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## Meet the Kool Kids



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School vacation week brings out the Kool Kids in force at the Fairhaven Recreation Center. This year, 30 children signed up for four days of games and fun, both indoors and out, during the Kool Kids Vacation program from 2/21 to 2/24. ABOVE: This group of Fairhaven's future is getting ready to play dodgeball on Tuesday, 2/21. See page 13 for more photos. Photo by Beth David.

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*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.*

# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Well, school vacation week is just about over. The kids had no snow, but they probably like it better when it snows on a school day anyway.

I have to admit, I'm loving this little spring-tease we've been getting.

But, at the risk of sounding like a killjoy...does anyone else have the feeling that March is going to be a killer?

Yeah, I thought so. Let's not go there.

We have lots of good stuff in this week's issue. The Planning Board had a marathon meeting (see page 4).

The DA unveiled a new digital forensics lab. That was fun, and kind of cool to see the gadgets that can break into other gadgets. See page 6 for that.

Skylla, the young woman who was hit by a car a couple of months ago is healing the way only a true fighter can. Some of her friends have planned a fundraiser for her. See page 7 for details.

The Acushnet Animal Control Officer has some tips for avoiding dog bites. See page 3 for that. She says that it is an unusual year for bites.

The Coast Guard plucked some poor guy out of the cold water off the Cape this week. See page 3 for that. He's one lucky guy, and he was smart to be wearing a life jacket.

I can understand his eagerness, though, to get out there. The temperature was so warm. It's deceiving, though. The water temperature is still only about 37 degrees. Be careful out there.

There's a new book coming out about Joshua Slocum. See page 10 for that. The press release says it will include "new" research details and maps on Poverty Point. That should be interesting to see.

There's other stuff in here, of course. Please thumb through each page and be sure to notice who our advertisers are and tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then...see ya,

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In last week's issue we made a mistake in our article on the Academy Building's proposed renovations. At the end of the article we said that the restroom will be upgraded soon. It is the Historical Commission that will be responsible for that work.

Also, in our happenings section, we made a mistake in the date of the Colonial Club's Tea (see page 5). It is on Sun., 2/26.

We apologize for any confusion our errors may have caused.

## Support the Food Pantry

This bin is in the Walnut Street lobby of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven. Another bin is at Stop & Shop. All food goes to the Shepherd's Pantry, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet (508-763-9289). The pantry has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food due to the worsening economy.



The Pantry spends more than \$5,500 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 120 families each week.

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

# A little common sense goes a long way to avoid animal bites

By Rebekah Tomlinson

## Acushnet Animal Control Officer

Usually this time of year is quiet for animal bites, especially dogs.

I don't know if it is because of the weather and dogs are not getting enough exercise, but I have been receiving bite reports from area hospitals and walk-in centers. Most of them involve a child bitten in the facial area. Nothing serious, but very odd for this time of year. Usually this type of behavior is more prevalent in the hotter months.

I would like to share some safety tips to animal owners.

A little bit of common sense goes a long way!

- If you have children teach them to obey the animals, give them space, don't allow them to crawl on them and pull their tails or ears.

- If your animal is sleeping, do not approach him in close proximity to his face, you may startle him and he may bite you.
- If your animal had any vaccines, the area may be tender, let him rest and stay in a quiet area.
- If your animal has had any type of surgery and had anesthesia, please just let him rest. DO NOT lay next to him with your face next to his. Remember he had surgery, if you startle him this could end up in a bite.
- Learn to read body language. More often than not, dogs will give you a warning, a growl, a bark, retreating back to his safe area that all dogs should have, an area that is theirs to rest.

It is very difficult with very young children, they don't understand, they



can't read body language, that's why you should never, never leave children and animals unattended, not even for one minute. When a bite happens, it happens very quickly.

I hope these tips help.

Be safe.

We all love our animals but we have to remember they have bad days too.

Tidbits that I hope will help animal owners.

## Coast Guard rescues man clinging to capsized boat

The Coast Guard rescued a 36-year-old man on Tuesday morning, 2/21, after his 10-foot aluminum boat capsized in Nantucket Sound.

The man's girlfriend notified the Coast Guard at around 1:20 a.m. that he had not returned home after venturing out on the Bass River earlier in the day.

A 42-foot rescue boat crew from Coast Guard Station Chatham launched at around 2 a.m. to search for the man and was joined by an MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew at around 3 a.m.

In addition to the Coast Guard assets, the Harwich harbormaster, Yarmouth harbormaster, Dennis harbormaster, Yarmouth fire department, and Hyannis fire department

responded and searched.

At around 4 a.m., the Jayhawk helicopter crew located the man clinging to the hull of his capsized boat approximately two and a half miles southwest of the Bass River in Nantucket Sound wearing a life jacket, shirt, jeans and sneakers.

The 42-foot rescue boat crew from Station Chatham pulled him from the 37-degree water and brought him to the pier where emergency medical services was waiting.

"I cannot stress enough the importance of checking the water temperature before going on the water in the winter months," said Operations Specialist Second Class Michelle Crocker, of Sector South-

eastern New England. "Additionally, the support provided by our interagency partners from the Cape Cod Mutual Response System ensured the successful outcome of this overdue case."

Media outlets identified the man as Arthur Moscofu of Medford. He said the aluminum boat he had just bought took on water and capsized. He was able to climb on top and was adrift for 13 hours. The man suffered from hypothermia, but is doing okay.

Watch USCG video of the rescue at <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/510670/coast-guard-rescues-man-clinging-to-capsized-boat-nantucket-sound>



Arthur Moscofu of Medford, Mass., was rescued in Nantucket Sound, about 2 1/2 miles southwest of Bass River, Yarmouth. His aluminum boat took on water and capsized. ABOVE: Images from the Coast Guard video of the rescue.

# Planning Board approves most of Verizon requests

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Planning Board approved seven of eight special permit petitions by Verizon for small cell equipment on telephone poles along Route 6. One petition, to replace a utility pole at Fort Phoenix, was withdrawn by Verizon before the meeting.

After much discussion about each of the eight locations, the board decided to approve all except the one at 280 Huttleston Avenue (V#SC08).

The pole is in front of Joseph Borelli's house, and Mr. Borelli sent correspondence with a list of questions and objections, including that the pole in question is actually on his property.

The issue came up at the 1/0/17 meeting, when the board continued all the hearings so Verizon could clear up issues and get further information on a number of questions for several of the locations.

Attorney Daniel Klasnick, representing Verizon, presented the board with a survey plan that showed the pole at 280 Huttleston Avenue is not on Mr. Borelli's property. The only problem was, the plan was not stamped as certified.

After much wrangling back and forth, including a protracted discussion about Mr. Borelli's insistence that his questions were not answered satisfactorily, although board members and town planner Bill Roth said most of them were answered satisfactorily, the issue came down to the stamp.

Planning Board member Ann Richard, in particular, made it clear that she was not inclined to vote for the petition. Since two board members, Gary Staffon and John Farrell were both absent, each petition needed every single vote to be a "yes" in order to pass. Special permits require six positive votes.

PB Chairperson Wayne Hayward gave Mr. Klasnick the option of withdrawing the petition or asking for a continuance so he could get the survey plans stamped.

Mr. Roth said that he was satisfied with all answers to Mr. Borelli's questions, but hesitated to accept plans that were not stamped.

Board member Rene Fleurent said that if Mr. Borelli did indeed make a formal agreement with Eversource to

put the pole on his property, then there should be some documentation.

The pole belongs to Eversource, but Verizon will pay to have its equipment added to it, including any changes to the pole. Most of the special permits require replacing the poles with higher ones. The one at 280 Huttleston Avenue, near Mr. Borelli's home, will not need to be replaced.

"I don't see any reason to hold this up any longer," said Mr. Fleurent. "They're just putting more equipment on top of it."

Ms. Richard said that the board often says it wants more participation by the public, and Mr. Borelli was participating, albeit from afar, and so his voice should be heard.

Mr. Borelli insists that in order for the pole to be installed in its current

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location, he had to give permission because it is on his property.

Mr. Roth said if the plans presented by Mr. Klasnick were stamped, there would be no question, but because they were not certified, there was still some doubt.

The specter of losing the vote by one, Ms. Richard's, loomed large in the room. She made no secret of her opinion or intention.

"I was the one who wanted to continue it," said Ms. Richard. "I'm just putting it out there. It's not rocket science."

"If the plans were stamped, it would be done," said Mr. Roth.

In the end, Mr. Klasnick asked the board to continue the petition and the board approved it for the 3/14 meeting.

The other petition, for new cell equipment at 3 Fort Street, was withdrawn at the request of the petitioner. The reason is unclear, but is probably because it is not legal to put the pole on park lands.

All the other petitions are along

Route 6. Mr. Klasnick and engineer Keith Vellante explained that the proposed cell equipment will improve service for customers as they drive along Route 6 and for customers in the immediate vicinity.

Small Cell Equipment (SCE) is designed to handle data in the busiest places to lighten the load of "macro sites," such as the larger facility on Mill Road.

The SCE locations that were approved are:

- 142 Huttleston Ave., at the Phoenix Restaurant, a new 39-foot pole will replace the 29-foot;
- 188 Huttleston Avenue, across from McDonald's, will use the existing 28-foot pole;
- 87 Huttleston Avenue, near Honey Dew Donuts, a new 39-foot pole will replace the existing 29-foot pole;
- 7 Huttleston Avenue, across the street from the Fairhaven High School, will replace the existing 24-foot pole with a new 39-foot pole;
- 325 Huttleston Avenue, near Kenny's Farm Stand, will replace the existing 26-foot pole with a new 39-foot pole;
- 344 Huttleston Avenue, near Blossom, will replace a 28.5-foot pole with a 39-foot pole;
- 402 Huttleston Avenue, near Marion Pediatrics, replaces a 29-foot pole with a 39-foot pole.

Approval of the petitions included a number of conditions designed to protect the town from any costs associated with the projects.

In another matter, the board discussed a zoning bylaw text amendment that will be on the town meeting warrant in May.

Denise DeCosta acquired enough signatures to get an article on the warrant that would allow personal dog kennels in an RA zone. Ms. DeCosta was denied the opportunity to get a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals, on the grounds that they had no authority to grant the special permit in an Residential A zone. The proposed bylaw would allow it by special permit.

However, problems and questions with the article as written led Ms. DeCosta to conclude that it would be better for her to re-write the article and resubmit it at another town meeting. She will work on the language of the article with Mr. Roth and the Animal Control Officer. ●●●

# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Historical Tea

### DATE CORRECTION

Friends of Fairhaven are cordially invited to celebrate the Fairhaven Colonial Club's 106th Anniversary Open House and Historical Tea on **Sun., 2/26, from 1-4 p.m., at Coggeshall Memorial House, 6 Cherry St., Fairhaven. Come see our new exhibits.** Refreshments by the Members of the Colonial Club. Special Door Prize

## Volleyball

Every Sunday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Fairhaven Recreation Center. Fairhaven town employees, family and friends of all ages welcome! For more information, call Phil, 508-993-6978.

## Ash Wednesday Svc

Join us for **Ash Wednesday Services on Wed., 3/1, at the First Congregational Church UCC, 34 Center St., Fairhaven, MA**

Brief service and imposition of ashes, 12:00 noon in sanctuary Communion service in Taize style, 7:00 pm in Schiller Vestry

At NOON there will be a brief 10 minute prayer service in the sanctuary followed by imposition of ashes available until 12:30. At 7:00 PM, a Communion Service in the Taize style will be held in Schiller Vestry (William Street entrance). During that service the imposition of ashes will also be offered to those who so desire. Taizé worship services involve sung and chanted prayers, meditation, silence, and readings. Our Ash Wednesday service will incorporate music from Taize as well as an anthem by the choir and Holy Communion. All are welcome.

## Surveys

### Disaster Prevention

The Town of Fairhaven is developing a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The purpose of this plan is to identify and assess the Town's natural hazard risks (such as flooding, winter storms, hurricanes, and other severe weather events) and determine how to best minimize or manage those risks. Public participation is essential!

To help increase public participation the Town has launched

a Public Opinion Survey that provides an opportunity for residents, business owners, and other community stakeholders to share their thoughts and input during the plan development process. The information provided will help the Town to better understand individual and unique hazard concerns in our community and can lead to mitigation activities that should help lessen the impacts of future disasters. Participation in this survey is voluntary and none of the information provided will be attributed to anyone directly.

To participate in the survey go to the Town's website at: <http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/Pages/index>

To learn more about the project, please visit the project web page at: <http://www.jamiecapan.com/projects/fairhaven>

You will find additional project information and a link to the web-based survey in both locations.

The public will have additional opportunities to participate in the development of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan by attending public meetings and reviewing the draft plan. These opportunities will be announced in the coming months.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, or would like to learn about more ways you can participate in the development of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, please contact Bill Roth, Director of Planning & Economic Development by phone at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9 or by email at [billr@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:billr@fairhaven-ma.gov).

### Master Plan Survey

Fairhaven 2040 - Master Plan  
Your Town, Your Future!!!

What is Fairhaven's community vision for the Town's character and future development? How do we achieve it? Fairhaven 2040 is a one year public process to develop a Town-wide Master Plan that will answer:

- Where is Fairhaven now?
- Where do we want Fairhaven to be in the next twenty years?
- How does Fairhaven get to where we want it to be?

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To learn more about the project, please visit the project web page at: [http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/FairhavenMA\\_MasterPlan/index](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/FairhavenMA_MasterPlan/index)

The public will have additional opportunities to participate in the development of FAIRHAVEN 2040 by attending public meetings and reviewing the draft plan. These opportunities will be announced in the coming months.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, or would like to learn about more ways you can participate in the development of the FAIRHAVEN 2040, please contact Bill Roth, Director of Planning & Economic Development by phone at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9 or by email at [billr@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:billr@fairhaven-ma.gov).

## Matty O Fund

12th annual March Madness to benefit the Matty Oliveira Memorial Fund, funding new and existing youth sports programs. **Sun., 3/4, at Town Crier, Maitland St., Fairhaven. Registration 10:30 a.m. to noon. Only 144 seats. Donation: \$110 per person,** includes snacks, lunch (cold buffet), dinner (hot buffet), wide screen TV (downstairs), fun and games, prizes, door prizes, raffles and giveaways (cash bar only).

Please make checks payable to the Matty Oliveira Memorial Fund (tax ID 14-189392). For more info, call Matt Oliveira, 508-207-8463.

## T-Shirts for FHS Art Honor Society

Fairhaven High School National Art Honor Society is having a T-shirt fundraising sale! Shirts are available until March 24th!

Order online at <https://www.booster.com/fhs-national-art-honor-society>

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# DA unveils new digital forensics lab

By Beth David  
Editor

Flanked by police chiefs and state police troopers from around the county, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III unveiled a new digital forensics crime lab on Thursday, 2/16, in New Bedford.

The new "Digital Forensics Investigatory Lab" puts in the same space a variety of equipment that the DA's investigators use to get information from various electronic gadgets, enhance the use of video to investigate crimes, and other digital equipment.

Some equipment is new, some upgraded, and some has been in use for some time, said Mr. Quinn. What the new lab does is put the equipment in a central location, and creates a quiet place for investigators to work.

The lab will be available to all police departments in Bristol County. If they have a case that requires getting into a locked phone a tablet or computer, they can turn to the lab for assistance.

Mr. Quinn said that over the past decade investigators have become "more and more aware of that fact that some form of digital evidence is being used in our investigations in crimes of all types."

The DA's office has sent a number of state troopers to be trained in digital forensics in the past few years. Those troopers will be the ones who work in the lab, assisting police departments from throughout the

county.

"As you may be aware, the technology is constantly changing," said Mr. Quinn.

After sending troopers to training and upgrading equipment, he said the DA's office is "extremely well prepared to handle almost any digital forensics evidence handed to them."

The unit is headed by Sgt. Michael Bates of the state police.

Mr. Quinn said the majority of digital evidence comes from phones and tablets, but increasingly includes cell tower data and other online sources. He said the new lab will be able to extract information from all those devices for use in an investigation. In addition to phone calls, there are texts, emails, and social media accounts that could be helpful in an investigation.

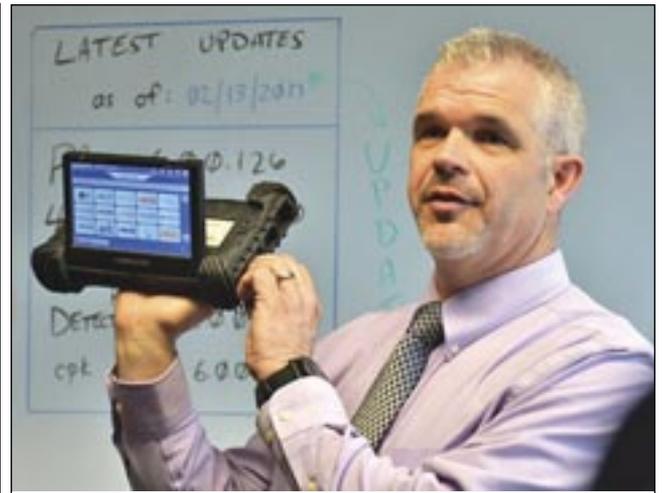
Mr. Quinn used several recent cases as examples of how digital forensics was required, including the Aaron Hernandez murder trial in Attleboro, and the murder trial of Joshua Silva, who was convicted in 2015 of killing Joyce Howland in her Fairhaven home in 2013.

In the Silva case, the video of Mr. Silva's truck driving along Route 6 was critical to the case, providing a timeline for the murder. Video behind the Pasta House also helped to identify and tie Mr. Silva to the crime.

Staying current on techniques and having updated equipment is critical considering how quickly technology evolves.

"Due to this new partnership with our local police departments, I strongly believe that the people of Bristol County can be proud of the fact that we are fully prepared to meet the challenges presented by 21st Century technology," said Mr. Quinn.

The cost of program is not huge, said Mr. Quinn, adding it is in the thousands, not the tens of thousands. The money comes from funds obtained by the drug forfeiture unit, and by regular equipment budgets.



ABOVE: Sgt. Michael Bates of the Mass. state police holds up a device that allows him to crack the passwords of various cellphones and tablets. The gadget is just one of the tools used by the Digital Forensics Investigatory Lab in the Bristol County District Attorney's office in New Bedford. BELOW: A work station in the lab where a cell phone was disassembled. Photos by Beth David.

Mr. Quinn said the department will continue to enhance the unit's capabilities as technology changes.

"We are committed to keeping this up-to-date and improving on the equipment," he said.

The new equipment does not, however, give investigators any more rights to private information. The police will still need a warrant or permission from the owner to access information.

Generally, cell phones and other electronic gadgets are placed in special bags to keep them from being accessed remotely until a warrant can be obtained. In the lab, they are transferred to a box that has gloves attached, allowing investigators to work on a phone without taking it out of the protective case.

"In a reasonable way, we need to have access to this information, with probable cause," said Mr. Quinn.

Down in the lab, tables had a disassembled cellphone and some of the equipment on hand for reporters to see first hand.

Some equipment can break into a cell phone, even a smart phone, by bypassing the password.

Sgt. Bates admitted, though, that Apple iPhones are still tough to get into.

He said just a few years ago it was desktop computers, then laptops, now phones that have all the

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# Eclectic concert will benefit student hit by car



Skyla Romano is a 14-year-old freshman at the Greater New

music, the concert will also include a number of raffles and t-shirts that will be for sale. Doors open at 5:30 on 3/4, first band begins at 6. Tickets to the show are \$10 and \$12 at the door. The show is open to all ages.

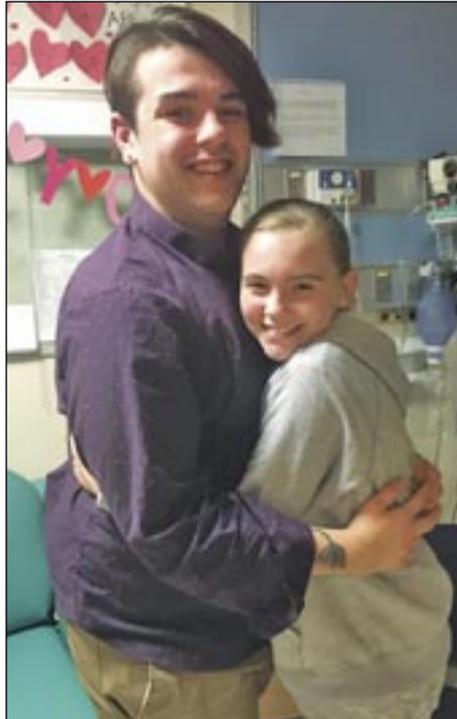
Any Donations can be given to Concert Manager Andrew Romano, 774-473-4049. We are accepting donations to our raffles as well as monetary donations to go directly to the cause. We also have a few slots available for bands willing to donate their talents.

Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School who was crossing the street after leaving her dance class on Thursday, January 5th, 2017, when she was struck by an unlicensed driver. The driver fled the scene of the accident leaving Skyla to be medflighted to a children's hospital in Providence, RI.

Skyla remained on life support for two weeks, however, she has made an incredible recovery and is now in a children's rehabilitation center in Boston. Due to the driver being uninsured, this leaves a huge amount of medical bills for the family.

On Saturday, March 4th, Strange Sound, Electric Pedestrians, and many more local bands will be coming together to hold they "Skyla Strong" benefit concert to help ease the damage of medical bills on the family. The evening will include music from at least nine bands, featuring a variety of music. All the bands are donating their time for the event.

The concert will be at 3065 Live, 3065 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham. Aside from amazing local



L-R: Andrew Romano hugs his cousin Skyla at the rehab hospital where she is recovering after being hit by a car on 1/5. Mr. Romano has helped to organize a benefit concert to help with medical bills. Photo courtesy of Andrew Romano.

Thank you for your consideration, and we cannot wait to see everyone come together to support #SkylaStrong

Skyla also has a GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/skylas-medical-fund>. As of press time 357 people had donated \$20,553 towards the \$25,000 goal.

She also has a Caring Bridge page at <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/skylastrong>

In just seven short weeks, Skyla has made remarkable progress in her fight to heal.

"A true fighter and my biggest inspiration," wrote Andrew Romano, Skyla's cousin.

"One thing you need to know most about Skyla is [what] she loves most in life is to entertain," reads her GoFundMe page. "She always says: You will see my name in lights one day! She loves to sing, act and most of all dance."

It is Skyla's love of music and performing that made her friends and family decide that a concert would be a fitting way to honor her and help her out.



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## STILL AROUND TOWN

### School Dept. Budget Meeting

Fairhaven Public Schools will hold its Annual Budget Hearing on the FY'18 Budget at **Fairhaven High School, Bernard F. Roderick Library, 12 Huttleston Ave., on Wed., 3/8, at 6:30 p.m.**

### Cable TV Questions?

The Fairhaven Cable Advisory Committee will be meeting with a representative from Comcast at its meeting on **Tues., 3/7, at Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.** If you have questions or any topics you'd like to discuss or have addressed at the meeting, email Selectboard member Bob Espindola at [selectmanbobespindola@gmail.com](mailto:selectmanbobespindola@gmail.com), or attend the meeting.

This is your chance to discuss problems with your service, or programming changes you'd like to see.

### Pancake Breakfast

The Fairhaven Rotary Club is holding a Pancake Breakfast on **Sun., 3/12, at the Fairhaven Senior Center/ Council on Aging, 229 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop), from 8:30-Noon**

Tickets are \$10/adults, \$6/child, and are available from Anne Silvia at the COA; or call David, 860-455-8415

### Boating Class

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a Boating Skills and Seamanship Course for all boaters, sailors, fishermen, personal watercraft operators. **Class starts Mon., 3/13**

**and runs for 11 weeks on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. (through 5/22), at the USCG Auxiliary, 80 Middle St., Fairhaven. Final exam & graduation on May 22.**

Register online at <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info>; \$40 for course materials (book and chart)

Many insurance companies will offer discounts on boat insurance to individuals who successfully complete this course. Individuals who successfully complete the course and exam are awarded certificates and cards.

Both the novice and the experienced boater will benefit from lessons in boating terminology, boat equipment, boat handling, boat trailering, lake boating, rules of the road, navigation, medical/safety awareness, weather, engines, radios, and how to read a chart, buy a boat, tie a knot and call in a mayday.

## HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

### Bowling F-R

Join Chariton's Charges at a bowling fund-raiser to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, on **Sun., 2/26, from 2-4 p.m. at Wonder Bowl, 66 Hathaway Rd., New Bedford.**

Tickets: \$20 for adults, \$12 for kids (5 and under free). Includes shoe rental, slice of pizza, punch and cake. Do not miss our amazing raffl items as well as our 50/50 raffle.

Call 508-993-6610 for tickets.

### Mini Grant Orient.

Do you have an idea for a project that will improve your neighborhood, school or community? United Way of Greater New Bedford is looking for all-volunteer groups to submit innovative, community projects that will bring people together while creating a positive impact in Greater New Bedford.

Groups with budgets of \$40,000 or less located in Greater New Bedford (Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Freetown, New Bedford, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, or Wareham) are eligible to apply. Community groups are encouraged to attend an orientation session to learn more about the Mini-Grants Program and the new online application. Sessions will be held at United Way's Office located at 128 Union St. Suite 105 on: • **Wed., 3/1, from 10 am - 12 pm**

• **Wed., 3/8, from 6 pm - 8 pm**

Registration is required. To register please call 508-994-9625 ext. 219 or email [sellis@unitedwayofgnb.org](mailto:sellis@unitedwayofgnb.org).

Applications will be available March 1st at [www.unitedwayofgnb.org](http://www.unitedwayofgnb.org) and will only be accepted electronically. Grants must be submitted by April 21, 2017.

In 2016, 28 all-volunteer groups made an impact throughout Great New Bedford with projects funded by United Way's Mini-Grant Program. Since its inception in 1995, the Mini-Grants Program has granted \$731,319 for local community projects. These projects range from garden projects and healthier living programs to outreach campaigns and family engagement opportunities. Be the change in Greater New Bedford, visit [www.unitedwayofgnb.org](http://www.unitedwayofgnb.org) to learn more about the Mini-Grants Program.

### Bike Summit/FREE

The South Coast Bikeway Alliance (SCBA) is pleased to announce their **7th Annual Bike Summit will be held Thursday, March 23, 2017 at the Fort Taber Community Center, 1000A S Rodney French BLVD, New Bedford, MA 02744.** This year's summit focuses on "Building the South Coast Bikeway" and hopes to bring awareness to the numerous pathway projects, large and small, within the

South Coast communities.

All who bike, hike, walk or run are invited to join the SCBA for an interesting and informative evening as they celebrate recently completed South Coast Bikeway pathways in New Bedford and Fall River and share the latest news for planned projects in Dartmouth, UMass Dartmouth, Marion, Mattapoisett and Wareham. Learn about the potential to link New Bedford and Fall River with a 3.5 mile greenway in the largely rural areas north of I-195.

Colleen Abrams, the President of Wachusett Greenways, will be the keynote speaker. A welcoming reception with exhibitors begins at 5:30 p.m. Representatives from multiple local organizations who support greater passive enjoyment of our natural resource areas will be on hand to answer your questions.

The speakers program begins at 6:00 p.m. and concludes at 7:30 p.m. All who have an interest in pathways for recreation, alternative transportation, promotion of tourism and economic development on the South Coast are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event. Light refreshments will be offered. Pre registration is appreciated. Go to <http://www.southcoastbikeway.com> and click on "events calendar," or call SRPEDD (508) 824-1367 ext 234 and ask to speak to Jackie Jones.

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Garden Club

The next regular meeting of the Greater New Bedford Garden Club will be at **1 p.m. Wed., 3/1, at the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 ½ So. Main Street, Acushnet.** Hostesses are Lorraine Perry and Rita Rodericks.

James Rottler, who was previously scheduled to speak in February, will present his Program, "Horticulture: Garden Pests — What To Do About Them and How To Keep Them Out!"

Members are reminded to bring unwanted jewelry which will be offered for sale. Preparations will be made for the Annual Plant Sale to be held in May. Plants should be potted and identified with color and name prior to the sale.

Members are reminded to bring a food item for the Food Pantry or a \$1 donation. Guests may attend one meeting a year for a fee of \$2.

## Bird Club

The Paskamansett Bird Club's March meeting will be at **7:30 pm on Wed., 3/8, at the Community Hall of Friends Meeting, 739 Horseneck Road, in South Dartmouth.** Krill Carson will speak about the seabirds to be found off the New England coast.

"Krill" Carson is a marine biologist who has worked in the New England area since 1980. She founded the New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance ([www.NECWA.org](http://www.NECWA.org)) in 2005, an all-volunteer nonprofit working to better understand and protect the unique coastal marine wildlife off New England. NECWA does extensive rescue work with the whales, seabirds, seals, sea turtles, ocean sunfish, basking sharks and diamondback terrapins that live along the shores of Cape Cod and the Southcoast.

In the process of its research and rescue work, NECWA encounters a wide range of birds that spend most of their time at sea. This presentation will focus on the gulls and seabirds that you can see when offshore, for example on a whale watch. Such offshore excursions offer some of the most remarkable birding opportunities, allowing birders to get close to birds that rarely visit land, and to observe specialized behaviors of some familiar birds. Learn about such seabirds as the various

Shearwaters, the Gannets, and assorted Alcids such as the Gullmots, Murres and even the elusive Atlantic Puffins.

The meeting is free, open to the public, and accessible.

## Free Movie

2017 LaSalette Movie Festival, Beyond the Walls: Building Spaces of Reconciliation, Fri., 2/24, at 7:00pm in the Welcome Center at National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, 947 Park Street, Attleboro, MA 02703

February's movie is "Just Let Go." After a drunk driving accident that caused the death of his wife, his unborn baby, his nine year old daughter, and his eleven year old son, Chris Williams committed to do something extraordinary... His decision launched him on a journey toward healing that affected his family and friends, the young man who caused the accident, and an entire community. Based on actual events, "Just Let Go" is an empowering invitation for all who have suffered, however unjustly, to down their burdens and just let go.

Although pre-registration is not required, it's helpful to us. If you are planning on attending, and would like to register, please visit <https://lasaletteattleboroshrine.org/lasalette-film-festival>.

All are invited to join us for this FREE event! Please call 508-222-5410 for more information or visit our website at [www.lasalette-shrine.org](http://www.lasalette-shrine.org).

## Rabies Clinic

The Town of Acushnet will hold a Rabies Clinic on **Sun., 3/12, at the Town Barn/Recycling Center from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon.**

PLEASE NOTE: This is the weekend that Daylight Savings Time starts... remember to set your clocks AHEAD.

The rabies vaccines will be administered by Dr. Gaumont & her staff for the Acushnet Animal Hospital for a fee of **\$10.00 per animal.** The Town Clerk and Staff will also be available to issue 2017 licenses.

2017 DOG LICENSING DEADLINE  
THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

Dog owners, who fail to license any dog (indoor and outdoor) by March 31st will be assessed a \$25.00 citation and a late fee of \$15.00 beginning

April 1st. If you no longer own your dog, or if your dog has since been deceased, please contact the Town Clerk's Office prior to April 1st to avoid any unnecessary fees.

The Clerk's Office is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m and every Tuesday evening until 8:00 p.m.

Any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at (508) 998-0215 or the Animal Control Officer, Rebekah Tomlinson at (508) 998-9040.

## Firefighters' Ball

The 2nd annual for all public safety An event to benefit public safety scholarship and community. An event for Firefighters/Police/EMS and public safety of Fairhaven and for surrounding communities, current and retirees, friends and family.

**Sat., 3/4, at the Century House, Acushnet. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7. Tickets, \$40. Uniform Class A or black tie.** Dancing, raffles, having fun with fund-raising.

## Food Conference

With the spring planting season fast approaching, gardeners, farmers and anyone interested in fresh, locally produced food can learn more about the secrets of successful agriculture at the 10th Annual Agricultural and Food Conference.

At **Bristol County Agricultural High School, 135 Center St., Dighton, Sunday, Feb. 26.**

The conference runs from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and includes a light breakfast refreshments and full local lunch, along with dozens of vendor tables at the event's Resource Fair, inside the school's gymnasium.

Visit [SEMAPonline.org](http://SEMAPonline.org) for details.

## Winterfest

Keep the kids busy at Old Sturbridge Village with a mix of invigorating outdoor fun and cozy indoor activities and hands-on crafts. **The Village is open from Wednesday through Sunday, February 22-26, culminating with WinterFest on February 26.** Visitors can enjoy a horse-drawn winter sleigh ride, (weather permitting), indoor tours and demonstrations. For all times and details, please visit [www.osv.org](http://www.osv.org) or call 800-733-1830.

## Recipe of the Week

### Honey-Garlic Slow Cooker Chicken Thighs

4 skinless, boneless chicken thighs

1/2 cup soy sauce

1/2 cup ketchup

1/3 cup honey

3 cloves garlic, minced

1 teaspoon dried basil

Lay chicken thighs into the bottom of a 4-quart slow cooker.

Whisk soy sauce, ketchup, honey, garlic, and basil together in a bowl; pour over the chicken.

Cook on Low for 6 hours.

*TIP: Aluminum foil can be used to keep food moist, cook it evenly, and make clean-up easier.*

*from allrecipes.com*

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

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## NFIA says "Thank you" to donors

*Press Release*

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association (NFIA) has recently been able to make some improvements to the Old "Station 3" Headquarters on Adams Street with the generosity of our local community.

A big "Thank You" to Ashley Ford, Fairhaven Chiropractic and an anonymous donor who have generously donated the funds to purchase a lighted exterior bulletin board that will increase our visibility to promote events and relay information to the

public.

The Construction & General Laborer's Union #385 on Alden Road has also donated their time to install a steel security door, that they have donated, as well as their time to install the bulletin board; and for that we say THANK YOU.

The NFIA meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 7p.m. and the community at large is welcome to attend. Our membership dues are only \$10.00/year. Please see our facebook page for more information.

## New Joshua Slocum book out soon

*Press Release*

Stan Grayson, widely known for his writing on American yachting and small-craft history, has written a new comprehensive biography of Captain Joshua Slocum. *A Man for All Oceans: Captain Joshua Slocum and the First Solo Voyage Around the World* will be released in May 2017.

Joshua Slocum was the first person to circumnavigate the globe alone, a voyage he undertook between April 1895 and June 1898. Author Stan Grayson has been researching Slocum's life for years and has uncovered primary sources that have yielded information to fill significant gaps in our understanding of Slocum's life and voyages.

Grayson brings his passion for Slocum's story to this biography in much the same way Slocum brought his passion for seafaring to his own iconic book, *Sailing Alone Around the World*, which was published in 1900 and is still in print today.

Grayson described Slocum as highly intelligent, ruggedly self-reliant, and astonishingly courageous.

A complex man given to depres-

sions, Slocum did not fare well on land, and as the world was moving to more efficient steamships, his sailing skills were becoming obsolete. His life was at a standstill until 1892 when he was offered a derelict Cape Cod oyster sloop called Spray. While single-mindedly resurrecting Spray in Fairhaven, Mass., he conceived a new dream — to be the first to sail alone around the world.

Items of local interest include new research details and maps of Poverty Point, Fairhaven.

This biography will read like an adventure narrative and will serve as the standard work on Joshua Slocum for years to come. There are still sponsorship opportunities available.

If you donate at least \$500 by February 27th your name will be prominently listed on the benefactor page, you'll receive a slip-covered edition of the book and an invitation to a VIP launch party. The jacketed, hardcover book will be 416 pages, including 85 images and maps, and a finish size of 6.5 inches x 9.5 inches. Contact Sarah Budlong at [sbudlong@whalingmuseum.org](mailto:sbudlong@whalingmuseum.org) or call 508-717-6850.

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# Kool Kids vacation keeps kids moving during vacation week



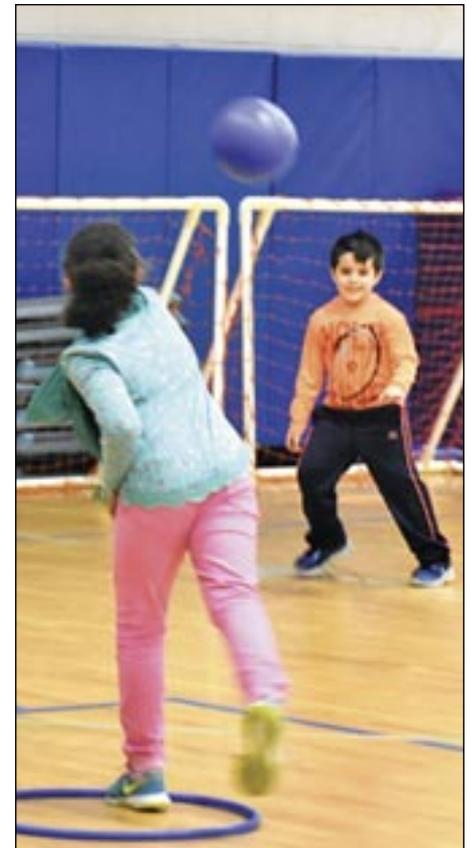
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## More photos from Kool Kids vacation



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### Babysitting Class

This is a comprehensive 2.5 hour course for 11-14 year olds. Topics will include first aid, choke saving techniques, mealtime, bedtime, diapering, discipline, contracts and ethics. Pizza will be provided. Ages: 11-14 Date: February 28 Instructor: Beth Oleson Time: 5:30PM-8PM Cost: \$50 Members \$55 Non-members

### NYC on your own

Shopping and sightseeing in the Big Apple...why not? Enjoy a day in New York City as we travel in style in a luxury motor coach. See the city in spring, visit local places of interest, check out a show, or just wine and dine. Drop off is at Times Square. Pick up at the Madison Street Library. Bus leaves from the Fairhaven Recreation Center where coffee and donuts will be available upon arrival. We'll provide movies on the bus. To be sure that this trip can run pre-registration is required. All children must be accompanied by a parent. Depart FHVN: 6AM Arrive NYC: 10:30AM Depart NYC: 5PM Arrive FHVN: 10PM Cost: \$50 Date: April 22nd Registration Deadline is April 14th

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### Mall Trips

3/1: Newport Grand, Middletown XMas Shop  
3/8: Hyannis Mall, Xmas shop & Trader Joe's

### Entertainment: 12:30-2:30 p.m.

3/1 D&D • 3/2 Ray J • 3/15 D&D

### Special Activities

#### Irish Music w/ Roger Tincknell

*Ireland to America* Monday, March 13th at 1:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center, for more information and to reserve your seat, please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council a state agency.

#### Sewing Group

Come join the sewing Group. The group meets Monday afternoons: Feb. 3rd and 27th from 1-3:0 p.m. Feb. 2nd, 9th 16th 23rd from 5:45-7:45 p.m. at The Fairhaven Senior Center.

#### Project Bread

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#### Pancake Day or Shrove Tues

On February 28th. It's FREE. Join us for Good old Fashioned Pancakes 8-10:00 a.m. on Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day, February 28th Call 508-979-4029 to sign up.

#### The Savvy Caregiver

Six Wednesday Evenings March 15th-April 19th, 5:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the Fairhaven Council On Aging. Carolyn Lazaris from Coastline will be presenting an informational supportive program for those who are providing care to their loved ones. If you are caring for a loved one and are feeling overwhelmed and alone, this program will provide support and options for assistance. Please call Carolyn Lazaris or Stephanie Gibson for more information or to sign up at 508-999-6400.

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Albert Einstein

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# Acushnet Selectboard votes to hire assistant town accountant

By Beth David  
Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard acknowledged at its meeting on Tuesday, 2/21, that the town accounting office has a backlog and too much work for the new Town Accountant, Julie Hebert, to handle without an assistant.

Ms. Hebert told the board that she had backlogs with sewer betterments, reconciliation, abatements, and commitments, while she needs to be focused on the budget process.

She also stressed that the assistant accountant cannot work in the Treasurer's office, as the town had done in the past.

Ms. Hebert explained that the "segregation of duties" is mandated and is important to make sure that no one person has control in both offices. The idea is to prevent fraud and embezzlement, but it also helps to make sure that honest mistakes are not repeated in both offices.

The board agreed with Ms. Hebert that the position needed to be filled.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar noted that the town did have an assistant accountant, so this was not a new position. He reminded residents that the board had hoped not to fill that position to save money.

"So, it's not really a new hire," said Mr. Gaspar, adding that it was unfortunate that the town could not split the position with the Treasurer's Office, saying, "we need to be compliant."

"There are areas of town government where being compliant doesn't matter as much," said Mr. Gaspar, but accounting is not one of them.

In a related matter, the board also voted to hire the firm of Melanson Heth to conduct the town audit.

Ms. Hebert told the board that she

had used the firm before and they were "very thorough."

Ms. Hebert said that after the turnover in her office and the Treasurer's office, a temporary firm was brought in so there were "lots of hands touching the books."

She said she wanted to get an audit done as soon as possible to start out with a clean fiscal slate.

The firm knows the town's situation, she said, adding that \$25,000 for the audit is a "really good offer."

Town Administrator Brian Noble agreed with Ms. Hebert, telling the board that he, too, was familiar with the firm.

Selectboard member Michael Cioper agreed, saying that he has been "an advocate of doing an outside audit," in the past.

Mr. Gaspar said he agreed that the audit needed to be done "sooner rather than later."

If there are any problems, the town needs to know now, and know how they happened so they can fix them. The longer they wait, the more difficult it will be to fix.

"You don't let your accounting go to hell and then figure out how to fix it," said Mr. Gaspar.

All three board members praised Ms. Hebert for working hard to get the town's books in order after both the accounting and treasurer's offices lost key personnel.

In another matter the board addressed letters from residents about road conditions on Leonard Street and conditions at Pope Park.

Leonard Street residents Joseph Fernandes and Stephen Reale wrote to the board complaining about the "dramatic change" of the newly paved road. They write that the road is "substantially higher and in some

areas wider than the previous road."

The letter says that driveways have been cut by town employees to raise the grade without notification or permission.

"These unsightly patched aprons installed were made in an attempt to match the ridiculously high road that we are left to deal with," they wrote, adding that homeowners now face additional cost to deal with flooding caused by the changes.

The situation has caused safety concerns for bikers, runners and walkers; the new road encourages "excessive speeding," which has also increased noise levels.

"A clear runway has been created from Middle Road East permanently altering the character of this once rural area," reads the letter, and also cites environmental concerns and danger to well water.

The board noted that the Department of Public Works is not finished with the road, which was originally constructed more than 30 years ago.

"You're damned if you do, damned if you don't," said Mr. Gaspar.

Mr. Cioper, however, noted that the changes have caused some yards to "puddle up," forcing at least one homeowner to put a "bump" at the end of the driveway to keep the water out.

Selectboard chairperson Garry Rawcliffe noted that the board is seeking authority from town meeting to be able to change speed limits on local roads without TM approval.

Meanwhile, the board asked Mr. Noble to ask the police department to increase patrols to control speeding.

Anthony Rose and Anna Tansey sent a letter to the board dated February 1, which referred to a June

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letter asking for speed bumps/tables in front of homes on Pope Street, and to consider making Pope Street a one-way.

The town did make the street one-way, but, according to Mr. Rose and Ms. Tansey, people are, pretty much, simply ignoring the signs.

"We are grateful the Town heard our concerns and put measures in place to improve the safety of the community," they wrote. "We are writing to inform you that much of the traffic does not obey the new street signs and thus continues to travel down Pope Street in the wrong direction at very high speeds."

They asked for the "Do Not Enter" sign to be moved and for speed bumps to be installed.

In the February, 2017 letter, Mr. Rose and Ms. Tansay also wrote about the conditions at Pope Park playground.

"They playground has become unkempt and a safety hazard for visitors," they wrote, and detailed problems with the swings, slide and other play areas. "The park is riddled with litter and is unhealthy for

families to be subjected to."

"The park is the first thing you see when you turn down the street and does not make a lasting impression," they wrote. "With the baseball fields being so well kept, it would be nice to make Pope Park as pleasant an area as well."

The board voted to forward the letter to the Park Department, Safety Committee, DPW, and Community Preservation Committee.

In other business, the board awarded the contract for the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan to Woodard and Curran for \$340,000.

The plan will study a variety of issues, including where the town has water and sewer service and where it is feasible to extend it.

Mr. Gaspar reiterated his oft-mentioned lament that the town does not have enough commercial/industrial zoning, resulting in residential taxpayers paying a high rate.

He said the CWMP will help identify places where industry can be located.

The board also discussed the fate

of a parcel of land on the Fairhaven border near New Boston Road. The piece is just under 30 acres, with most of it in Acushnet. The Buzzards Bay Coalition has expressed an interest in acquiring the piece for open space purposes.

The town has the right of first refusal, as the property was in Chapter 61, giving the owners a tax break for keeping it undeveloped.

They now want to sell it to be developed, so the town has the right to buy the portion in Acushnet. The owners have an offer of \$376,000. The town would have to match that offer. The deal is complicated by the fact that some of the property is over the line; Fairhaven also has the right of first refusal for the Fairhaven parcel.

Mr. Cioper suggested that the town exercise its right to first refusal, but assign the rights to BBC.

"I'm not looking to buy it," said Mr. Cioper. "I'm looking to hold it for the Coalition."

The board will discuss it again at its 3/6 meeting. Meanwhile, the Planning Commission will also need to make a recommendation.

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# FHS Girls finish out basketball season with win over Connolly



Fairhaven High School's Lady Blue Devils Basketball team closed out their season with a big road victory with a 48-22 win over Bishop Connolly. With the victory, the team ended with a 6-16 overall record, while going 4-12 in the South Coast Conference. The team will be losing three seniors going into next year, as Lauren Arbec, Leah Major and Katelyn Wypych will be graduating this spring. ABOVE LEFT: Abigail Pickup drives the lane and a foul from the Lady Cougar defenders. ABOVE RIGHT: Breanna Demanche gets the Bishop Connolly defender to bite on the head fake. BELOW LEFT: Brenna Becotte makes the bounce pass to a teammate while being guarded by two Lady Cougar defenders. BELOW MIDDLE: Breanna Demanche gets the shot off after being closely guarded. BELOW RIGHT: Laela Pepin drives past the Bishop Connolly defender. *Photos by Ryan Feeney.*



# Scholarships available to Fairhaven & Acushnet seniors

## Due April 1

Fairhaven High School graduating seniors are urged to apply for a number of scholarships now available through the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts (CFSEMA). These scholarships should be applied for online through the application available at the CFSEMA website, [www.cfsema.org](http://www.cfsema.org).

Both parts 1 and 2 of the online application are due April 1:

**The Daniel P. Bergeron Scholarship Fund** was established by Maureen and Russell Bergeron to honor the memory of their late son, Daniel P. Bergeron. The fund provides a minimum of one \$500 scholarship annually to a senior attending FHS. Preference will be given to a student with financial need and interests in sports and/or music.

**The Fairhaven High School Centurion Scholarship Fund** provides one four-year scholarship of at least \$250 each year to a graduating FHS senior. The criteria for selection will be weighted 75% on financial need, 25% on academics.

**The Matthew "Matty" Ryan Oliveira Scholarship Fund** was established by Kathleen and Matthew Oliveira to honor the memory of their late son, Matthew "Matty" Ryan Oliveira. Several \$500 scholarships are awarded annually to seniors attending FHS. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate strong community service, leadership qualities, and athleticism.

Fairhaven High Students are also eligible to apply for the following regional scholarships.

**The George Earl and Katherine Hartley Church Scholarship Fund** provides several scholarships of at least \$1,000 annually for tuition assistance to students pursuing an LPN, RN or BSN Nursing Degree while attending a two- or four-year accredited college or university. Applicants must be residents of Acushnet, Rochester, Marion and Mattapoisett who are graduating from either Fairhaven, New Bedford, Bishop Stang, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical or Old Rochester Regional high schools or a graduating senior from Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. The criteria for selection will be weighted 75% on financial need and 25% on academics.

**The College Club of New Bedford Scholarships** were established to support young women who are seniors in high school and plan to attend a four-year college or have completed at least one year in a four-year college. Applicants must be residents of New Bedford, Dartmouth, Fairhaven or Acushnet and be attending or have graduated from New Bedford, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Bishop Stang, or Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High Schools. The minimum \$500 scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement as well as financial need. Applicants who have successfully completed at least one year at a four year college should have at least a 3.0 average; preference will be given to women who have previously received a scholarship from the College Club

**The Freitas-Rebello Fund** awards a \$1,000 scholarship for tuition

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assistance to students of Portuguese descent attending an accredited college. Applicants must be residents of the Greater New Bedford area and enrolled seniors at either Bishop Stang High School, Dartmouth High School, Fairhaven High School, Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School or New Bedford High School.

**The Charles J. Lewin Interfaith Scholarship Fund** was established to provide scholarships to returning students and graduating high school seniors of Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes and Plymouth counties. The Fund provides several scholarships ranging from \$700 to \$2,000. Scholarships are granted for one year only, although recipients may reapply annually. The criteria for selection will be weighted 50% on financial need, 30% on academics and 20% on personal circumstances. Students with Expected Family Contributions (EFC) above \$16,000 are very unlikely to be

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**The New Bedford High Class of 1960 Scholarship** was established at the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts to provide tuition assistance to graduating seniors whose parent or grandparent was a New Bedford High School graduate. Criteria for selection emphasizes need with consideration given to academic performance and extracurricular activities/community service. This scholarship awards a minimum of one scholarship of \$450 or more annually.

**The Thomas S. Hathaway Scholarship** was established in 1935 by Ellen Hathaway in memory of her brother Thomas S. Hathaway to provide college, professional or scientific educations at Harvard University for residents of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, New Bedford, Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester, Wareham or Westport Massachusetts. Scholarships are based on financial need and academic excellence.

**The Ladies' Branch of the New Bedford Port Society Scholarship** provides scholarships for high school seniors and current undergraduates who have one or more of the following: documented family ties to the sea, have received an acceptance letter from a Maritime Academy, or intent to major in maritime science. First consideration is given to families of descendants of seamen. Applicants must be residents of the Greater New Bedford area, defined as New Bedford, Dartmouth, Westport, Fairhaven, Acushnet, Mattapoisett, Marion or Rochester. Consideration for awards is given based on those showing greatest financial need.

## Acushnet residents at NBHS Due April 1

Acushnet residents who are New Bedford High School graduating seniors are urged to apply for a number of scholarships now available through the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts (CFSEMA). Most of these scholarships must be applied for online at the CFSEMA website, [www.cfsema.org](http://www.cfsema.org); exceptions are noted below.

**The Albert F. Carr Scholarship** provides scholarships totaling up to \$60,000 annually to current or former New Bedford High School graduates

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### Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting on Tuesday March 7, 2017 at 6:30p.m. at the Town hall Meeting Room located at 222 Main Street, MA to consider the following petition(s).

- Case #2017.02.07B** – Anna Kristiansen of 901 Tobey Street. Special Permit required to construct an accessory apartment. Meeting all the requirements for such as defined in the protective by-laws Section 1.2 "B" and 3.4 "B". 901 Tobey Street has private off-street parking and is connected to Municipal Water & Sewer.
- Case #2017.03.07Am** – Seth Desroches, 80 Mill Road. Variance needed under 3.4 "D" (1) to exempt 22, 389.60 sq. ft. to comply with changing single family to two family. By-Law states 30,000 sq. ft. lot is required and existing lot is 7,610.40. Special Permit needed under 3.3.1 "B" (1) to change from single family to two-family home.

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### Fairhaven Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on March 06, 2017 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.

- Notice of Intent Applicant Alexander Carrigg Location Bridge Street Plot 30A Lots 86B, 87, 87A Purpose construct convenience store, gas station, within 100' buffer zone and minor wetland crossing.

*Jay Simmons, Chairman*

### Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petition(s):

- Petitioner: Michael Botelho, RE: 6 Jameson Street, Plot 28D, Lot 32; Book 6678 and Page 135. 198-22: Accessory Uses 452 sq. ft. over max of 700 sq. ft.

#### RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Petitioner: Oxford School Residences LP, RE: 347 Main Street, Plot 22A, Lot 192, 193. Comprehensive Permit required under Town Code 493 (aka 40B).

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He said there are any number of cases at any given time that will use the resources of the lab.

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### Board of Public Works

Mon., 2/27, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 3/6, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Historical Commission

Wed., 3/1, Fire Station, 7 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 3/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 3/1, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 2/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 3/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Planning Commission

Thurs., 2/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 3/6, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

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**The Frank and Eleanor Gracie Family Scholarship** was created by Frank Gracie, Jr. to honor the memory of his wife Eleanor and sons David and Paul. The fund provides a minimum of one \$800 scholarship annually to a senior attending New Bedford High School. The criteria for selection will be weighted 50% on financial need, 50% on academics. Apply online at [www.cfsema.org](http://www.cfsema.org) only.

**The Thomas S. Hathaway Scholarship** (See details on page 19.) Apply online at [www.cfsema.org](http://www.cfsema.org) only.

**The Jacobs Family New Bedford High School Scholarship Fund** was established by Dr. Irwin M. Jacobs, co-founder, Board member and former CEO of QUALCOMM, Inc., and his wife, Mrs. Joan Klein Jacobs. Dr. Irwin M. Jacobs was born in New Bedford and graduated from NBHS in June 1950. The Fund provides up to \$35,000 scholarships to graduating seniors of New Bedford High School, New Bedford Global Learning Charter School and Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School who will major in engineering, mathematics, or science, including computer science, at an accredited college or university. Apply online at [www.cfsema.org](http://www.cfsema.org) only.

**Lipsky-Whittaker GLBTQ Scholarship** was established to celebrate the lives of John Lipsky and George Whittaker. The scholarship provides tuition assistance to current or former New Bedford High School graduates who identify as LGBTQ and have demonstrated their commitment to addressing issues of homophobia and LGBTQ inequality in their schools and/or community, or have been raised in an LGBTQ household. A minimum of \$5,000 will be given out each year, possibly divided among several recipients. Students must be under the age of 25

at the time of the award. Contact the New Bedford High School guidance office for details and an application.

**The Louis M. Rusitzky Scholarship** hopes to inspire its recipients to return to New Bedford and establish a business. It provides an annual scholarship of at least \$2,000 to a graduating senior at New Bedford High School. Recipients must attend an accredited four-year college or university and major in an area of business studies. The scholarship is contingent upon maintaining a cumulative grade point average of B or better. Apply online at [www.cfsema.org](http://www.cfsema.org) only.

**The Nate King Memorial Scholarship** was established by his family in 2010. Nate was a 2009 graduate of New Bedford High School, where he was a standout swimmer. He also worked as a lifeguard at the New Bedford YMCA and shared his

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passion for swimming by teaching children. The intent of the scholarship is to provide one \$500 scholarship to one or more graduating seniors from New Bedford High School's swim team for tuition assistance while attending a two or four year accredited college or university. Apply online at [www.cfsema.org](http://www.cfsema.org) only.

**The Kathleen Joyce Nelson Scholarship Fund** was established by David and Joyce Nelson in memory of their late daughter, Kathleen Joyce Nelson. Kathleen Joyce Nelson was only 33 years old and living life to the fullest when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. This fund provides an annual college scholarship of at least \$2,000 to a New Bedford High School senior, with preference given to students who have struggled with cancer or have an affiliation with the cancer-stricken population through community service, employment, volunteer work, or family involvement. Contact the New Bedford High School guidance office for details and an application.

**The New Bedford High Class of 1960 Scholarship** (See details on page 19). Apply online at [www.cfsema.org](http://www.cfsema.org) only.

**The New Bedford Half Marathon Scholarship Fund** was established at the Community Foundation in 2009 and awards college scholarships to graduating seniors who are runners participating in track, cross country or a related interscholastic athletic program from New Bedford High School, Dartmouth High School and greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. These scholarship recipients shall be selected annually by the Coach(es) and Athletic Director from each of the three named schools for tuition assistance during the first year of a two and/or four year college, university, or technical school. Contact the New Bedford High School guidance office for details and an application.

**The New Bedford Woman's Club Scholarship** provides an annual scholarship up to \$500 each to New Bedford High School and Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School graduating seniors for tuition assistance for the first year of attendance at a two or four year college or university. The New Bedford Woman's Club was founded in 1909 to promote civic improvements and to provide an organized social center for women in the Greater New Bedford area. After more than a century of charitable work, the assets of the New Bedford Woman's Club were transferred to the Community Foundation. Apply online at [www.cfsema.org](http://www.cfsema.org) only.

**The Katherine Hassan Penton, New Bedford High School Class of 1948, Scholarship** was established at the Community Foundation in 2006 for NBHS seniors who plan to major in business at a four-year college or university. A New Bedford native who became a successful businesswoman, Katherine Hassan Penton established the scholarship in grateful appreciation for the opportunities her education at NBHS and her life in New Bedford have afforded her. The Fund offers an annual scholarship of at least \$3,000 to a New Bedford High School graduating senior who intends to study business at a four-year accredited college or university. Apply online at [www.cfsema.org](http://www.cfsema.org) only.

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