

To learn more about the Millicent and its children's programs, call t 508-992-5342, or email Jane Murphy (jmurphy@sailsinc.org), or visit <http://www.millicentlibrary.org/>

To learn more about Teddy Roosevelt and the Teddy Bear, visit www.TheodoreRoosevelt.org

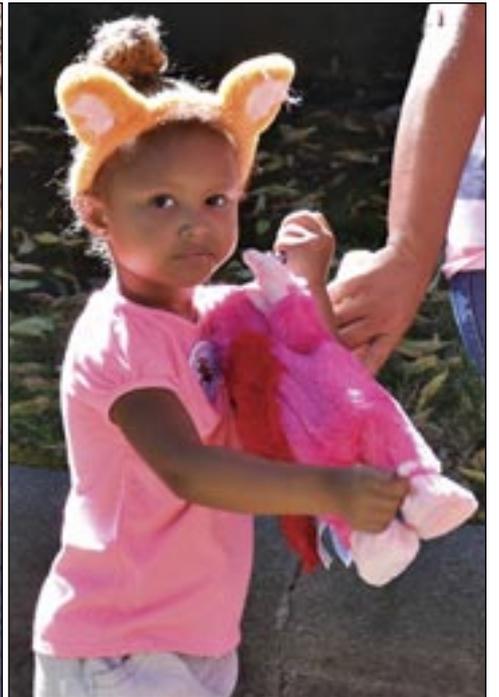
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ABOVE: Residents of Our Lady's Haven wave to participants in the annual Teddy Bear Parade on Wednesday, 8/3, in Fairhaven. BELOW LEFT: Daniella Garcia and Vinnie Verissimo pose for the local free sheet. BELOW MIDDLE: Who said it was just for kids? Ernie and Shari Souza have participated since their kids were little and see no reason to stop now. Oliver Arruda, 3, hangs onto his Teddy Bear as he walks along with his human during the annual Teddy Bear Parade in Fairhaven on Wednesday, 8/3. Photos by Beth David.



More scenes from the Teddy Bear Parade



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2: August 2-August 25

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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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September 12th from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
and will be held at the Fairhaven
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a basic understanding of the game's
fundamental components, including
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playing "Mahj" for 4 years. Cost: \$35
includes the playing card. Please call
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South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.

Thursday, August 11th, 9:30a.m.-
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Acushnet Selectboard sets special town meeting for LNG issue

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard met on Friday, 7/29, at noon to discuss a request by South Coast Neighbors United (SCNU) for a Special Town Meeting about the "Access Northeast Project," which seeks to expand the liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility on Peckham Street.

Kevin Gaspar chaired the meeting as Garry Rawcillfe did not attend. Board member Mike Cioper and Administrative Assistant Lisa Leonard also attended. The meeting was not filmed by government access.

The petition states:

"To see if Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen and all other elected and appointed Town officials and bodies to:

"A: State their opposition to the Access Northeast Project - FERC Docket Number PF16-1-000.

"B. use all authority vested in them to prevent the proposed expansion of LNG storage facilities within the Town of Acushnet;

"C. communicate with appropriate Departments within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and our elected representatives to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States House of Representatives and Senate to solicit their assistance in blocking the Access Northeast Project and the proposed expansion of LNG storage facilities within the Town of Acushnet;

"d. communicate with other area cities and Towns to solicit their assistance in blocking the Access Northeast Project and the proposed expansion of LNG storage facilities within the town of Acushnet;

"e. file the action taken on this article with the FERC under the current FERC pre-filing docket for the Access Northeast project Docket 16-1-000 within ten days after the Town Meeting at which this article is considered

"f. intervene on the formal FERC docket for the Access Northeast project, when it is opened.

"g. ask our state and federal legislators and executive branch officials to oppose the taking of conservation protected lands for pipeline infrastructure including but not limited to those lands protected by Article 97 of the Amendments to

the Massachusetts Constitution and hold state permitting for this project to the highest standards."

Mr. Gaspar stated that the article and petition had three hundred or so signatures with it and those signatures will be sent to the registrar's office to be validated.

Mr. Cioper said he was not sure if the article was legal the way it was written. He said he was unsure the article was the way to go and that it reads "all appointed and elected officials," which are approximately close to two hundred to speak against the LNG project. Mr. Cioper also said he was unsure if they were bound to hold a Special TM, he wanted to make sure the article was sent to town counsel to review.

Mr. Gaspar said he tended to agree with Mr. Cioper, and that he believed it would serve as a ballot question

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people dictating a specific
vote for everyone. Last
I knew this was still
America [Kevin Gaspar]

but not a special town meeting. He said that they are being forced to set a Special TM within 45 days of receiving the petition.

"I don't appreciate people dictating a specific vote for everyone," Mr. Gaspar said. "Last I knew this was still America."

He said he could empathize and understand the anti LNG Group's anxiety over the proposed project, however town officials have to represent all ten thousand people, not just three or five hundred.

Mr. Cioper referred back to the LNG Advisory Committee that referenced, "Fact. Law & Science," he said. "I think this article was written on emotion and I don't think we should govern on that."

Mr. Gaspar said that Town Counsel stated that any vote taken at town meeting under this proposed article would not be enforceable. Mr. Gaspar invited Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher to comment.

Chief Gallagher stated that the way he read the article, it was very black and white with no wiggle room.

"As a department head I'm concerned," he said. "I believe we would be handcuffed on what we can say in any response to the proponents of the project. I'm not sure that is in the town's best interest.

Chief Gallagher added that he has had many conversations behind the scenes and he fears this would take away his ability to continue those conversations.

Mr. Gaspar said that he thought the town should have ballot question, with very simple questions: "One, are you for the expansion? Two, are you for any type of a smaller expansion. And three, are you adamantly against the LNG project. It should be questions like these three and be a yes or no answer. Simple."

"This is the wrong process," Mr. Gaspar said. "But our hand has been forced to set a date for a Special Town Meeting."

The Selectboard scheduled the Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, August 30. A brief discussion was had on the cost of a special town meeting, and Mr. Gaspar estimated it to be around \$2,000.

"Which we haven't planned on," he said.

Chief Gallagher asked if perhaps at this special town meeting the by-law that the LNG Advisory Committee drafted to establish a permit for the operation of an LNG facility in the town of Acushnet could also be included and vote on.

A motion was made and seconded that the only other article that would be heard at this town meeting would be Chief Gallagher's article of the by-law.

Town clerk Pamela Labonte told the board that once the signatures on the proposed article were certified that the selectboard would have to make a motion to accept the certified signatures at their next meeting.

In other business a brief discussion took place regarding the town's hiring a firm to perform accounting duties on an interim basis.

"We have no town accountant, no director of finance, and no town administrator," Mr. Gaspar said.

The firm is Eric Kinsheaf of Sagamore Beach and they will work a

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facility, from 1-7 p.m., 391 Purchase St.; and on Fri., 8/12 at its Wareham facility, from noon-4 p.m., 135 Marion Rd. Live broadcasting by WPLM 99.1 FM and WKK3 100.3 FM.

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There will also be a Red Cross Blood Drive. Attendees will be able to bring their medications for a one on one review with a pharmacist. The Police Department, Fire Department, and Sheriff's Department will provide Safety Information. Master Chef Karousos will demonstrate healthy cooking at the New Bedford facility.

For fun, there will be Zumba

dancing, face painting, give aways for children (such as coloring books, crayons, hula hoops, jump ropes, and more) and special guest appearances by Elsa and her sister Anne, Batman, and Superman.

The Health Center encourages members of the community to receive information on health issues and to take advantage of the free screenings. Translators will be available.

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Donations Needed

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library is the place to donate your bangles and bows for the Summer Jewelry & Accessory Sale. Donations of jewelry (even broken items), beads, single earrings, scarves and purses can be left at the library's circulation desk during business hours. Then come play dress-up at the sale which opens with a Friends' Members-Only preview on Friday, August 12, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. (It's a great time to sign up for a Friends membership.) The sale continues Saturday, August 13, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Free

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Free Health and Wellness Series for Adults and Teens each Tuesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., 508-758-4171. Accessible.

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Obituary



William Barrett Sanders, Jr.

William Barrett Sanders, Jr. "Bill," 69, of New Bedford died Thursday, July 28, 2016 at St. Luke's Hospital. He was the husband of

the late Eileen (Mazzei) Sanders.

Born in Acushnet, the son of the late William B. and Dorothea (Lambert) Sanders, he lived in Fairhaven for most of his life before moving to New Bedford.

Mr. Sanders was formerly employed as an automobile electrician and was the owner of Eagle Generator in Fairhaven, and then later New Bedford.

He served in the United States Air Force for four years during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant.

Bill was engaged and passionate about a variety of political causes close to his heart. He was an active proponent for these causes, spreading information and discussing various topics with others. He enjoyed very much being a passenger in small aircraft every Sunday, flying out of the local airports, as well as attending computer shows, car shows and air shows. He loved music and going to a variety of concerts. More than anything, though, he enjoyed and was very sentimental about the time he spent with his friends and family, especially his grandchildren

Survivors include three children, Michelle Sanders and her companion

Rafael Cardona, William Barrett Sanders III "Barry" and his companion Amber Place, and Dorrie Sanders-Duarte and her husband Robert Duarte; two brothers, Thomas Sanders, and Robert Sanders and his wife Sandra; two sisters, Carolyn Manchester and her husband Craig, and Roberta Hayward and her companion Kent Gustafson; his sister-in-law, Susan Sanders; four grandchildren, Olivia Cardona, Maya Duarte, Lincoln Sanders, and Elijah Place; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was the brother of the late James Sanders and son-in-law of the late Eileen (Mazzei) Heine, to whom he was very close.

A memorial service will be held on August 11, from 6-11 p.m. at the VFW, 109 Middle St., Fairhaven. Visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



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From our readers

Former tree warden candidate makes 3 points

It was mentioned that I ran for the position of Tree Warden in 2012, and I was asked by current residents to advise on the current Green Street tree controversy. I call Newport home now, but know enough history and tree law to submit three major points that I ask residents to consider seriously:

1. Fairhaven should be better versed in the law. The state mandates that each municipality has a Tree Warden position who is charged with the care, planting, and being the responsible party to hold public hearings regarding public tree removal. Town Counsel Thomas Crotty overlooked this in his letter to Town Administer Mark Rees. M.G.L. Chapter 87, Section 3 which precedes Section 5, is the clause that has conditions that must be met before Section 5 can be invoked. Section 3 says that a public hearing must be advertised strictly by a designated process UNLESS Section 5 is invoked because a tree is determined to be a hazard to public safety or when the highway is to be widened.

The Town and the engineers say the hazard will come AFTER the construction; section 3 only deals with current risk. The obsession with tree roots causing lifts in the sidewalk is overblown since people can just as easily trip over a curb, over a utility access cover, over a child's toy left lying out, and more. Frankly, the danger here is not the external condition but the negligence of the walker who isn't paying any attention. Mr. Crotty is not right 100% of the time; no one can be. Chapter 87 has been in existence over 100 years so it isn't like it has never been interpreted before — check out what other towns and cities do in this case.

2. Fairhaven should expect its Tree Warden to know the laws. The Warden should also know basic tree structure and biology, know how to use resources, know how to work with the public and the other town departments. With a current budget of \$54,000+, the [Fairhaven] Tree Warden should offer transparency on what decisions are being made with the taxpayers' money. So, Fairhaven taxpayers, I would like to think you expect better from the person you

elected to this position.

The position currently has an annual salary of \$6,600+. Still, don't you expect someone paid with tax money to be actively engaged in these processes instead of sitting silently by at meetings? He has a budget for Purchase of Services amounting \$11,500, and another line item for tree worker salaries totaling to over \$31,000. Apart from a few thousand dollars allocated for gasoline, there isn't a lot more. Still, Fairhaven has a well-funded Tree Department — I found that out in 2012 when I spoke to other tree wardens from the Massachusetts Tree Wardens and Foresters Association (<http://masstreewardens.org/>). Other money can be had through grants via the state (<http://bit.ly/>

I say, you don't have to be a millionaire to live where you feel like a millionaire, if you're willing to fight for the town's trees.

urbanforestgrants) and Arbor Day Foundation (<https://www.arborday.org/programs/treecityusa/>).

A lot is possible with the right talent.

The Tree Warden should be getting trained tree maintenance workers out to make certain the trees are pruned correctly and on a regular basis. Many of the trees have thick canopies that block out sunlight and air that is needed to keep the trees healthy as well as being less top-heavy in high winds. It's not just the roots that cause problems. I personally only see tree crews out working when a tree is to be cut down. I repeat, what are you expecting for your tax dollars?

3. Fairhaven does not have to choose between roads and trees. As I said at the forum on 7/26, there is a large amount of research done and solutions achieved on enhancing the urban streetscape with better know-

how on planting, placement, and technology that enables both people and trees to benefit.

Cornell University's solution, known as CU-Soil™ or "structured soil" is a formula that meets and exceeds what civil engineers call the Standard Proctor Density (must be 95% or higher) while still creating a healthy environment for tree roots. Another technology, Silva Cells, meet this same standard and enable the roots access to more soil, water and air so they grow the way they are meant to be. They cost more than the plans GCG Inc. has for Fairhaven, but if the trees live longer, siphon away more rainwater (over 25 times more), and filter out pollutants that go into your yard, isn't that worth a bit extra?

Yes, maneuvering a wheelchair on some streets is very difficult, like on a portion of Green Street. I have tried this with a friend at Our Lady's Haven who needs a wheelchair. However, take away the large shade trees and their calming, cooling impact and I can honestly say using a wheelchair to go very far on Fairhaven streets will be joyless and hot, miserable work.

Even the Engineering team in Concord Massachusetts observes this fact with their Standard Operating Procedures (http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_Engineering/PublicShadeTrees.pdf)

Why would you think Fairhaven deserves less than Concord? This town is a gem, too.

Why not work on comprehensive planning to create a rich, green environment? It is going to take a determined citizenry to move the local officials to do this, in my opinion.

I'll leave with one more thought: What is one of the things you may notice when you are in a neighborhood that feels impoverished, unpleasant, and degraded? It was a long practice in so-called urban renewal to create treeless ghettos that often trapped the poor, while the very wealthy could resist this fate of losing their lovely greenery to progress and keep their part of town lovely and pleasing. I say, you don't have to be a millionaire to live where you feel like a millionaire, if you're willing to fight for the town's trees.

Carol Murchie, Newport RI

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few days a week to provide some town accountant assistance. Mr. Gaspar asked Ms. Leonard how the hiring process was going for the town accountant

"Unfortunately, we are not getting a good pool of applicants," said Ms. Leonard. "It's a work in progress."

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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	4	0939	2158	0354	1532
Friday	5	1023	2241	0359	1600
Saturday	6	1107	2324	0419	1631
Sunday	7	1151	----	0446	1703
Monday	8	0010	1240	0518	1741
Tuesday	9	0100	1331	0556	1828
Wednesday	10	0152	1421	0644	1932
Thursday	11	0242	1511	0744	2037
Friday	12	0335	1606	0842	2135
Saturday	13	0435	1707	0936	2235

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

Public Hearings/ Legal Notices

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on August 15, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Request for Determination Applicant Wayne & Linda Gallant Location Bridge Street Plot 30 Lots 19 - 19G purpose clear brush and tress within the 100' buffer zone to BVW.
- Request for Determination Robert Pink Jr Location 104 Dogwood Street Plot 43A Lot 205/207 Purpose install shed, construct deck and clear invasive growth within the 100' buffer zone to BVW.
- Request for Determination Applicant Fairhaven Guests Realty Trust Location 65 Balsam Street Plot 43C Lots 77-78 Purpose cut trees, remove brush, loam and seed and add irrigation within an AE flood zone and within 100' buffer zone to BVW. **AFTER THE FACT.**
- Notice of Intent Applicant Paul F. & Barbara E. Beatrice Location 21 Silver Shell Beach Drive Plot 41 Lot 41 Purpose install new septic system within 100' buffer zone to BVW and within a VE flood zone.

Jay Simmons, Chairman

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

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

Board of Public Works

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

Conservation Commission

Mon., 8/15, Town Hall, 6:30 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 Health

Tues., 8/5, Parting Ways, 10 a.m.

Selectboard

Wed., 8/10, Town Hall, Time TBA

Special Town Meeting

Tues., 8/30, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

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

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AAA rescued a record-breaking 32 million drivers in 2015

Press Release

Despite advances in vehicle technology, including maintenance reminders and other dashboard alerts designed to mitigate roadside trouble, AAA rescued a record-breaking 32 million drivers in 2015, with more battery, flat tire and key problems than ever before.

Vehicles fewer than five years old in particular experienced a higher proportion of tire and key-related issues than older vehicles, suggesting that the trend toward eliminating the spare tire and moving to electronic keyless ignitions may have unintended consequences.

“Vehicles today are more advanced than ever, yet are still vulnerable to breakdowns,” said John Paul, AAA Northeast Senior Manager of Traffic Safety and AAA’s Car Doctor. “Sleek, low profile tires are highly susceptible to damage, electronic keyless ignitions can zap battery life, and despite advanced warning systems, more than half a million drivers ran out of gas last year.”

Owners of new vehicles may be unaware that some new vehicle designs and features may leave them vulnerable at the roadside. To reduce vehicle weight and boost fuel economy, spare tires are being eliminated from new vehicles at alarming rates, and are being replaced with tire inflator kits that can only remedy some flat tire situations. Additionally, new keyless ignition systems can drain the battery life when keys are stored too close to the vehicle and can lock a driver out of the vehicle while the engine is still running.

Other key findings from an analysis of AAA’s 2015 roadside assistance data include:

- Battery failures, flat tires and keys locked inside the vehicle remain the top roadside assistance requests. In Mass, and Rhode Island, the highest percentage of roadside assistance calls were for battery problems (29.2%), flat tires (21%) and lockouts (10.3%). Another

13.1% of calls were for tows, and the remainder of the calls were for a variety of reasons.

- Vehicles fewer than five years old have a higher proportion of tire, key and fuel-related issues than older vehicles. Due in part to complex, electronic vehicle designs, one-in-five service calls for a newer vehicle required a tow to a repair facility.
- Vehicles between six and 10 years old have the highest proportion of battery-related issues, as most batteries have a three- to five-year life.
- Roadside assistance calls peak in the summer (8.3 million) followed by winter (8.1 million), fall (7.8

Vehicles fewer than five years old in particular experienced a higher proportion of tire and key-related issues than older vehicles

million) and spring (7.7 million).

- Drivers are most likely to request roadside assistance on Mondays and least likely to request assistance on Sundays.
- Despite advances in key technology, AAA came to the rescue of more than four million drivers locked out of their vehicles.

To help prevent millions of roadside breakdowns from happening, AAA offers the following recommendations for common roadside problems:

- **Check for a spare tire:** Before purchasing a car, check that the vehicle includes a spare tire. If it doesn’t, consider adding one as an option. Tire inflator kits — which have replaced spare tires on tens of millions of vehicles — cannot remedy all types of tire damage.
- **Check tires:** At

least once a month, check the tire pressure to ensure proper inflation. This affects tire wear and vehicle handling. Tires should be rotated based on the manufacturer’s recommended schedule for the vehicle.

- **Lockouts:** AAA recommends motorists take special care of their “smart keys” and keyless entry fobs. Always take keys when exiting the car, avoid exposing keyless-entry remote or smart keys to water and always replace the key or fob battery when recommended by the vehicle manufacturer.
- **Battery:** AAA recommends that drivers have their vehicle’s battery tested when it reaches three years of age and on an annual basis thereafter. AAA’s Mobile Battery Service offers free battery testing for AAA members.
- **Pack an emergency kit:** A recent AAA survey shows that more than 40 percent of motorists do not carry an emergency kit in their vehicle. AAA recommends that every driver have a well-stocked emergency kit, which includes a mobile phone and car charger; a flashlight with extra batteries; a first-aid kit; drinking water; extra snacks/food for your travelers and any pets; battery booster cables; and emergency flares or reflectors.

Before hitting the road, download the free AAA Mobile app for iPhone, iPad, Android and Apple Watch. Travelers can use the app to request AAA roadside assistance, route a trip, find the lowest gas prices, access exclusive member discounts, book a hotel and more. In addition, AAA members can also track in real time the location of their assigned vehicle with Service Tracker. Learn more at AAA.com/mobile.



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