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Animal Shelter showcases animals, businesses



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The Fairhaven Animal Shelter open house on Saturday, 8/20, showcased the animals and local vendors, such as Kitty Kondos cat trees in the foreground. The shelter is located on Bridge Street in Fairhaven. Activities included raffles, pony rides, and other children's activities. See page 16 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

Well, that's it, no matter how hot it may feel, the summer days are nearly done. The kids go back to school next week. Yup, before Labor Day. It's a disturbing trend of the last few years, but I'm sure it seems like the right thing to them.

Alas, sorry young'uns, the seasons move along and there's nothing to be done for it.

We have a couple of fun little stories this week.

On page 7, is a story about a message in a bottle that got tossed into the Great Blue Beast that is my Atlantic Ocean in June and got picked up by our own Jane Brayton in July. The seven-year-old who tossed it into the sea at the Newport Cliff Walk was a delight to speak with.

It is quite the fun little thing to do, but, please, if you are going to do it, please get a good thick bottle so it doesn't just break up in the ocean.

Our other fun story is about the future "Lord Fairhaven" from England, visiting his namesake town.

No, really, I'm serious. There is a barony, an honest-to-goodness British peerage rank named after our little town. Of course, it goes back to HHR's daughter (who else?). See page 22 for details.

Young George Broughton, a direct descendant of Cara Broughton, aka "Lady Fairhaven," got a first-hand look at the gifts of his great, great, great....(great?) grandfather.

Oh, heaven help me, I can't count the "greats." Just... read the story and count them yourself, okay?

It's a fun story.

I love this job!

Speaking of which, I mean...calling it a "job," like as if I get paid or something, right...but I digress.

Speaking of which, if you haven't taken a few minutes to donate to this little venture, please consider it now.

This little miracle takes a lot of hours to put together. It would really be nice if I could actually pay the bills with this little venture.

If each of my loyal readers gave us just \$20 a year, we would be financially stable. It would make us less dependent on advertisers and I could spend more time writing stories instead of chasing ads.

So, send in that check if you haven't already. And if you have, I thank you heartily.

For you web denizens, we have a PayPal link on our website and a GoFundMe page, too.

Time to sign off.

Please take extra care driving as the kids get back to school next week. They are a little rusty with the staying-out-of-the-street thing, and all sleepy in the morning and all rushing to get home in the afternoon. So, keep your eyes peeled.

Until next week then..

See ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Anniversary of Hurricane Bob is quiet...in these parts

By Beth David
Editor

So far, this part of the world has not seen any hurricanes or big storms this hurricane season. Concord, Mass., had a tornado touch down last week, that caused a lot of damage, some injuries, but no deaths.

But 25 years ago, Hurricane Bob devastated the region, including Fairhaven.

According ML Baron (www.westislandweather.com):

"Hurricane Bob was one the costliest hurricanes in New England history. The second named storm and first hurricane of the 1991 Atlantic hurricane season, Bob developed from an area of low-pressure near The Bahamas on August 16. The depression steadily intensified, and became Tropical Storm Bob late on August 16. Bob curved north-northwestward after becoming a tropical storm, but re-curved to the north-northeast after becoming a hurricane on August 17. Bob brushed the Outer Banks of North Carolina as it moved north-northeastward on August 18 and August 19, and

intensified into a major hurricane (Category 3+ Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale) shortly thereafter. After peaking with maximum sustained winds of 115 mph (185 km/h), Bob weakened slightly as it approached the coast of New England.

"Bob left extensive damage throughout New England, totaling to approximately \$1.5 billion (1991 USD, \$2.42 billion 2011 USD) in damage. In addition, seventeen fatalities were reported in associated with Bob. The damage and fatalities that were reported were a result of high winds and rough seas."

Locally, houses were moved completely off their foundations, the West Island causeway was out of commission for about two weeks, and the island had no power for about 14 days, too.

For more of ML's reporting on Hurricane Bob, visit <http://www.westislandweather.com/hurricanebob1991.htm>

Bob in Brief

August 19 marked the 19th anniversary of Hurricane Bob.

The Category 2 system delivered a

surge of about seven feet, which was enough to put the West Island causeway completely under water. Wind gusts exceeded 100 MPH. The barometer bottomed out at 28.48 inches at 2:57 PM that Monday.

Bob's destruction cost over \$1.6 billion (in 1991 dollars) in Southeastern MA.



ABOVE: A shed floats across Round Cove past 12 Almond Street on Fairhaven's West Island during Hurricane Bob on 8/19/91. The West Island causeway is in the background, left. The water in the foreground is on the sidewalk and street. *Neighb News* file photos courtesy of Shirley Hunter.

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Pipeline tax breaks struck down by SJC, AG applauds decision

Mass. Attorney General Press Release

Attorney General Maura Healey released this statement following the Supreme Judicial Court's decision issued on 8/17 in the companion cases, *ENGIE Gas & LNG v. Department of Public Utilities and Conservation Law Foundation v. Department of Public Utilities*, that prohibits the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) from authorizing electric distribution companies to enter into electric ratepayer-backed gas pipeline contracts:

"Today's SJC decision confirms our longstanding position that existing law bars electric distribution companies from using ratepayer money to foot the bill for natural gas pipelines. Requiring electric ratepayers to pay for new natural gas pipeline capacity effectively shifts the risks associated with building these projects to ratepayers, contrary to the state's policies of the past two decades. We know from our 2015 electric reliability study that there are cleaner and more affordable options for meeting our energy needs. The Court's decision

makes clear that if pipeline developers want to build new projects in this state, they will need to find a source of financing other than electric ratepayers' wallets."

BACKGROUND

In April, 2015, the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) opened a proceeding to investigate whether it could authorize electric companies to enter into long-term gas transportation contracts and recover the costs of the contracts from electric ratepayers. Throughout the process, the Attorney General's Office questioned the DPU's authority to review and approve such contracts under existing law, but in an October 2015 order, the DPU concluded that it had the authority.

ENGIE and the Conservation Law Foundation challenged the DPU's decision before the Supreme Judicial Court. In April 2016, the AG's Office filed an amicus brief arguing that the DPU did not have authority under existing state law to allow electric distribution companies to enter into ratepayer-backed natural gas trans-

portation contracts.

The DPU currently is reviewing Eversource's and National Grid's proposed contracts with Algonquin Gas Transmission in connection with the Access Northeast pipeline expansion project. See D.P.U. 15-181, 16-05. The AG's Office has intervened in the cases and recently presented expert testimony challenging the companies' assertions that the proposed contracts are in the public interest.

In November 2015, the AG's Office released its regional electric reliability study that found that the New England region does not need increased gas capacity to meet electric reliability needs over the next 15 years and that construction of additional pipeline capacity is not the most cost-effective option for ratepayers. The study found that potential additional electric needs can be met by energy efficiency and demand response, which would save ratepayers more money than building new pipelines and do more to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. ●●●

CLF: SJC decision protects MA families

Conservation Law Foundation
press release

Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) released the following statement on 8/17 in response to a favorable decision from the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in *Conservation Law Foundation v. Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU)*. In its decision, the Court declares it unlawful for Massachusetts to force residential electricity customers to subsidize the construction of private gas pipelines, requiring the companies themselves to shoulder the substantial risks of such projects rather than allowing that risk to be placed on hardworking families across the Commonwealth.

"This is an incredibly important and timely decision," said David Ismay, CLF's lead attorney on the case. "Today our highest court affirmed Massachusetts' commitment to an open energy future by rejecting the Baker Administration's attempt to subsidize the dying fossil fuel industry. The course of our economy and our energy markets runs counter to the will of multi-billion dollar pipeline companies, and, thanks to today's decision, the government will

no longer be able to unfairly and unlawfully tip the scales."

According to the opinion by Justice Cordy, DPU's 2015 rule ("Order 15-37") allowing Massachusetts electric customers to be charged for the construction of interstate gas pipelines is prohibited by the plain languages of statutes that have been the law of the land in Massachusetts for almost two decades.

In his opinion, Justice Cordy wrote, Order 15-37 is "invalid in light of the statutory language and purpose of G. L. c. 164, § 94A, as amended by the restructuring act, because, among other things, it would undermine the main objectives of the act and reexpose ratepayers to the types of financial risks from which the Legislature sought to protect them."

Read the decision at: <http://www.mass.gov/courts/docs/sjc/reporter-of-decisions/new-opinions/12051.pdf>

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

WIIA Raffle

The West Island Improvement Association is raffling off an 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.

WIIA Dance

Featuring The Relics, on **Sat., 8/27, from 8-Mid.,** at the West Island Improvement Association Community House, 41 Causeway Road, West Island, Fairhaven **Tickets: \$10,** at the door. BYOB.

Fill The Backpack

Help children living in domestic violence shelters by donating school supplies. The Help SAVE Foundation has launched "Bright Futures," and is holding a "filling session" **on Sat., 8/27, at 10 a.m., at the Fairhaven Recreation Center.** All ages are welcome to go and fill the back packs with school supplies. Any school items are welcome, backpacks, paper, pens, pencils, notebooks, etc.

1/2 price sale

Heavenly Treasures, Open 10 AM - 1 PM Wednesdays and Saturdays, First Congregational Church, William Street Entrance, Fairhaven. **Half-Price Sale on Clothing and Shoes, August 31st, September 3rd, 7th, and 10th**

OLOA Feast

The 86th Annual Our Lady of Angels Feast will be held Sat.-Mon., 9/3-5, on the Feast Grounds, 7 Jesse St., Fairhaven. Sat. 5 p.m.-Mid., Sun. Noon-Mid., Mon. Noon-10 p.m. Procession on Main St. Monday at 1:00 p.m. A traditional Portuguese "festa." Sponsored by Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association. For more info: 508-990-0502

Opening ceremonies, Sat., 9/3, 6 p.m., followed by a concert, Our Lady of Light Band of Fall River; Sat., 8 p.m.-mid., music by Edge.

Sun., 9/4, 2-6 p.m., music by Red

Handed Band, 8 p.m.-mid., music by Eratoxica.

Mon., 9/5, Mass. at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Church celebrated by Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha S.D.V. Procession at 1 p.m., followed by Auction; music by Semlimate from 6-10 p.m.

All three days: Portuguese and American foods.

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

LAST ONE OF THE YEAR

Sun., 9/4, West Island Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven, 8-11 a.m. This is the last breakfast of the season, so...don't miss it! You'll have to wait until next year for the next one.

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.

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

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FBA Golf Day

The third annual Fairhaven Business Association Mini-golf Family Fun Day, on Sat., 9/10, from 9 a.m.-noon, at Cap'n Barnacle's Mini Golf, 2

David Drown Blvd., Fairhaven; \$10 ages 10+; \$5 ages 3-10. To benefit the FBA and the Fairhaven Community. Open to the public, family and friends are all welcome.

Promote your business: Sponsor a hole, \$50; other sponsorships, \$25. Join the FBA ad play for free. For more information, visit <http://fairhavenbusiness.blogspot.com>, email charcarosl@aol.com.

Learn more about the FBA and have some fun, too.

Owners or representatives of business entities operating within Fairhaven, Mass., are eligible for membership.

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Run to Remember 5K

The second annual LCpl Matthew R. Rodriguez Run To Remember 5K will be held on Sun., 11/6, at Fort Phoenix State Reservation. Steps off at 10 a.m. Registration at 8:30 a.m.

Registration Fees: Pre-Registered Runners/Walkers/Ruckers Fee: Adults: \$30.00 Students (under 18 y/o): \$15.00 Active Military: \$20.00 Same Day Registration Runners/Walkers/Ruckers Fee: Adults: \$40.00 Students (under 18 y/o): \$25.00 Active Military: \$20.00 Virtual Registration Runners/Walkers/Ruckers Fee: Adult and Student Participants: \$30.00 Active Military: \$20.00

If you are a Gold Star family member, or a Marine in the 1st CEB/1st Marine Unit/1st MEF, stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA, please email the Race Director for your promotional code prior to registering.

Limited Edition race T-shirt guaranteed for the first 100 registered runners/walkers that are registered before Saturday, October 1. (Additional shirts may be available for purchase day of event)

Proceeds benefit the LCpl Matthew R. Rodriguez Memorial Foundation. The foundation was established in 2014 and is an approved 501(c)3 non-profit organization. LCpl Matthew R. Rodriguez was a United States Marine from Fairhaven, Mass. who was killed in action in Now Zad, Afghanistan on December 11, 2013. We serve the community with the same patriotism and honor that Matthew served the United States of America with.

Writers Conference

From August 26–28, published authors, educators, and industry professionals from the creative community of New England will come together to write, inspire, educate, and network at the **Second Annual Hollihock Writers Conference in New Bedford** at UMass Dartmouth's College of Visual and Performing Arts Center, 715 Purchase Street. Tickets are available to all writers, from beginners intimidated by the blank page, to published professionals looking for a network of fellow creative thinkers to share ideas.

Over this three-day conference, participants will take part in discussions about the literary world of creative writing, poetry, nonfiction, and more. The conference will offer panels that provide tips on all aspects of writing from finding inspiration to finding an agent. Writers are invited to get their hands dirty in workshops and master classes and will have the opportunity to hear professional writers share their work.

The theme for this year's event is "What Scares You," and each keynote speaker will address this topic in their own unique way. Keynote speakers include: Jennifer De Leon, Boston Public Library's Children's Writer in Residence; Mary Johnson, author of *An Unquenchable Thirst*, and Christopher Boucher, author of *Golden Delicious*.

Authors from around New England will also read from their published works and sign books throughout the weekend. These readings are free and open to the public and will feature newly published authors like Kristy Acevedo, Mia Siegert, Anna Noyes, and E.B. Moore. Other free readings will feature: Nancy Cote, Nichole Bernier, Steven Beeber, Kate Conway, Henriette Lazaridis, Steven Porter, Erin Dionne, Catherine McLaughlin, and Jeff Simonds.

"We're excited to be able to offer this great creative programming to the New Bedford community again," says Hollihock director, Dominic Perri. "It was great to see over 75 writers in all phases of their writing journey inspiring each other last year, and we hope to bring that inspiration to even more writers in 2016!"

General Admission is \$69/three day pass, \$39/student pass, and

\$29/one day pass. For full details or to register for the conference, visit: www.hollihock.org.

54th Regiment Bricks Unveiled

The 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment was one of the first federally recognized African American regiments that fought in the Civil War with an enlistment station for Company C adjacent to the U.S. Custom House in downtown New Bedford. More than 60 men from New Bedford enlisted in Company C or other Companies of the 54th Regiment.

A brick walkway with the names of New Bedford men enlisted with the 54th Regiment will be unveiled and dedicated to this accomplished and determined group of men on Sat., 8/27, at 2:00 PM at Custom House Square, downtown New Bedford, just steps away from where the recruiting station was once located.

Robert G. Stanton, former Director of the National Park Service, will be the keynote speaker. His speech will be followed by refreshments in New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's garden. Soldiers from Boston's 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Company A and Colored Ladies Christian Relief Society will be in attendance as a ceremonial Honor Guard. This event, co-sponsored by the New Bedford Historical Society, the City of New Bedford, and New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park is the result of the partnership efforts of the three organizations to further the history of African Americans and their role in the Civil War. For more information on this event please contact the New Bedford Historical Society, 508-978- 8828, Facebook.com/nbhistory.

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and interpret America's nineteenth century whaling industry. The visitor center is located at 33 William St., New Bedford. Accessible, and free. Call 508-996-4095, visit nps.gov/nebe or www.nps.gov

Singers Wanted

Come join the acclaimed Greater New Bedford Choral Society. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays,

7:30–9:30 p.m. No audition required. Requirements: Blend with your section, pay nominal dues. Rehearsals begin Tues., 9/6, First Unitarian Church, New Bedford. Registration 7:15 p.m.

For more info call 508-644-2419, or visit gnbcs.org, or find us on Facebook.

Sunset Beach Cruise

Join us for a boat cruise on the Cuttyhunk Ferry on Weds., 8/31, from 5:30–8:00 p.m. Meet at Cuttyhunk Ferry, State Pier, New Bedford, MA 02740. This casual evening of networking includes light appetizers and a cash bar. **The cost is \$35 per person for both members and non-members.** Space is limited so please register early. The boat will be leaving from the State Pier promptly at 6 p.m.

Reservations can be made online at <http://members.newbedfordchamber.com> or call 508-999-5231

This event is hosted by SouthCoast Young Professionals Network & AHA

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 8/30, 9/13, 9/27; and North End across the street from St. Anthony's Church on 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 required.

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

Firefighter Open House

Acushnet will be hosting a Call Firefighter Recruitment Open House on 8/27, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Acushnet Fire Station #1. See page 12 for details.

Orchestra Auditions

Members of the general public, including talented high school students, are warmly invited to audition for the Great Woods Symphony Orchestra at Wheaton College. The GWSO is a 60-member college-community orchestra that performs extraordinary music drawn from a wide variety of traditions.

No orchestral experience is necessary, and there is no cost to be a part of the ensemble. Rehearsals are held Monday evenings, 7-9:15 pm on the campus of Wheaton College in Norton.

This semester, the orchestra will be preparing Schubert's famous "Unfinished" Symphony, Beethoven's Piano Concerto no. 1—with Wheaton professor Guy Urban as soloist—and Offenbach's beloved "Orpheus" Overture.

Interested string, wind, brass, and percussion players may contact music director Delvyn Case at case_delvyn@wheatoncollege.edu. To discuss membership. More information may be found at <http://www.great-woods-symphony.org>.

Food Truck Fest

The Cape Cod Food Truck Festival will return to the Cape Cod Fairgrounds on Saturday, August 27th from 12 pm-6 pm (VIP hour beginning at 12). The festival will feature over 20 of New England's most popular food trucks serving up a variety of fan favorites, including local seafood, gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches, cupcakes, whoopie pies, and more.

To help ensure a comfortable customer experience (shorter lines), tickets will be limited to this event. Attendees are urged to purchase tickets online at ftfa.eventbrite.com for one of two options: General Admission: \$5. VIP Hour: \$20

For details please visit www.foodtruckfestivalsofamerica.com. To purchase VIP or General Admission

tickets, visit ftfa.eventbrite.com.

Seed to Shelf Workshop

Join Rooster of Nobska Farms to learn how to start and achieve success in your seed-to-shelf business. Nobska Farms is a microfarm specializing in exotic chili peppers. The peppers grown on the farm are used to make value added salsas, sauces, chocolates, among other items sold at farmers markets and to local stores & restaurants.

We will discuss managing the operations of a small farm business & how to collaborate with other businesses and organizations to promote growth and contribute to community. We will also discuss difficulties and lessons learned when starting your food business.

A short tour of the farm will follow. We will end with refreshments and guests will be able to sample and purchase products from the farm.

When: Thursday, September 1, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Where: Nobska Farms, 9 Nobska Rd, Woods Hole, MA 02543 Cost: \$5 Beginning Farmer, \$15 SEMAP Members, \$20 General Public

Register online at semaponline.org/education

Farmers Market

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

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

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

Food Truck Fest

The Cape Cod Food Truck Festival will return to the Cape Cod Fairgrounds on Sat., 8/27 from Noon-6 p.m., 1220 Nathan Ellis Hwy in East Falmouth. Parking on-site.

The festival will feature over 20 of New England's most popular food trucks serving up a variety of fan favorites, including local seafood, gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches, cupcakes, whoopie pies, and more.

For more information visit www.foodtruckfestivalsofamerica.com. For tickets, visit ftfa.eventbrite.com.

The Cape Cod Fairgrounds are located at 1220 Nathan Ellis Highway in East Falmouth. Parking is available on-site.

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Acushnet Road Race

The Acushnet Road Race will be held on Labor Day, September 5, at the Ford Middle School. Acushnet residents fee is \$12.00 or online at \$18.. Register at www.jbrace.com.

Comedy Show

It's the one year Anniversary show! On Tuesday, September 6th at 8pm The Paperback Comedians will perform on stage at 3065 Cranberry Highway, Wareham, MA (Directly across from Benny's)

3065 LIVE's doors open at 7:30pm and Showtime is at 8. Beer and Wine will be served that night. 18+ welcome; 21+ for drinks. Tickets are 10 dollars at the door, 8 dollars if you get them on line at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2592970>

Golf Tourney

The Fairway Golf Tournament sponsored by The Church of The Good Shepherd, will be held on Sat., 9/10, at Little Harbor Country Club, Wareham. Shotgun start at 8 a.m.; \$75 per person or \$280 foursome, includes Golf and Lunch. Raffles and Prizes

Join us as we raise money for the Church of the Good Shepherd's Outreach Ministries that benefit the community.

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Registration Fee: \$150/per golfer. Includes 18 holes with cart/golfer gifts/dinner/awards and more!

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NFIA Car Cruise combines oldies music, cars, dancing



The North Fairhaven Improvement Association sponsored a car show and free concert on Sunday, 8/21, in Benoit Square. Music by Eddie & the Exciters, dancing in the street, food, and plenty of old cars to check out brought the neighborhood out in force. Major sponsor of the event was Southern Mass Credit Union.

TOP LEFT & LEFT: Cars and people fill Benoit Square for a car show and free music on Sunday, 8/21. Photos courtesy of Ted Silva.
BOTTOM LEFT: Old cars line Adams Street at Benoit Square for the car show. Photo by Pattie Pacella.

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Two messages in bottles end up in Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven's shores gave up two fun tidbits in recent weeks. At the end of June, Jane Brayton of Wilbur Point found a message in a bottle from a seven-year-old Pennsylvania girl. And last week, Harbormaster Tim Cox found a note in a bottle that presumably had been tossed into the Atlantic in 2013.



ABOVE: The message in a bottle kit that 7-year-old Jocelyn used to send her message. TOP RIGHT: Jim and Jocelyn on the Cliff Walk in Newport, RI, where they tossed the bottle into the ocean. Photos courtesy of Katie West. RIGHT BOTTOM: Another note in a bottle, this one found by Harbormaster Tim Cox last week. Unfortunately, that one had no contact info in it. Photo by Beth David.

Ms. Brayton found her bottle on the beach at Wilbur Point and called the phone number inside. The message said that whoever found the message would have good luck.

"This is from a girl and a mother," wrote Jocelyn.

Jane said that she and Jocelyn and her mother Katie West had a fun conversation about all kinds of things when they connected by phone.

Jocelyn told the *Neighb News* that a family friend had given her the note, the bottle, and a chart, a veritable message-in-a-bottle kit. She said they talked about currents and threw the bottle from "The top of a hill."

Turns out that hill was part of the Cliff Walk in Newport, RI, where Jocelyn and her mother were visiting their friend Jim, who gave them the kit some time before.

"I told a lot of people about it," said Jocelyn, who recommended that others try it, too. "Because it was really fun."

She said that after she threw the bottle in the water, she looked around to see if it had come back, but, she never spotted it again.



neat gift, and the fact that it came back is amazing," said Ms. West. "It uplifted a lot of people around here, too. I'm just tickled by it."

After receiving the call from Fairhaven, Ms. West posted it on Facebook: "The best part was, she (Ms. Brayton) was as excited as we were. It is the little things I suppose! :)"

When Jocelyn gets back to school, this week, her what-did-you-do-on-vacation essay (do they still do that?) will definitely include the bottle.

"It's going to be one of my stories," said Jocelyn with certainty.

Mr. Cox's find, however neat it may be, did not include any contact information, unfortunately. The note in the bottle simply said "Block Island 2013," inside a Polar Root Beer bottle.

Mr. Cox said he will keep it on his desk as a good luck charm/paper weight. ●●●



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About a month later, Ms. Brayton found it and made the call.

"Thank you so much for doing it," Ms. Brayton told Jocelyn. "It was a such a fun thing to do."

"It was the nicest surprise," said Ms. West, Jocelyn's mother. "It just made our summer."

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- Dahs of garlic salt
- Dash of black pepper
- 3/4 tsp lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 lbs bay scallops
- 1 1/2 cup bread crumbs
- 3 tbsp melted butter

Melt butter and mix with herbs and spices. In a shallow buttered pan, put scallops on bottom. Top with herbed butter, then bread crumbs.

Pour second melted butter over all.

Bake in preheated 350° oven for 5 minutes or until done.

By Lisa Davis

Some cause happiness
wherever they go;
others whenever
they go.

Oscar Wilde

Primary is Thursday, September 8

The primary election will be held on Thursday, 9/8, in Massachusetts. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters will be asked to choose a particular party's ballot and vote for candidates for Representative in Congress, Councillor, State Senator and State Representative, Sheriff, County Commissioner and District Attorney.

The only contested election is for Representative in Congress on the Republican ballot between Mark Alliegro and Thomas Joseph O'Malley in the Ninth District, which includes Fairhaven. That is the seat currently held by Democrat William Keating. Rep. Keating has no challenger.

Also on the Republican ballot is Sheriff Thomas Hodgson, who is running unopposed.

There are no other names on the Republican Ballot.

The Democratic ballot has a full

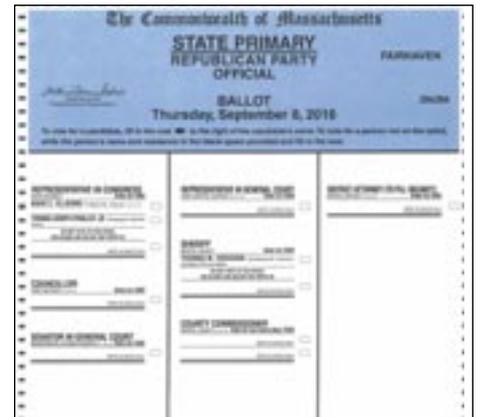
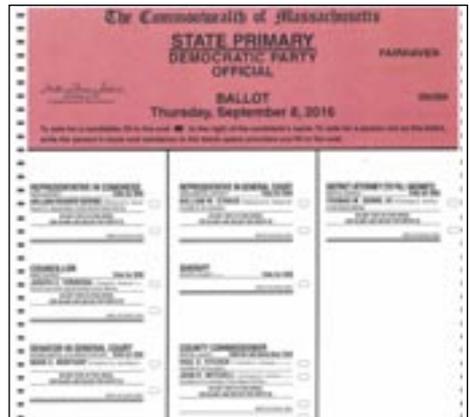
roster of names, except for Sheriff, which is blank.

In addition to Rep., Keating, the Democratic Ballot includes: Joseph Ferreira for Councillor, Mark Montigney for State Senator, William Straus for State Representative, Paul Kitchen and John Mitchell for Countu Comissioner (two seats available), and District Attorney Thomas Quinn running to fill the remainder of the term he was appointed to fill after Sam Sutter resigned to become mayor of Fall River in 2015.

Both the Green-Rainbow Party and the United Independent Party have ballots, but neither ballot has any names on it. Do not confuse the UI Party with being unenrolled

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The general election, which will include the presidential race, will be held on Tuesday, November 8.



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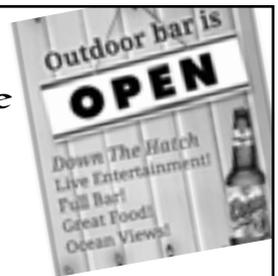
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Acushnet Selectboard chooses interim Town Administrator

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard started their 8/22 meeting at 3:15. Although Selectboard members could be heard talking upstairs at the time the meeting was supposed to start, 3:00 p.m., they did not walk down to the meeting room until 3:15.

Selectboard chairperson Garry Rawcliffe announced that a screening committee of himself, Selectboard Administrative Assistant Lisa Leonard, and Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher interviewed two individuals for an interim Town Manager position.

He said that although both candidates looked very good, they had voted for Kevin Paicos.

Mr. Rawcliffe then asked for a motion to go into executive session to choose the interim town manager, which was granted.

The Selectboard came back into the room after approximately 10 minutes and Mr. Rawcliffe announced that they had all agreed to hire Kevin Paicos, an Easton municipality employee with over 40 years experience

Mr. Rawcliffe stated that Mr. Paicos only does interim work; he is retired and collecting a pension, so he will be with the town two days a week for free until the end of year or when a permanent town manager is hired.

Mr. Rawcliffe stated that the permanent town manager position is

still being screened and it would be 60 to 90 days before someone could start because that person would have to give sufficient notice.

In another matter, the board announced that Highway Department Superintendent Dan Menard would be also taking the position of Water & Sewer Superintendent .

Selectboard member Mike Cioper said that with this position and the division of some new responsibilities to the clerical position in the office, the changes would save the town more than \$44,000 in salaries.

The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 8/30, at 5 p.m., which is prior to the Special Town Meeting the same night.

Acushnet Fire Department looking for a few good people

The Acushnet Fire Department is conducting its first-ever recruitment drive for paid-on-call firefighters. Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher said that the department is hoping to send four-six people to the academy.

The Department expects to be losing six "seasoned" firefighters as they age out of the job in the next six-eight years.

"So, we're looking to build up the ranks," said the chief, so they have a seasoned group to choose from. "Full time firefighters have historically come from the ranks of call firefighters, myself included."

The town will accept applications until September 12.

He said they have been getting a lot of response from people all around the region. Applicants do not have to live in Acushnet, but they do need to be close by

"Keep in mind that the whole goal is to have someone respond in a safe, effective manner to fire emergencies in Acushnet," said Chief Gallagher.

Call firefighters augment the full

time ranks. When there is a fire or other emergency, Call Firefighters are paged and respond to the scene in their own vehicles.

The town's website, <http://www.acushnet.ma.us/fire-fighter-recruitment>, includes detailed information on how to apply to become a paid-on-call firefighter, including an application.

According to the online information, applications must be at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma or equivalent, have a valid driver's license and be able to pass a criminal background check.

In addition to being physically fit and able to perform strenuous work "under adverse conditions," applicants must successfully complete the Mass. Fire Academy Call/Volunteer Firefighter Training Program.

Call Firefighters must be able to respond to calls with a five minute travel time to the fire station.

Responsibilities of the position include attending regular training sessions and driving and operating

emergency equipment.

The department is holding a Call Firefighter Recruitment Open House on Saturday, August 27, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Acushnet Fire Station #1, 27 Russell St., in the center of town.

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Animal Shelter holds open house

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Animal Shelter held an open house on Saturday, complete with animals up for adoption, pet supply vendors, and pony rides.

Fairhaven Animal Control Office Kelly Massey said she was very happy with the turnout.

"It's just to bring awareness to us, and to locally owned businesses," said Ms. Massey. "Just a family day."

Ten-year-old Kalib took advantage of the opportunity to take a pony ride, on 15-year-old Buck, owned by Annie Hill Farm in Fairhaven.

Kalib said it was not his first time on a horse, and he recommended that people take advantage of it if they have a chance.

"Because I think it's fun," he said.

Eva and Jess Washko, both volunteer at the shelter, and said they were there to help out, just like they do when they volunteer.

"I play with the animals," said Eva.

"And help out with people that come in and need to look at the animals, and help clean the cages and put dogs in the yard."

She and her brother Jess both get to play with kittens and dogs, helping to socialize them so they can be successfully adopted.

"I like the dogs a lot more," said Jess.

Inside the building, people milled around looking at dogs, cats and rabbits. Outside, local vendors sold pet related items, food and other items. A raffle table and silent auction table included pet needs, a wine basket, games, hats and shirts.

Money from the event will go into the shelter's gift account to be used for operation of the shelter.

The wish list includes non-clumping cat litter, wet/dry kitten food, bleach, paper plates, paper towels and disinfecting wipes.

To learn more about the Fairhaven Animal Shelter, which is located at 200 Bridge Street, call 508-979-4028, or find them on Facebook.



Darlene Silva of Annie Hill Farm in Fairhaven gives Kalib a ride on Buck at the Fairhaven Animal Shelter open house on Saturday, 8/20. Photo by Beth David.



The Fairhaven Animal Shelter held an open house on Saturday, 8/20, to showcase animals like this little kitten (LEFT), which is not quite ready to be adopted, and this black cat (RIGHT) who is ready to go to a nice home. BELOW LEFT: Oliver, a 7 1/12 year old Yorkshire Terrier looks out at all the commotion at the shelter during the open house. BELOW RIGHT: Rhonda, a Chihuahua mix looks right at the camera during the shelter open house. Photos by Beth David.



Pedal 'n Putt raises money for Fairhaven Bikeway Committee

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Bikeway Committee is on a mission to get as many people as possible using bicycles. To make that practical, committee members have been working hard to get bike racks set up all around town. Last year, the committee got a SRPEDD (Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District) grant for 14 bike racks.

The racks were installed in public locations around town, such as the Recreation/Senior Center building, the bike path and playgrounds. The grant paid for the racks, but the committee had to pay for the \$350 in shipping. Total cost was \$2,865

Organizer Mat Coes said that the committee also received a little more grant money than anticipated because some towns opted out.

"I've found that's one of the big reasons to have a group like ours — to jump on opportunities when they come," he said in an email.

In addition to fund-raisers, the committee has held awareness and family biking events.

The latest event was on Sunday at Cap'n Barnicles Mini Golf in Fairhaven for some miniature golf, balloons, free ice cream and coloring.

The event drew people on bicycles, to Cap'n Barnicles, which is along the bike path on David Drown Boulevard, with bikers filling up the "VIP" bicycle area. Which is just what Mr. Coes was hoping for.

"I was stressing," he said. "I didn't know what to expect. I am completely satisfied."

He said that "plenty of people" he knew showed up, but he was equally delighted that a "whole bunch of people" he did not know rode in, too.

The Richards family, Jennifer, Andrew, Isaac, Case and Mae, joined in the event to support the Bikeway Committee and to get a little family fun time in on a Sunday evening.

Andrew, the dad of the crew, said he bikes with the kids along the bike path. They especially like the new Shaw Trail in East Fairhaven, which goes down to the water.

"It's amazing," said Mr. Richards.

He said his son Isaac can make it all the way to the end in Mattapoisett and back again.

"It would be nice to see Mattapoisett extend it out," he said.

Wood School principal Amy Hartley-Matteson was there with her whole gang, husband Jesse, and children Sam, Dylan, Sadie and Charlie. The Wood School was recognized in June by the state's "Safe Routes to School Program" for its bike bus, which escorts students to the school along the bike path.

She said they were there to support the Bikeway Committee and

biking in general.

Mr. Coes said the final result of Sunday's fund-raiser should top \$900 after some promised donations come in.

"My goal was \$500," said Mr. Coes in an email. "I call it a success!"

He said they donated the extra ice cream to the Senior Center.

"I love that it turned into a hang-out, community thing," wrote Mr. Coes. "We advertised and hoped that lots of folks would ride their bikes —and it worked! Though the VIP bike parking wasn't luxurious, it was full, and that's my aim with this whole bike committee thing. More people on bikes."

The committee's two-pronged push in the coming months will be bike racks at businesses and the Safe Routes to School program in all the schools.

Main sponsors of the event were Charlene Conway of Cap'n Barnacle's, and Tim Pedersen of Synergy Physical Therapy who donated the ice cream.

For more information on the Bikeway Committee, visit fairhavenbikeway.org



TOP: Mae Richards plans her shot at the Pedal 'n Putt fund-raiser on Sunday in Fairhaven. ABOVE LEFT: Jennifer Richards takes a shot while holding an umbrella over Case to protect him from the sun. ABOVE MIDDLE: Nick and Nathan Oliveira smile for the camera. ABOVE RIGHT: The Hartley-Matteson Family. Sadie in front and L-R: Jesse, Sam, Dylan, Amy and Charlie, after playing a round of miniature golf. Photos by Beth David.

“Encouraging pause” in nitrogen pollution in Buzzards Bay

Buzzards Bay’s health receives overall score of 45 out of 100

Press Release

Harmful nitrogen pollution in Buzzards Bay did not get worse in 2015 for the first time in over a decade, reflecting an encouraging pause in the decline of the health of local harbors, coves and tidal rivers across the South Coast and Cape Cod’s western shore, according to the Buzzards Bay Coalition’s latest State of Buzzards Bay report.

After falling at a dramatic rate of three points every four years since 2003 — when the Coalition released its first State of Buzzards Bay report — the score for nitrogen pollution score levelled off in 2015.

“Since 2003, we have documented troubling trends in the health of Buzzards Bay. No factor has continued to suppress Bay health and restoration efforts more than nitrogen pollution,” said Buzzards Bay Coalition President Mark Rasmussen. “But local efforts to clean up nitrogen pollution from septic systems and sewer plants, as well as to prevent new sources of pollution, may be beginning to stop these declines.”

Nitrogen pollution is the biggest threat facing the health of Buzzards Bay. Data collected through the Coalition’s Baywatchers monitoring program show that more than half of the Bay’s harbors, coves, and tidal rivers suffer from nitrogen pollution — from West Falmouth Harbor all the way to the Westport River. When water is polluted with nitrogen, it becomes cloudy and murky with algae, and fish, shellfish and eelgrass begin to disappear.

The State of Buzzards Bay uses nine different indicators to track the health of Buzzards Bay. These

indicators are grouped into three categories: Pollution, Watershed Health, and Living Resources. Overall, Buzzards Bay received a score of 45 out of 100.

Pollution (Nitrogen, Bacteria, Toxins): All three pollution indicators remained steady in the 2015 State of the Bay. Towns across the South Coast and Cape Cod are taking steps to reduce nitrogen pollution, and those actions are working to stop the Bay’s decline. However, the bacteria and toxins scores have stagnated after steady improvement in past reports.

Watershed Health (Wetlands, Forests, Stream Buffers): Across the region, proactive land conservation and permitting at the local level led to another year of stability in the scores for wetlands, forests and stream buffers. These important habitats filter out nitrogen pollution and protect clean water in Buzzards Bay.

Living Resources (Eelgrass, Bay Scallops, River Herring): Overall, the score for eelgrass did not change in 2015, reflecting the reductions in nitrogen pollution, which impacts this underwater habitat. Bay scallops and river herring populations remain dangerously low in Buzzards Bay after stunning declines over the last several decades.

“While we celebrate the pause in Bay decline documented in this report, more work lies ahead to reclaim the Buzzards Bay of our parents’ childhoods — a Bay of sparkling, clear water and abundant fish and shellfish,” said Rasmussen. “The formula for pulling the Bay out of the hole we created is clear: continued vigilance to protect our most critical forests, wetlands and

stream buffers, and bold action to clean up nitrogen pollution from septic systems.”

To create the State of the Bay report, the Buzzards Bay Coalition collaborates with scientists and land use experts to examine the best-available current and historical data. Every four years, the Coalition assesses these same nine indicators as a consistent method for tracking progress and pollution over time.

To learn more and download the report, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/about-us/publications/state-of-buzzards-bay/

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FHS 1981-82 track team was the best in history

By Steve Bender

There is so much to be said about the Fairhaven High School 1981-1982 Boys Winter/Indoor Track Team. That team was the best team in FHS Track and Field history. It is not an opinion but a documented fact backed up by race results kept from the 81-82 year.

The team competed in the Central Division of the Southeastern Mass. Athletic Conference. They went undefeated in the league and non league play (including a "w" over perennial powerhouse Dartmouth).

The team also scored 114 points in the Conference meet. That 114 points remains an FHS team record for both winter/indoor and spring track. The closest opponent in the conference meet was Durfee who scored 84 points. To say the least, it can be termed "domination."

That team included a special group of athletes who competed in the high jump. That group swept every dual meet. Swept means taking first, second and third which translates to 9-0 points scored in that event.

The Standard Times called that group "Sky Five" and "Fairhaven Airborne." In reflection it was truly a great accomplishment.

Shown here is a photo of Sky 5. All were seniors except Gary Hamel. They were coached by Henry Cebula and later Dave Medeiros. Cebula provided a little motivational phrase used on occasion (JYAO: Jump Your @\$\$ Off). This should bring a smile to any of those members.

The dual meet scores were:

Fairhaven 59 Dartmouth 27, 1-4-81;
Fairhaven 70 Diman Voke 16, 1-11-82;
Fairhaven 70 Bishop Stang 16, 1-18-82;
Fairhaven 47 NB Voc-Tech 39, 1-22-82;
Fairhaven 59 Durfee 27, 2-1-82 ;
Fairhaven 52 Somerset 34, 2-4-82

The Central Division Conference Meet held on 2-13-82 Results: Fairhaven 114, Durfee 81, Somerset 77, Diman Voke 18, Stang 17.

Just to mention a few members of that team: Mark Cabral (Shot Put 51-3) Mike Morgan (2 mile, 9:43.6), Paul Guillotte, Doug Brown, David Mello, Steve Guillotte, Peter Duval, Gary Rose, and of course "The Sky 5."

The girls program, along with many other schools, was just beginning in 1981. They did not have a full team, but they did compete. ●●●



The "Sky Five" of the 1981-82 boys track team at Fairhaven High School still holds the meet record. L-R: Art Leonard (6-0), Casille Fonseca (5-8), Gary Hamel (6-2), Jimmy Martin (5-10) and Jay Viera (6-0). Submitted photo.

Public Hearings/ Legal Notices

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, September 8, 2016, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the Draft 2017 Community Preservation Plan. Copies of the Plan are available at the Planning & Economic Development Department Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F or on the Town website at: http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/FairhavenMA_CPC/index. To request a copy of the Plan, call (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9 or email: cpc@fairhaven-ma.gov.

Jeff Lucas, Chairman,
Community Preservation Committee

Board of Appeals

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

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Petitioner: Eric Trudeau, RE: 49 Narragansett

Boulevard, Plot 30A, Lot 257-271; Book 100 and Page 4. 198-16 Livestock raising under 5 acres requires Special Permit — Chickens.

2. Petitioner: Denise DeCosta, RE: 1 Welcome Street, Plot 31B, Lot 266; Book 1855 and Page 921. 198-16: Animal Kennel or Hospital not allowed in an RA District.
3. Petitioner: Shawn Nocon, RE: 35 Middle Street, Plot 9, Lot 72; Book 3744 and Page 198. 198-23 Special Permit required for a Home Occupation as a painting contractor.
4. Petitioner: Wayne & Debra St. Pierre, RE: 30 Green Street, Plot 3, Lot 17; Book 1927 and Page 725. 198-18: Short 17' of required 20' front setback within an RA District.
5. Petitioner: Jay Simmons, RE: 14 Oxford Street, Plot 13, Lot 3; Book 10900 and Page 157. 198-22 A-1: Accessory Structures over 2,180 sq. ft. of allowed 700 sq. ft.
6. Petitioner: V-Corp, LLC, RE: Charity Stevens Lane, Plot 40, Lot 14; Book 1189 and Page 260. 198-28-G Special Permit required for construction of a single-family home within the Nasketucket River Basin.
7. Petitioner: Oliveira Investment, Inc., RE: 35 Welcome Street, Plot 31B, Lot 14; Book 8902 and Page 169. 198-28-G: Special Permit required for construction of single-family home within the Nasketucket River Basin.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman

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- 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.

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

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

Board of Public Works

Mon., 8/29, Arsene St., 6:00 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 9/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Marine Resources

Thurs., 9/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 9/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 9/14, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 8/29, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Housing Authority

Wed., 8/31, Gomes Comm. Ctr., 9 a.

Selectboard

Tues., 8/30, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Special Town Meeting

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

Old Colony Sch Dist. Comm

Wed., 8/31, ORR Library, 6 p.m.

VOTER REGISTRATION D/L

Last day to register to vote in the September primary is Tues., 8/30.

See the town clerk.

TIDE TABLE

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

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Tuesday	30	0705	1925	0150	1356
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Saturday	3	0953	2212	0318	1532
Sunday	4	1033	2252	0341	1601
Monday	5	1114	2335	0410	1633
Tuesday	6	1159	----	0442	1707
Wednesday	7	0022	1249	0518	1748
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Friday	9	0208	1434	0654	1946
Saturday	10	0300	1527	0800	2050

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Future “Lord Fairhaven” visits namesake town

By Beth David
Editor

You may not know it, but Fairhaven’s connection to Jolly Old England is still quite strong. There is even a peerage, a barony, to be exact, that is named after our little burg. And, it is probably no surprise to you that it all goes back to Henry Huttleston Rogers.

HHR’s daughter, Cara Leland Rogers, married Urban Hanlon Broughton and they lived in England.

Mr. Broughton became a member of Parliament, but died before he could “be raised to peerage.”

The title then went to his and Cara’s son, Urban Huttleston Rogers Broughton. He was the “1st Baron Fairhaven, of Anglessey Abbey.” When he died “without male issue,” his brother, Henry Rogers Broughton, became the 2nd Baron Fairhaven.

And this week, a direct descendant who is in line to become “Lord Fairhaven” one day, visited Fairhaven and toured the famous buildings of his grandfather great grandfather, HHR.

Did you get all that?

Our visitor, George Broughton, puts it simply: “My grandfather is Lord Fairhaven of Anglesey Abbey. He is the great grandson of Henry Rogers.”

It’s easier than trying to count out all those “great-greats.”

Young Mr. Broughton took a nine-week bicycle tour of the northern United States with Cycle America, raising money for a children’s hospice in England. The ride started in Seattle and ended in Boston.

Mr. Broughton then made his way to Fairhaven to see the place that his family’s title is named for.

It is, according to family members, the only English title that is named after an American town.

The 19-year-old Mr. Broughton, who is studying at the University of

Edinburgh, said he was looking for a challenge and to raise money for the East Anglia’s Children’s Hospice. He enjoys cycling and saw it as an opportunity to see America.

He camped out and slept on floors for his first trip to the States.

“You see such a diverse range of things,” said Mr. Broughton. “The people, landscape, and culture change drastically.”

He said traveling by bicycle is slow, and “allows you to appreciate it.”

“Biking, I find, is the very best way to tour,” said avid cyclist and Selectboard member Bob Espindola at a lunch on Monday that included Mr. Broughton’s mother Sarah, his godmother Frances Stanley, Fairhaven High School Alumnus and tour master Bob Foster, and Millicent Library Director Carolyn Longworth.

“In a car you can’t see every little thing,” said Mr. Espindola.

Mr. Broughton agreed, although his Fairhaven tour was even slower: On foot. That morning he saw the Unitarian church, the town hall, the library and Fort Phoenix, which was a gift from Cara Broughton, aka “Lady Fairhaven,” his great-great (great?) grandmother.

Mr. Broughton said he had a “rough idea” about the HHR buildings, but...

“You can’t beat seeing it,” he said.

“It is incredible what [HHR] has done,” said Ms. Stanley.

They all said that the Unitarian church reminded them of the countryside in the United Kingdom.

“The amount of care and detail he put into it is amazing,” said Ms. Stanley.

“It has been amazing,” agreed Mr. Broughton. “To see what he did for the town. It’s living proof of his generosity.”



ABOVE, L-R: Fairhaven Selectboard member Bob Espindola, Fairhaven High School Alumnus Bob Foster, Millicent Library Director Carolyn Longworth, Sarah Broughton, George Broughton, Frances Stanley at the Pasta House for lunch on the occasion of Mr. Broughton’s first visit to Fairhaven. He is in line to become “Lord Fairhaven,” and is a direct descendant of Henry Huttleston Rogers. BELOW LEFT: Mr. Broughton listens intently as Mr. Foster explains a detail of the FHS building as they get ready to tour the building, which was a gift from HHR. BELOW RIGHT, L-R: Ms. Broughton and Ms. Stanley read the documented that gifted the FHS building and grounds to the town. Photos by Beth David.

As for the cross country trip, Mr. Broughton said he did have an idea of what he would see.

“I kind of knew it. But knowing is not the same as experiencing it first hand,” he said. “It’s such a large country, it can change so dramatically.”

After lunch, the group toured the high school.

“It’s quite amazing,” said Ms. Stanley standing outside. “It’s Disneyland.”

To learn more about the peerage of Lord Fairhaven, visit <http://thepeerage.com/p23399.htm>

To read Mr. Broughton’s blog about his cross country trip, visit <https://georgebroughton.wordpress.com>

To learn more about Cycle America, visit <https://www.cycleamerica.com>

To learn more about the gifts of HHR, visit <http://fairhaventours.com/henry-h-rogers/>

To read coverage of Mr. Broughton’s trip by his local newspaper, visit www.buryfreepress.co.uk/news/local/latest-news/bury-st-edmunds-teen-prepares-for-usa-coast-to-coast-ride-in-aid-of-children-s-hospice-1-7430051



134 acres protected near drinking water

Press Release

Residents of Mattapoisett, Marion, and Fairhaven may not be thinking about forests and wetlands when they pour a glass of water from their kitchen tap. However, most of the work to keep their drinking water clean and healthy is done by the natural forests and wetlands of the Mattapoisett River Valley.

To protect that valuable resource the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the three towns last month permanently protected 134 acres of forests and wetlands in the valley. This is in addition to over 1000 acres of land that has been protected in the valley over the last fifteen years.

This current project was the result of a partnership between the Coalition, the Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee, and the towns of Mattapoisett, Marion, and Fairhaven.

While the land is located in the town of Mattapoisett, it serves as the drinking water source for all three towns.

The 134 acres of land includes two clusters: One area along and north of

Tinkham pond and another along the Mattapoisett River. The land was acquired for conservation from Howard Tinkham, who, by his estimate, is the seventh generation of the Tinkham family to own this land.

At one time, he says, there were so many Tinkhams in this area that it's now called "Tinkhamtown" on local maps.

In addition to protecting drinking water resources for the towns, protecting this land also benefits local wildlife and will provide passive recreation opportunities such as hiking, walking and birdwatching.

The majority of the protected land will be owned by the town of Mattapoisett with the Coalition and the towns of Fairhaven and Marion co-holding a conservation restriction to add an additional layer of protection. The Coalition will own two small parcels to provide public access for passive recreation. The project was made possible with funding from the Commonwealth's Drinking Water Supply Protection program as well as the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the Buzzards Bay



Tinkham Pond is now permanently protected as part of a 134-acre conservation project. *Photo by Buzzards Bay Coalition.*

National Estuary Program and from community preservation funds allocated by all three towns.

"The communities of Mattapoisett, Marion and Fairhaven are showing great vision in protecting their drinking water by conserving the natural areas of the Mattapoisett River Valley," says Coalition Vice President of Watershed Protection Brendan Annett. "Their investment today to protect the remaining undeveloped land will pay dividends for many years to come."



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F-1 HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

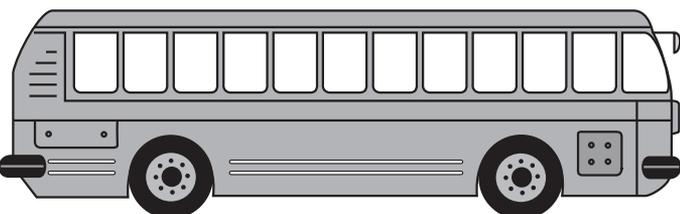
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 6:59.....Fisherman Road and Cottonwood St
 7:02.....Cottonwood St and Causeway Road
 7:06.....514 Sconticut Neck Road
 7:09.....Grandview Ave. and Sconticut Nk Rd
 7:12.....Sconticut Neck Rd. and Capeview St
 7:14.....Wigwam Beach Rd & Sconticut Nk Rd
 7:16.....Wayne Street and Sconticut Neck Rd
 7:18.....Day Street and Sconticut Neck Road
 7:20.....Timothy Street and Sconticut Neck Rd

F-2 HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

7:00.....New Boston Road & Alexander Lane
 7:02.....New Boston Rd & Charity Stevens Ln
 7:06.....New Boston Road and Bridge Street
 7:10.....Mill Road and Shady Drive
 7:12.....Mill Road and Hidden Drive
 7:13.....Mill Road and Bridge Street
 7:15.....Mill Road and Meadow Street
 7:18.....Mill Road and Eddy Street

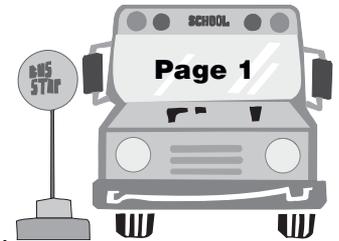
F-3 HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

6:55.....Hathaway St and Sconticut Neck Rd
 6:58.....Sconticut Neck Road and Bonney St
 7:02.....Sconticut Neck Road and Smith St
 7:05.....Sconticut Neck Rd & Sunset Beach Rd
 7:08.....Sconticut Neck Road & Briarcliffe Rd
 7:10.....Sconticut Nk Rd & Winsegansett Ave
 7:11.....Sconticut Neck Road & Nobska Ave
 7:14.....Sconticut Neck Rd & Goulart Mem Dr
 7:19.....Boston Hill Road and Rosanne Drive
 7:22.....Staffon Road and Long Road



F-4 HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

7:05.....Gellete Road and Judson Drive
 7:08.....Shaw Road and Stoney Cove Terrace
 7:10.....Shaw Road and Forestview Drive
 7:12.....Route 6 and Shaw Road
 7:13.....Route 6 and Sylvia Street
 7:14.....Route 6 and Jeannette Street
 7:16.....Route 6 and Nasketucket Way
 7:18.....Route 6 and Ocean Meadows



F-5 HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

7:10.....Alden Road and Tootle Lane
 7:12.....Alden Road and Deerfield Lane
 7:14.....Alden Road and Faith Avenue
 7:16.....Alden Road and Oliver Street
 7:17.....Oliver Street and Oliver Street
 7:20.....Alden Road and Sharon Street

F-6 HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

7:11.....Huttleston Avenue and Arsene Street
 7:14.....Weeden Road and Babbit Street
 7:15.....Weeden Road and Mark Drive
 7:17.....Babbit Street and Studley Street
 7:19.....Hill Street and Brook Drive
 7:22.....Route 6 and Gellette Road

F-7 HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

7:15.....Narragansett Blvd & Elmwood Ave
 7:20.....Sconticut Neck Road and Jameson St
 7:22.....Sconticut Neck Road & Manhattan Ave

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F-1 WOOD SCHOOL

8:10.....Fisherman Road and Cottonwood St
 8:12.....Cottonwood St & Goulart Mem Drive
 8:14.....Ocean Avenue and Sconticut Neck Rd
 8:16.....Capeview Street & Sconticut Neck Rd
 8:18.....Wigwam Beach Rd & Sconticut Nk Rd
 8:22.....Delmont Street & Sconticut Neck Rd
 8:24.....Day Street and Sconticut Neck Road

F-3 WOOD SCHOOL

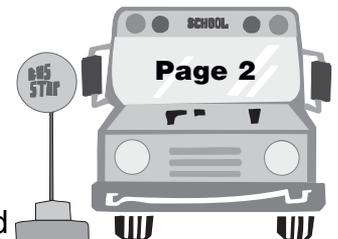
8:08.....Boston Hill Road and Roseanne Drive
 8:10.....Alden Road and Long Road
 8:13.....Shirley Street and Lincoln Drive
 8:14.....Hathaway Street & Sconticut Neck Rd
 8:16.....Bonney Street and Sconticut Neck Rd
 8:18.....Sconticut Neck Road and Smith St
 8:19.....Sconticut Neck Road and Briarcliff Rd
 8:20.....Sconticut Neck Rd & Sunset Beach Rd
 8:22.....Sconticut Nk Rd & Winsegansett Ave
 8:24.....Sconticut Neck Road & Starboard Dr
 8:26.....Sconticut Neck Road and Island View

F-6 WOOD SCHOOL

8:06.....Adams Street and School Street
 8:08.....Adams Street and Hemlock Street
 8:11.....Century Drive and Kacy Lane
 8:13.....Main Street and Hedge Street
 8:14.....Main Street and Taber Street
 8:16.....Bridge Street and Park Avenue
 8:17.....Bridge Street and Mulberry Street
 8:18.....Bridge Street and Homestead Avenue
 8:19.....Bridge Street and Rogers Street
 8:20.....Bridge Street and Roy Street

F-7 WOOD SCHOOL

8:18.....Linden Avenue
 and Francis St
 8:20.....Linden Avenue
 and Castle Ave
 8:23.....North Street and
 Castle Avenue



F-8 WOOD SCHOOL

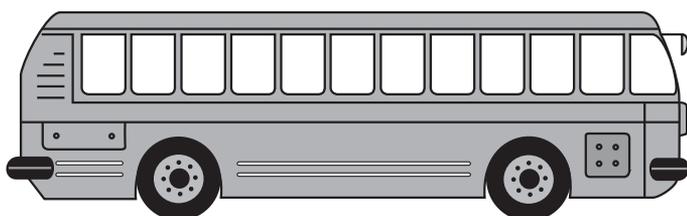
8:15.....South Street and Rogers School
 8:20.....Green Street and Cedar Street
 8:22.....Green Street and Farmfield Street
 8:25.....Farmfield Street and Pleasant Street

F-9 WOOD SCHOOL

8:11.....Washington Street and Elizabeth St
 8:12.....Washington Street and Bryant Lane
 8:13.....Washington Street and McGann Terr
 8:14.....Washington Street and Adams Street
 8:15.....Washington Street and Chestnut St
 8:18.....Main Street and Spring Street
 8:20.....Spring Street and Terry Street
 8:22.....Spring Street and Rochambeau Street

F-2 EAST FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL

7:55.....Naragansett Street and Elmwood
 Avenue
 7:57.....Huttleston Avenue and Arsene Street
 8:00.....Route 6 and Grinnel Street
 8:02.....Route 6 and Bates Street
 8:06.....Mill Road and Eddy Street
 8:08.....Mill Road and Meadow Lane
 8:10.....Mill Road and Bridge Street
 8:12.....Mill Road and Shady Drive
 8:14.....Mill Road and Antone Drive
 8:16.....Mill Road and Hidden Drive
 8:19.....Bridge Street and New Boston Road
 8:22.....New Boston Road and Charity
 Stevens Lane
 8:24.....New Boston Road



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FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2016-2017 BUS ROUTES

F-4: EAST FAIRHAVEN

SCHOOL

- 7:46.....Gellette Road and Judson Drive
- 7:48.....Shaw Road and Berkley Drive
- 7:50.....Shaw Road and Stoney Cove Terrace
- 7:52.....Shaw Road and Fruit Street
- 7:56.....Shaw Road and Forestview Drive
- 8:00.....Shaw Road and Route 6
- 8:06.....Route 6 and Perry Street
- 8:09.....Route 6 and Jeannette Street
- 8:12.....Route 6 and Akin Street
- 8:16.....Route 6 and Ocean Meadows
- 8:19.....Weeden Road and Dartmouth Street
- 8:22.....Shawmut Street and Weeden Place
- 8:24.....Shawmut Street and Mark Drive
- 8:25.....Mark Drive and Weeden Road

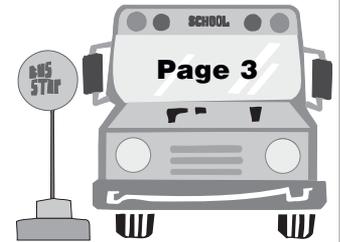
F-5: EAST FAIRHAVEN

SCHOOL

- 7:56.....Alden Road and Nicholas Street
- 7:59.....Alden Road and Jesse Street
- 8:02.....Alden Road and Deerfield Lane
- 8:06.....Harding Road and Saratoga Street
- 8:09.....Harding Road and Sycamore Street
- 8:12.....Sycamore Street and Magnolia Avenue
- 8:15.....Sycamore Street and Winsor Street
- 8:19.....Howland Road and Oak Street
- 8:22.....Howland Road and Garrison Street

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- 8:30.....Huttleston Avenue and Weeden Road
- 8:32.....Babbitt Street and Studley Street
- 8:33.....Hill Street and Brook Drive



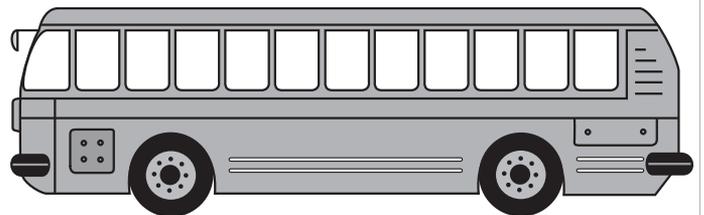
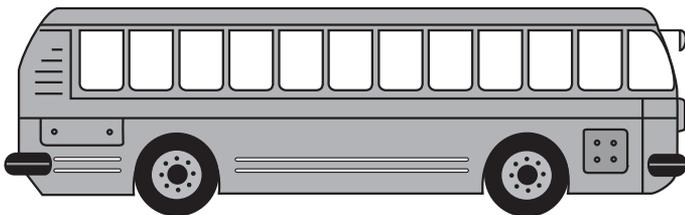
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- 8:16.....Main Street and Alpine Avenue
- 8:17.....Main Street and Deane Street
- 8:19.....Main Street and Wilding Street
- 8:21.....Brown Street and Houle Street
- 8:23.....Howland Road and Hopkins Street

F-11

- 8:16.....Alden Road and Glenhaven Avenue
- 8:19.....Oliver Street and Mina
- 8:21.....Oliver Street and Oliver Street
- 8:22.....Oliver Street and Rivard Street
- 8:25.....Alden Road and Manuel Street

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Fairhaven firefighter graduates from academy

Press Release

State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey and Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Deputy Director Joseph Klucznik announced the graduation of the 247th class of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's fifty-day Career Recruit Firefighter Training Program on August 22, 2016.

Among the graduates was Fairhaven Firefighter/Paramedic Nathan Rebello who is assigned to the day shift after graduation.

"This rigorous professional training provides our newest firefighters with the basic skills to perform their jobs effectively and safely," said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey.

The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy (MFA), a division of the Department of Fire Services, offers this program tuition-free. The ceremony took place at the Department of Fire Services in Stow, MA.

The 29 graduates, all men, represent the 16 fire departments of: Amesbury, Arlington, Chicopee, Fairhaven, Gardner, Gloucester, Haverhill, Lexington, Littleton, Lynnfield, Orange, Seekonk, Sudbury, Walpole, Watertown and Yarmouth.

The guest speaker was Yarmouth Fire Chief Philip Simonian who began his career as an auxiliary firefighter with the Yarmouth Fire Department the day he turned 16.

After high school, he became a call firefighter, then a full-time firefighter and rose through the ranks to chief three years ago. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Fire Science & Fire

Investigations from the University of New Haven, and a Master's in Public Administration from Anna Maria College.

He spoke to the recruits about the importance of continuing to train throughout their careers and of remaining physically fit to meet the demands of the job, for their own health, and the safety of their colleagues. Referencing the on-going Olympics, he reminded them that firefighting is a "team sport" and they should always bring their "A game" to work.

Today's firefighters do far more than fight fires. They are the first ones called to respond to chemical and environmental emergencies, ranging from the suspected presence of carbon monoxide to a gas leak. They may be called to rescue a child who has fallen through the ice or who has locked himself in a bathroom. They rescue people from stalled elevators and those who are trapped in vehicle crashes. They test and maintain their equipment including self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), hydrants, hoses, power tools, and apparatus.

At the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy they learn all these skills and more from certified fire instructors who are also experienced firefighters. Students learn all the basic skills they need to respond to fires and to contain and control them. They are also given training in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, confined space rescue techniques, and rappelling. The intensive, ten-week

program for municipal firefighters involves classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training, and live firefighting practice.

Starting with Class #247, the Mass. Firefighting Academy's Career Recruit Firefighter Training Class shifted from a nine-week to a 10-week program. Instead of three recruit classes of 24 students every three weeks, we now have two classes of 36 recruits every five weeks. There will still be a total of 72 recruits on the Stow campus all the time. The longer program adds more practical time for recruits, including training in water rescue, power saws, additional live fire training, and more focus on Firefighter I/II practical skills.

Students receive classroom training in all basic firefighter skills. They practice first under non-fire conditions and then during controlled fire conditions.

To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation, and fire attack. Fire attack operations range from mailbox fires to multiple-floor or multiple-room structural fires.

Upon successful completion of the Recruit Program all students have met national standards of National Fire Protection Association 1001 and are certified to the level of Firefighter I and II, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational Level by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, which is accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

USCG says ID your paddle craft

By Petty Officer 3rd Class Nicole J. Groll

Since Memorial Day, the Coast Guard First District command center in Boston has executed about 80 calls involving unmanned and adrift paddle craft cases totaling nearly 200 hours of searching for possible people in the water. This costs money and risks lives.

Local authorities also respond to these cases. For example, the New Bedford Harbormaster is a part of the Buzzards Bay Marine Task Force, one of many local authorities called upon to assist with emergencies on the water. Often, as many as seven agencies will gear up and launch from New Bedford alone.

During a single day, the Coast Guard and local authorities responded to a total of 18 cases where someone was possibly in distress on the water. Eight were unmanned and adrift boats, and there were not any reports of missing people.

Contact information on a paddle craft can help search and rescue responders determine if a true emergency exists and save taxpayers thousands of dollars in unnecessary searches because a single phone call can determine if there is someone in distress or not.

The Coast Guard recommends owners place their name and two contact numbers on their boat or

paddle craft, make sure the correct safety equipment is on board, file a float plan, and wear a life jacket.

It is also important to ensure your paddle crafts are secured. Merely setting a paddle craft on a rack or dock does not mean it is secure. Strong winds can blow a paddle craft into the water, and the owner would never know. This could launch an unnecessary and costly search.

A typical Coast Guard search and rescue case can involve a helicopter and two or more station boats. Those assets together cost more than \$24,000 of tax dollars per hour. That does not include the salary of the crews or the people behind the scenes.



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