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

Candidates answer questions



Fairhaven candidates took questions from the local press at a candidates night sponsored by the government access channel on Wednesday, 3/1, at the Fairhaven Senior Center. The event was recorded and will run on Fairhaven local cable access channel 18 until the election. Fairhaven has no contested races on the ballot, although two people have announced they will be running write-in campaigns for a vacant BPW seat. ABOVE: Fairhaven town moderator Mark Sylvia (at podium) addresses the press and candidates.

TABLE LEFT, L-R: Beth David, editor of the Fairhaven Neighborhood News; Taylor Cormier and Christopher McCarthy, both with WBSM. TABLE RIGHT L-R: Charles Murphpy, Selectboard, running for re-election; Pamela Kuechler and Brian Monroe, both running for re-election to the School Committee; Nicholas Carrigg, who is new to politics, running for the Planning Board; Keith Silvia, running to retain a seat on the BPW that he was appointed to after Kathy Sturtevant resigned. *Photo by Brandon Medeiros for the Neighb News.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

And so, our ho-hum election season is in full swing. Looks like the most interesting race is the one with no one on the ballot at all (see page 6). Two people are launching write-in campaigns to fill a vacant seat on the board of Public Works.

Yours Truly over here joined a panel of distinguished local press people to ask questions of our wholly uncontested candidates (see page 13). Thank you Mary Macedo for covering that so I wouldn't have to write about myself in the third person... 'cuz, that's creepy.

The Fairhaven Business Association is not having its candidates night this year. So the next, and last, one is by the West Island Improvement Association on 3/30. That one is after deadline for that week's issue, and the next issue is after the election. So it will not be covered in the *Neighb News*. You'll have to watch it on Government Access, or go yourself. It's always a fun one.

I admit, I miss the North Fairhaven Improvement Association debate format. That was fun. The candidates could engage with each other a little bit and most of the questions came from the public.

So, send in some letters to the editor. I'll run 'em and the pols will have a chance to see them to learn what your concerns are.

It's budget season (see page 4), and Fairhaven is getting ready to spend it...it being your tax dollars.

The Fairhaven Village Militia had a special Colonial Dinner last weekend (see page 12). They invited the press (yup, that's me) as kind of test tasters. We were guinea pigs! What a cool idea (the dinner, not the guinea pigs). The militia members were dressed in period clothing, and the food was typical of what they were eating in the late 1700s. Each course had six foods, and storytellers at the table. The militia is hoping to make it an annual event and to use it as a fund-raiser.

Let them know what you think, and how much you think three courses and 18 different foods with drinks and entertainment would be worth to you.

Now, back to the weather.

It's getting cold again, and we're due to get some snow, but chin up, My Faithful Readers: We change the clocks THIS WEEKEND! YIPPEE!

Whodathunkit? We'll probably have snow on the same day we switch to Daylight Savings Time. Go figure.

Until next week then...see ya,



Change your clocks Sunday

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday! Put your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night when you retire for the evening so you won't miss anything.

It's later than you think!

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In last week's issue, we inadvertently left out the name of the letter writer on page 10. It was written by Robert Pickup, Jr. of Fairhaven.

Also, in the article on the YWCA Red Dress event we made a mistake in identifying the school that Fairhaven resident Eliana DaCunha attends. She goes to Fairhaven High School.

We apologize for any confusion our errors may have caused.

Fairhaven Kindergarten Registration info

Fairhaven Public Schools Registration Information, 2017-2018 Academic Year

Children who are expected to enter Kindergarten or First Grade in the Fairhaven Public Schools next September must be registered at their neighborhood school on March 29, 2017 (Last Name A-M) or March 30, 2017 (Last Name N-Z). Prospective students do not need to be present. Registration will be from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Registration forms are available at each of the schools or on the district website, www.fairhavenps.org

Wed., 3/29, 2017 Last Name: A-M

Thurs., 3/30, 2017 Last Name: N-Z

- **Entrance age Kindergarten:** Any child, resident of Fairhaven, who turns age five (5) on or before August 31, 2017 is eligible to register for Kindergarten.
- **Entrance age First Grade:** Any child, resident of Fairhaven, who is six (6) years of age on or before August 31, 2017 is eligible for first grade.

Children already attending Kindergarten in the Fairhaven Public

Schools need not register for first grade.

Items that must be provided at the time of registration are:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization records
- Residency Statement
- Proof of Residency
- Registration Form

Certified copy of probate court order or judgment relative to the custody of the child. In the event of a restraining order or other legal decree, please ensure that up-to-date information is on file in the school office.

For additional information please visit www.fairhavenps.org

The Fairhaven Public Schools offers all programs, activities and employment opportunities without regard to gender, sexual orientation, race, color, marital status, disability, religion, homelessness, or national origin.

Questions can be answered by contacting your neighborhood school.

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FY18 budget includes Rec Dept., ACO changes

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard discussed the FY 18 budget at a special meeting on Monday, 3/6. Town Administrator Mark Rees came on board in January of 2016, when the budget process was already underway. This year's budget is the first one he has created from the start of the process, and he has recommended some changes.

Those include funding the Recreation Center/Department entirely from general fund instead of using an enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are dedicated accounts that can only be used for a certain purpose or department. All money from the rec center goes into the fund, but it has never been enough to run the department.

Mr. Rees is recommending that Recreation be treated just like any other department, with money from dues and other fees going into the general fund. He said the town will still keep track of how much money the rec center generates.

Mr. Rees also budgeted money for a Human Resources Director to handle personnel issues. He said department heads are spending an "inordinate amount of time on personnel issues."

Selectboard member Bob Espindola asked about other towns of similar size and if they have separate departments for HR. Mr. Rees said he would look into it.

The HR Director would be responsible for town hall departments, but Mr. Rees said he would ask the public works department if they would consider signing a memorandum of understanding to include the DPW.

Mr. Rees said the Personnel Director, aka HR Director, was

mandated by the bylaws changes when the town switched to a Town Administrator form of government.

He is also recommending that the Planning Department and the Harbormaster share an administrative Assistant. They share an office now.

Mr. Rees's budget also recommends \$7,000 for the Wellness Committee. He said the WC saves the town a lot of money by helping to keep employees healthy, which in turn, keeps insurance costs low.

Anyone who has been in town hall for a late meeting, or has at any time experienced its finicky alarm system will appreciate the \$3,000 to upgrade to a "modern system."

The budget also funds the reorganization of the police department, which will now include two lieutenants and a captain. The new makeup of the department will be 24 patrol officers, five sergeants, two lieutenants, one captain and one chief.

In an exchange that began because of a point of confusion, Mr. Espindola asked if the salaries of town employees would no longer be available as it has in the past. Mr. Rees noted that it is the Finance Committee report to Town Meeting that includes the listing.

Mr. Rees said he does not recommend the practice but each town has its own traditions.

Mr. Freitas made it clear he does not like the practice or the tradition.

"It's not helping a lot of people," said Mr. Freitas, adding that his salary is available online because he works at Mass. Maritime, and he does not like it. He said contractors may try to take advantage of people if their salaries are known.

Mr. Espindola, however, made it clear that he believes the public has

a right to know how their tax dollars are being spent.

"That's municipal life," said Mr. Espindola. "It's one of the things you have to deal with."

Mr. Rees's budget also moves the Animal Control Officer from town hall supervision to police department

supervision. He made it clear that the ACO will not have powers like a police officer, just the supervision of the job and department will be under police.

Mr. Espindola asked about regionalization of the shelter.

"I think we have a very robust animal control operation in town," said Mr. Rees, adding that other communities use the shelter, so it acts as a regional shelter already.

The Fire Department will see some changes, too, if Town Meeting passes Mr. Rees's budget. He has funded an additional firefighter/paramedic for the day shift.

Deputy Fire Chief Todd Correia said the position would allow the department to stay staffed-up for seven days instead of five.

In a letter to the board, Fire Chief Timothy Francis said the department answered 3500 calls for service in 2016, a five percent increase from 2015. He said they are "maxed out" on the number of calls they can handle at current staffing levels. The town used mutual aid for 108 calls in 2016.

Another change in the budget would create a separate account for Special Education with money from the general fund. Mr. Rees said that the new account would cover some costs not reimbursed by the state

The board also discussed plans to create a public safety ramp at Union Wharf. The spot would be a permanent spot for the Harbormaster and police and fire boats to be tied up. The boats are now split up at various private marinas in town. Although those arrangements have so far not cost the town money, Mr. Freitas noted that if the spot is needed by a private company, they can kick out the town.

"I think it's a great spot," said Mr. Freitas.

Harbormaster Timothy Cox said that the HM boat used to be there, but because a fence was installed to protect the boats, the public was cut off from using the public boat ramp. After the public spoke out and complained about being shut off, the gate was removed. He said it is back to "transient use."

Mr. Cox is researching the surveillance cameras at Union Wharf, what they have and what they might need, including what New Bedford

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Dancing the Dream Productions

presents social dancing on the third Saturday of the month. Doors open at 7 p.m. Lesson at 7:45 p.m.

with general dancing to a pre-recorded music selection until 10 p.m.



First dance on March 18th. Info at www.dtdballroom.com
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

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

Thrift Store Sale

First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, Heavenly Treasures, 34 Center St. Fairhaven/William St. Entrance, 10 am to 1 pm Wednesdays & Saturdays. **Half Price Sale on Clothes & Shoes, March 15 to 29**

For Women's Fund

In the first of what could become an annual event, the Women's Fund of Southeastern Mass. presents "Stand Up For Women," a fun and laughter-filled fundraiser with comedians Kerri Louise and Carolyn Plummer.

At the **Seaport Inn & Marina Grand Ballroom at 110 Middle St., Fairhaven on April 1, from 7–10 p.m.** For tickets, \$50 pp, visit <http://www.womensfundsema.org/stand-up-for-women>.

Stand Up For Women is a fun and laughter filled fundraiser offering entertainment by nationally recognized comedienne Kerri Louise and Carolyn Plummer. Kerri, a finalist on Last Comic Standing and the star of her own reality show on the Women's Entertainment Network, can entertain any audience with her warmth and razor-edge wit. While Carolyn, putting a nail through the hearts of whiners, self loathers and the self sorry of the world, makes the average seem hilarious and larger than life.

Light appetizers and a cash bar will be provided. People attending the show can participate in a silent auction and win such prizes as a spa day for two from Indigo Day Spa in New Bedford and a week at Blackmore Pond Cottage in Wareham.

Proceeds will go to the Women's Fund of SE Mass., which is a fund of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Mass.. The Women's Fund's mission is to advance the educational attainment and economic security of women and girls in SE Mass..

Visit www.womensfundsema.org.

Lenten Movie Series

Please join us at the **First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, 34 Center St., William St. Entrance, on March 16, 23, & 30, from 1–3 p.m.** for our Lenten movie series. All are welcome!

Book Club

The book titled "As Close As Sisters" by Colleen Faulkner, is the one chosen to be discussed on Thurs. 3/16, at 10:00 a.m., at Fairhaven's Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Walnut St. entrance. Accessible. The story has been described as a "deeply moving novel filled with heartbreak and warmth." The author "explores the complex ties between four very different women as they move through life together, and apart." The review and discussion are free, open to all. To borrow the book, contact either the Millicent Library, or SAILS, the inter-library web site. For questions or directions, please call Norma Markey at 508-993-3745.

Douglass Lecture

Fri., 3/17, at 7:00 p.m., Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven. Call Ricky Goytizolo at 508-991-5675. See ad on page 17.

Scholarships Apps.

Dunkin' Donuts and its franchisees across RI and SE Mass. are pleased to announce the 22nd annual Dunkin' Donuts Scholarship Program supporting area high school seniors preparing for college.

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For more information about Dunkin' Donuts, please visit www.dunkindonuts.com or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/DunkinDonuts) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/DunkinProv).

FALPT meeting

The Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust will hold its 2017 Annual Members Meeting on **Mon., 3/20, at 6:00 p.m. at Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven.** Use Walnut St. entrance. Accessible.

Rabies Clinic

Sun., 3/19. See ad on page 3.

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)

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>

Pancake Breakfast

Fairhaven Lions Club will be hosting our annual Pancake Breakfast **Sat., 3/18, from 8–11 a.m. at the Oxford Terrace Community Center 275 Main St., Fairhaven.** Pancakes, Sausages, Fruit and Coffee/Beverage. **Cost \$7/\$5 for Seniors & Children under 5.** All proceeds will go to our Scholarship Fund. Sponsored by Rockland Trust Fairhaven. For tickets call: Bill Moniz 508-996-3420 or any Fairhaven Lions Club member.

Foxwoods Trip

The Fairhaven Village Militia is running a bus trip to Foxwoods Resort Casino on **Sat., 3/18.** Bus leaves promptly at 9:00 a.m. Leaves Foxwoods at 6 p.m. **Tickets are \$30 each** and include a voucher for a free meal or buffet, and \$20 for slots play. (Only adults are eligible for the vouchers.) For tickets call Ellie Sylvaria at 508-441-7566 or visit Mike and Wayne's, 163 Huttleston Ave.

Two announce write-in campaigns for BPW

Newcomer Cameron Durant announces BPW Campaign

With an open seat on the Board of Public Works, resident Cameron Durant is running a write-in campaign. Cam is a retail manager and has controlled \$11 million dollar sales operations with nearly seventy associates. A graduate of Providence College, he interned for three years at the New Bedford Housing Authority, working on and winning a five million dollar clean energy utility grant. He also interned for Senator Sheldon Whitehouse of RI, working with constituent services.

A husband, and with a second little girl on the way, Cam is running for the Board of Public Works to ensure that the town continues on the path of fiscal responsibility. He will fight to keep town services affordable for ALL residents and to interpret bylaws with fairness and integrity. He has a level of enthusiasm that is unmatched. He greatly appreciates your vote on April 3rd and looks forward to many conversations in the few weeks to follow.

Haworth announces to get back on BPW

Geoffrey Haworth asks for your write-in vote for Board of Public Work. Geoff would like to continue serving the residents of Fairhaven. For the past 10 years he has been committed to serving Fairhaven on several different boards and committees. He spent 5 of those years serving on the Board of Public Works. He enjoyed serving on this BPW and learned a lot about Fairhaven, the BPW and politics.

This past year he wasn't going to run for BPW because the three people running are currently serving on the board and wanted to continue. When he learned that Mr. Lussier had decided to withdraw Geoff decided he should run for the open seat to once again do what he loves.

He has the experience, the knowledge and the commitment to serve on this board once again. The only reason he left was to serve the town as a Selectman.

He has lived in Fairhaven his entire life, he works in town and he is

committed to Fairhaven.

He asks all Fairhaven voters to go to the polls on Monday April 3rd and write in his name, "Geoffrey Haworth II," 130 Spring St.," under Board of Public Works Write-in. Thank You!

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The *Neighb News* will give all candidates for townwide public office in Fairhaven and Acushnet a chance to get their message out. You may submit an article of approximately 500 words, with a picture, and we will publish at no charge before the April 3 election.

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FHS students win at film fest, accident victim's brother wins

Press Release

On Saturday March 4th, the 10th annual Salem Film Fest presented awards to Fairhaven High School for this year's Five Minute Student Documentary Contest, a regional film festival competition highlighting student filmmakers. The Salem Film Fest received over 120 films from many schools across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The festival screened the top 12 films Saturday morning at CinemaSalem.

Fairhaven High School received the first place award for senior Noah Duarte's "Estranged: A Love Letter to New England." Fairhaven also received the fifth place film, Michael Sargent and Jeffrey Szyal's "Dear Meghan." It was also noted that Students from Fairhaven were the farthest school to submit to this festival.

Noah Duarte's "Estranged: A Love Letter to New England," is an open letter to the vast culture and aesthetics of New England, and how New England has inspired Noah to become the person he has and will become. The film was produced earlier this year in 2017, and was included with Noah's media production portfolio.

The film was part of Fairhaven Media Production Class's Open Letter Project, challenging students to create a poignant and powerful visual letter that communicates an idea or advances a discussion with a mass audience. The film was produced in two months, and Noah wrote, shot, and edited the film.

You can view and share Noah's film here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1rtZnYZZ0s&t=10s>

Michael Sargent and Jeffrey Szyal's "Dear Meghan," is an open

letter to anyone that has lost someone special in their life. Michael lost his sister Meghan Sargent to a car accident in 2015, and Michael decided to write his open letter to his sister.

Jeffery Szyal assisted Michael, creating his vision, shooting and editing the piece. The film is a heart wrenching response to a very tragic event, but challenges people to appreciate the people in their own lives and not to take them for granted.

This was also part of the Open Letter Project for Fairhaven High School's Media Program. The film was created in three months, with Michael and Jeffrey working on this project continuously. You can view Michael and Jeff's film here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1rtZnYZZ0s&t=10s>

The philosophy of Fairhaven High School's Media Production program is dedicated to motivating, inspiring, empowering and engaging all students to become life-long learners within a rigorous technical and creative multimedia program.

Our core belief is to create respectful, tolerant, responsible citizens of the 21st century in a safe and secure learning environment.

The course reflects the standards set forth by the Video and Radio Production Vocational Technical (VTE) Frameworks and the objective contained within the six strand of the VTE Frameworks.

Celebrating ten years of unparalleled success, Salem Film Fest 2017 (SFF), one of the nation's leading all-documentary film festivals, kicked off with an impressive Gala at the historic Hawthorne Hotel in Salem. Film screenings took place March 3-9 at CinemaSalem, the Peabody Essex

Museum (PEM), and the National Park Service Visitor Center.

Gala attendees received a complimentary Salem Film Fest Tribute Magazine and Program, with photos, memories and highlights from the festival throughout the years.

Proceeds from the Gala will support an endowment for continuance of the all volunteer, nonprofit SFF. For more information, visit <http://salemfilmfest.com/2017>

Salem Film Fest concentrates on well-told stories with strong technical elements and interesting visual approaches, letting narratives unfold that wind their way through the human experience in the USA and foreign lands. Many of the films represent a US, East Coast or regional premiere. Filmmakers are expected to be present for more than half of the screenings, giving audiences a unique advantage to learn about the documentary process.

SFF 2017 offered a diverse schedule of feature length and short documentaries, parties, discussions, meet-and-greets, family-friendly screenings, student film showcases, and opportunities to meet visiting filmmakers in intimate settings.

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Winston Churchill



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Orientation meeting, 3/13. See page 10 for details.

Supersitions at Sea

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford, will host **Good Luck, Bad Luck: Superstitions at Sea on Thurs., 3/9, from 6-7 p.m. during AHA night. Free. Accessible.** Fishermen and sailors will share superstitions and stories with the public in what is sure to be an entertaining discussion.

The men and women who work and play on the sea hold many superstitions. From bananas to suitcases, there are many things not allowed on certain vessels for fear these items will bring bad luck. In an environment which can be unpredictable, beliefs, behaviors and practices can help a crew feel in control, perhaps guaranteeing the success of a trip or protecting the crew.

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center is dedicated to preserving and presenting the story of the commercial fishing industry past, present, and future through archives, exhibits, and programs. For more information, email info@fishingheritagecenter.org or call (508) 993-8894.

YTI Play

On March 16, 2017, Your Theatre, Inc. will open the 4th production of their 70th consecutive season with an eight show run of "The House of Blue Leaves" by John Guare. With a cast of eleven experienced South Coast actors, the play is directed by Bob Gillet of Fall River.

Artie Shaughnessy is a songwriter with visions of glory. Toiling by day as a zookeeper, he suffers in seedy lounges by night, plying his wares at piano bars in Queens, New York, where he lives with his wife, Bananas, much to the chagrin of Artie's downstairs mistress, Bunny Flingus, who'll sleep with him anytime but refuses to cook until they are married. Also arriving is Artie's old school chum, a successful Hollywood producer, Billy Einhorn, who holds the key to Artie's dreams of getting out of Queens and away from the life he so despises. But like many dreams, this promise of glory evaporates amid the chaos of ordinary lives.

Your Theatre, Inc. is grateful to our 70th Season Sponsor, Bank 5, for their fifth year of strong support for the arts and to Ricciardi Financial Group for sponsorship of this production.

Performance dates are March 16-18 and 23-25 at 8:00 p.m. and March 19 and 26 at 2:30PM. Performances are held in the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse located at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church Complex. Free off-street parking and entrance are on County St.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 for season subscribers and \$13 for senior citizens, students and military personnel. For tickets and further information call YTI at 508-993-0772, or send an e mail to info@yourtheatre.org. The theatre's web site is www.yourtheatre.org

Beer Tasting F-R

Benefits UMassD Center for Marketing Research. **Mon., 3/13, at Moby Dick Brewing, corner Water & Union Sts., New Bedford. \$40/ticket.** Visit <https://mobydickbrewing.com/umass-cmr-spring-celebration/> for tickets.

Scanning Day

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford will host **Scanning Day on Sat., 3/11, from 10 a.m. to noon.** Scanning Day is an opportunity for the public to share and preserve a digital image of their fishing industry photographs, documents and other records for future generations.

The Center invites the public to bring their fishing industry related photographs, both historic and contemporary, as well as documents such as settlement sheets, union books, or news clippings to be scanned. Staff will scan the materials and record any information the owner shares about each piece. The owner will leave with their originals along with a digital copy of the scans on a flash drive.

The Center is working to create a digital archive of these materials which will be made available to researchers and the public. These documents will help us to tell the story of the fishing industry. Scanning Day will take place the second

Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon. This event is free and open to the public.

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Music at St. Anthony

At 3:30 p.m., on Sun., 3/12, Gail Archer of New York City will play a recital at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 1359 Acushnet Ave., in New Bedford's North end. As an avid participant in the effort to keep the church's historic 104 year-old Casavant pipe organ in good working order, Gail is familiar with this magnificent instrument. A freewill offering will be accepted for the pipe organ fund and used toward ongoing renovations. All are welcome to attend.

While no tickets are needed to attend the March 12 recital, tickets for two upcoming events will be available. The silent movie, Ben Hur, will be screened on April 2 accompanied by Peter Krasinski on the pipe organ, and preceded by a spaghetti dinner for \$25. Reserved seat tickets for the May 7 Spirit of Song Ensemble Concert and Tea are \$15. Tickets can also be purchased and information can be found on the website www.musicatsaintanthonys.org, or by calling Gisele Pappas at 508-264-8010.

SAVE THE DATE!

NB Half Marathon

The New Bedford Half-Marathon will be held on Sun. 11/19, 11 a.m. Route starts downtown. Visit <http://newbedfordhalfmarathon.com>

Volunteers Needed

The Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford, is looking for volunteers to help with day to day operations, walking tours, educational programs and maintaining the Center's growing archive. For info: operations@fishingheritagecenter.org or call (508) 993-8894.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Corned Beef & Cab

Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner On **Sat., 3/11 at The Knights lower level, 57 Fairhaven Rd., Mattapoissett from 5-7 p.m.** To make reservations call Jim at (508) 863-3496, **Tickets: \$15.** The proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus, Damien Council Scholarship Fund.

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 per animal.** The Town Clerk and Staff will also be available to issue 2017 licenses.

VACCINE SPECIAL

If you bring a certificate proving that your dog or cat has been vaccinated at some point in its life, whether it is up to date or not, ACUSHNET animal hospital is offering a three-year rabies vaccine for the same \$10 fee.

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.

Acushnet night

Acushnet will hold a candidates night on **Mon., 3/20, at 6 p.m., at the Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet.** Candidates will face questions from a moderator and the public. All Acushnet residents are encouraged to attend.

Attic Treasures Sale

Attic Treasures Sale Sponsored by St. John Neumann Women's Guild at St. John Neumann Parish Hall, next to Cathedral Camp, Rt. 18/157 Middleboro Rd. in E. Freetown **Sat., 3/11, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** FREE Admission. Wheelchair accessible. Continental Breakfast and delicious lunch will be served. Take Chace Road Exit off 140

Breakfast at VFW

All you can eat breakfast, served meal, every Sunday in **March: 3/12, 19, 26, from 8-11 a.m., hosted by the Men of VFW Post 6643, 89 Middleboro Rd., E. Freetown, \$7 per person**

Sewing 101

Have you inherited a sewing machine and want to use it but don't know where to start? Have you always wanted to learn how to sew? Do you want to brush up on your sewing skills to mend or make a garment or household item? Come to the **Mattapoissett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., on Sat., 3/18, from 12:30-2:30 p.m.** to learn the basics of using a sewing machine with Barbara Gaspar and Mary Chaplain. The Library will supply the fabric and machines and you will leave with a finished pillow! The number of participants is limited, so be sure to sign up by calling the library at 508-758-4171, signing up at the circulation desk, or emailing rsmith@sailsinc.org. Accessible.

Vendors Wanted

The Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Rd. in Mattapoissett, is having a Flea Market on Saturday April 29th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendors are needed to fill the hall for **\$20 a table (we supply 8ft. tables to be used).**

Antiques, collectibles and crafts are welcome. For information about renting table space call Jim at 508-863-3496.

La Salette St. Pat

Join La Salette for a St. Patrick's celebration with the The Noel Henry Irish Show Band with Haley's School of Irish Dancers. Dinner, Dancing, and Show, on **Sat., 3/18, from 5-9 p.m.** in the Welcome Center

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under) Reservations required! No tickets at door! To purchase tickets, please call 508-222-5410 or visit our website atlasaletteattleboroshrine.org/saint-patricks

Ides of March Postcard Campaign

The Mattapoissett Democratic Town Committee is hosting a **Post Card Party on Tues., 3/14 from 3-5:30 in the Lower conference room of the Mattapoissett Library 7 Barstow St.**

Plan to drop in during the party with your friends, neighbors, and family including your children to write postcards to President Trump expressing your dissatisfaction with his policies and appointments. This event is part of a national campaign to flood the White House with mail from disgruntled citizens.

We'll have pink postcards, stamps, and popcorn. Feel free to bring your own snacks, too. The MDTC will mail all of the postcards on March 15.

If you are looking for a way that you can participate actively in the present resistance movement to the Trump presidency and are anxious to talk and share with other like minded people, this could be the perfect event for you. You do not have to be a member of the Mattapoissett Democratic Town Committee to attend our Post Card Party.

Maple Days

Old Sturbridge Village will highlight the history of New England's maple industry during its Maple Days celebrations, held on four consecutive weekends starting March 4-5. The Village's costumed historians will demonstrate the maple sugaring process of the early 19th-century at a working sugar camp, show how maple sugaring has changed over the years, demonstrate Native American techniques for harvesting sap, and more. Special Maple Days packages are also available for families and couples, including a stay at the Old Sturbridge Inn and Reeder Family Lodges at the Village. **The dates for Maple Days are March 11-12, 18-19, and 25-26; the operating hours are 9:30 am - 4:00 pm.** Full details are available at www.osv.org.

Recipe of the Week

Banana Strawberry Salad

- 3 ripe bananas
- Juice from 1/2 lemon (1 tbsp)
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 can (14oz) crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 1/2 cups diced strawberries
- 1/2 cup chopped maraschino cherries
- 1 cup plain Greek yoghurt
- 3-4 cups of whipped cream

Mash bananas in large bowl. Add lemon juice and mix. Add sugar, pineapple and yoghurt. Stir until smooth. Stir in cherries and strawberries. Fold in whipped cream. Keep refrigerated.

In addition to adding flavor, the lemon keeps the bananas from turning brown

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John C. Maxwell

Serv-A-Thon meetings begin 3/13

Submitted

As part of our upcoming third Annual Serve-A-Thon, for the benefit of the Salvation Army and Mobile Ministries, we will honor what the founder of the Salvation Army said back in the late 1800's to those who complained to him about the homelessness and despairing situation that surrounded them.

General William Booth boldly said, "DO SOMETHING!"

With that command, thinking of others, transforming lives, and bringing hope has been the Salvation Army's International definition of "do something" for over 152 years.

In addition to the service and treasure chest projects that we will be doing, an area Do Something! "Cheering Squad" will also be recruited.

Each participant will hold an approved sign with an encouraging message for those passing by, gather pre-arranged financial sponsors, and serve a timed shift at an approved location. All proceeds from this "cheering our local communities" component will go toward our Serve-

A-Thon total.

This year's Serve-A-Thon is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2017. A number of organizational and public orientation meetings will be held at the Salvation Army facility at 619 Purchase Street, in New Bedford beginning on Monday, March 13, 2017 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Those interested in learning more and to DO SOMETHING! to help are welcome to attend. Other information can be found on our web page: www.lift-in-love.org, on our Lift-in-Love Facebook Page, or calling the Salvation Army at 508-9976-516 and asking for Major BethEllen Parkhurst.

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Colonial dinner highlights high life in 1700's

By Beth David
Editor

It would have been elegant. It would have been leisurely. It would have been generous in portions and variety. And it would have been social. That is what a traditional Colonial era dinner would be for guests of people of means.

And so it was, as Mr. & Mrs. Howard Smith hosted an evening of dining and entertainment, presented by the Fairhaven Village Militia on Saturday, 3/4.

The foods were traditional, taken from the cookbook of Martha Washington (yes, THAT Martha Washington), although cooked on modern equipment. The three courses had six items each, with coffee, tea, and a lemony mixed spirit called a syllabub (with sparkling apple cider instead of champagne because of the venue).

Venison, duck with orange juices, chicken pudding, beef, Scotch eggs and stuffed apples are just some of the tasty dishes, prepared as they would have been around 1770.

Between courses the Buzzards Bay Buccaneers entertained with an Irish



Scotch eggs are hard boiled eggs wrapped in sausage, coated with bread crumbs and baked or fried. *Photo by Beth David.*

bazouki, chromaharp and ukelele.

Ellie Sylvaria, commander of the FVM, said the militia is considering an annual event that would be open to the public and, hopefully, used as a fund-raiser for the organization.

The militia holds encampments at Fort Phoenix and joins area militias in their encampments, re-enactments and other activities. Several times a year, they fire the five cannons at Fort Phoenix.

At the dinner, Mr. Sylvaria told guests that the Militia wanted to contrast the meals that are made at the encampments with something different.

"We wanted a little elegance and charm," said Mr. Sylvaria.

Dina Quinlan said she was "blown away" after the first course.

It exceeded her expectations, she said, especially the onion pie.

"I liked everything," said Mia Quinlan, especially the chicken pudding."

Georgia Sparling said her favorite was the apple sauce, which was more of an apple pie, with chunks of apple.

"It was amazing, delicious," said Ms. Sparling. "I can't say enough about it."

"That was wonderful," said Kristen SaintDon-Campbell, adding that the chicken pudding was her favorite. "It's was like a quiche. And I love the butter."

Of course, it was churned just



minutes before the dinner was served.

The second course included the venison, Scotch Eggs (hard boiled eggs wrapped in sausage), and stew of rump beef. Dessert was stuffed apples, little iced cakes and orange creams.

The hosts engaged their guests in conversation throughout the meal, including a tale about George Washington's hospitality. According to Mrs. Smith, Mr. Washington's house was known as a place where all were welcome, no matter how late. He would have the servants set the table and serve guests until they were satiated. He did, however, have to stop the wine at some point because "the wine bill got out of control," said Mrs. Smith.

Mr. Sylvaria said that the dinner has been a dream of a few FVM members for years.

To learn more about the Fairhaven Villiage Militia, visit <http://fairhavenvillagemilitia.blogspot.com>



TOP RIGHT L-R: The Buzzards Bay Buccaneers performed at the first ever Colonial Dinner presented by the Fairhaven Village Militia on Saturday, 3/4. Bob Littera plays the Irish bazouki, and Kelly Reed-Hathaway plays the chromaharp. ABOVE LEFT: FVM members who hosted and served the dinner, and the Buzzards Bay Buccaneers. MIDDLE: Tim Smith pours some sparkling apple cider. RIGHT: Dessert included stuffed apples, coffee or tea, and syllabub, a lemony drink with heavy cream and sparkling cider, that would have used champagne or wine. *Photos by Beth David.*

Candidates answer questions from local press

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

On Wednesday, 3/1, candidates running for office in Fairhaven had a chance to get their messages to the public at the candidates night held at the Fairhaven Senior Center. The event was sponsored by and recorded by Cable Access Channel 18. It will run "all day and all night," until election day on April 3. There are no contested races on the ballot.

Fairhaven Town Moderator Mark Sylvia moderated the event. Each candidate gave an opening statement followed by one question from each of three panelists: Beth David, editor of the Fairhaven Neighborhood News, Taylor Cormier from WBSM, and Christopher McCarthy from WBSM.

Charles Murphy, running for re-election to the Selectboard thanked the voters for allowing him to serve on the board. He said he was honored to work with the other two Selectboard members.

"The glue that holds this town together is teamwork," Mr. Murphy said.

He added that he has a true love for Fairhaven and would love to continue to serve such a unique, strong, and caring community.

Ms. David questioned Mr. Murphy on the recent political discourse in our country in regards many members of the public no longer feeling that the government has their back. She asked if he felt it was important for local governments to make people of all faiths feel valued and how he could facilitate that as a Selectboard member.

"Everyone matters," Mr. Murphy said.

He explained that the Selectboard, must listen to what residents want and understand their feelings about certain issues. He said residents and elected officials must work together.

Mr. Cormier asked about the Selectboard's role with the environment, specifically related to the PCB cleanup in the harbor.

Mr. Murphy explained that the needs and issues within the environment need to be discussed with He Mr. Murphy said that the EPA was invited to meet with residents. The Selectboard cannot stop the EPA, he said, but they can inform the public and keep them up to date.

School Committee incumbent Pamela Kuechler thanked the public for allowing her to serve for the past nine years. She said that in that time, she has learned a lot of lessons.

"No matter how far we come, there is still more to improve on," Ms. Kuechler said, adding that she would love to continue to serve because continuous improvement is

the method of the School Committee.

Ms. Kuechler also said that in the last few years the SC has worked together with the public to improve a education in Fairhaven. In the past few years students have been awarded over three million dollars in scholarships, film students have won National Student Emmys for their film work, they have more school to career offerings, greater collaboration among all the schools, as well as after school programs such as Soul Sister, Band of Brothers, Knitting and Lego Clubs.

Ms. Kuechler said that none of it would have been possible without the huge support the SC receives from the community.

Ms. David asked Ms. Kuechler if she supports school vouchers, charters, or other privatization efforts that will be undoubtedly supported by the federal government with the appointment of Betsy



Nicholas Carrigg address the public at the candidates night sponsored by the government access channel. He is new to politics and is running unopposed for a seat on the Fairhaven Planning Board. Photo by Brandon Medeiros.

DeVos as US Education Secretary.

Ms. David asked where Ms. Kuechler stands on the issue, especially given the fact that Fairhaven residents strongly opposed charter schools in the last election.

Ms. Kuechler responded by saying it is a "tough juncture."

"I've worked nine years in this job because I believe public education is effective," Ms. Kuechler said, adding that the residents of Fairhaven seem to like how the public schools are working now.

"I would like to continue on the path that we are on," Ms Kuechler said. "I would like the system to stay the way it is now."

When SC member Brian Monroe was asked the same question, he said he did not support school vouchers or charter schools.

"You have to fix what you have and fix what is broken," Mr. Monroe said.

He explained that lot of public school issues have to do with funding. He said that creating a charter school would not help

public schools with funding to improve the school; it would only hurt the public schools more.

Funding that public schools receive depends on a lot of factors such as population and performance, he said. With the little money that Fairhaven Public Schools receives they have accomplished a lot.

"This year we are hopeful our funding will improve," Mr. Monroe said.

Mr. Cormier asked Ms Kuechler about issues regarding transgender students. He asked if there have been any issues in the schools and if there are any future plans regarding transgender students.

"Inclusion of all children is our goal," Ms Kuechler answered.

She said that from the School Committee's stand point they have been doing a great job making sure all students are equally included in plans. She said that the high school has equality groups for the students to meet and to make all the students feel equal, as well as feel part of a community.

She also said that there have been no issues at any of the schools regarding transgender students that she is aware of.

Mr. Cormier asked a follow up question, asking whether or not Ms. Kuechler felt that transgender health should be something that is discussed in sexual education class.

Ms. Kuechler explained that curriculum instructors are the ones that choose what is taught. Ms. Kuechler explained that she does not know if it is currently discussed in class or if there are plans for transgender health to be discussed in class in the future.

Mr. McCarthy asked Ms. Kuechler about the new Art Honor Society that was just formed at the high school.

Ms. Kuechler explained that the group is very new and the parameters for the group have not yet been set. She said the students thought the work they were doing could be more highly recognized if they formed the Art Honor Society. The program allows students to get recognition for their art beyond the school.

Mr. Monroe thanked the community for allowing him to serve on the School Committee for the past six years. He said that he felt that so many things have been accomplished in the education of Fairhaven students, some mentioned by Ms. Kuechler.

Mr. Monroe said that he was excited for the future of the Fairhaven school system and said that it is all about teamwork. He said the SC has plans to discuss new technologies for the schools with the Selectboard, and the possibility of

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LNG project seems to be on hold, maybe...kind of...probably

By Beth David

Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard heard an update on the proposed expansion of the Liquefied Natural Gas facility on Peckham Road, at its meeting on Monday, 3/6.

Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher gave the board a history of the project, including a review of court cases that seem to have slowed down the project. He told the board that as far as he could tell, the project was on hold. He said no action has been taken on 11 reports that still need to be filed.

Chief Gallagher also said that his contacts tell him that the process, including public hearings, will have to start all over again. But Eversource and Access Northeast are not saying the project has been scrapped.

For his part, the chief said the project is "not dead," but "not active," either.

"I would say it's in a state of suspended animation," said the chief. "It simply is not moving."

He added that no one on either side seems to know what is happening, but that personnel have been reassigned.

"There's all kinds of shrugging and looking at each other," said Chief Gallagher. "We simply do not know."

Roger Cabral, however, was on hand to tell the board to take any information from regulators or developers with a "grain of salt."

Joe and Christine Tarini, whose property abuts the site, were also there to tell the board that they have seen stakes on their property, marking the wetlands. They said it was only three or four weeks ago that the stakes were placed there.

Mr. Tarini told the board he was not happy to find the stakes on his

property.

"We all signed something so this would not happen," said Mr. Tarini, meaning that the developers are prohibited from going on private property. "They're doing this against the law. I own that property."

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar suggested that Mr. Tarini simply remove them. Selectboard chairperson Garry Rawcliffe suggested that Mr. Tarini use a wildlife camera to catch the trespassers in the act.

In any case, the project has no hearings scheduled, or any new filings to consider. Chief Gallagher, who is the LNG ombudsman, will keep the board informed.

The board also heard from the Historical Commission on conditions at the Perry Hill Church. The HC was not able to install the sheetrock because the bids came in too high. The building also needs electrical work. In a letter to the board, HC Chairperson Pauline Teixeira said that the in-house maintenance workers could not get to the job for more than a year.

The town acquired the building by eminent domain in 2012. The ownership of the building was not clear, so \$40,000 was set aside in case anyone claims the building. In 2018, those funds will be returned to the Community Preservation fund if no one comes forward.

Ms. Teixeira told the board that \$66,795 has been appropriated for the building.

Robert Gilmore told the board that the old wooden windows are in bad shape, and require special expertise to fix them.

"Other than the windows, the building is weather-tight," said Mr. Gilmore, adding that they would not

get any better with time. "They're in rough shape."

He noted that they cannot put vinyl replacement windows in the historic building. They need to be restored and be "period correct."

Mr. Rawcliffe said he wondered if it would be better just to rebuild the windows completely, and asked if the Old Colony students could do it. He also said the sheetrock "blew estimates" and he felt they were inflated.

"There's no way it should cost that much," he said.

One bid was \$84,000 and one was for \$56,000. Mr. Gilmore said they would ask for a new round of bids.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar said he agreed the windows needed to be fixed, since the town has already put so much into the building.

Ms. Teixeira said that the town should finish the job so the building can be used to generate income.

The board will probably support additional funds for the building at Town Meeting, but is waiting for the window estimates and new sheetrock bids before voting.

In another Historical Commission matter, the Selectboard discussed the HC's request to place a deed restriction on the Russell Memorial Library building before selling it. The public library moved to Middle Road, and the Main Street building is empty.

The HC wants to preserve the historic facade, with its old and impressive stone work. A veterans monument is also on the site, and the HC wants that to remain. Mr. Rawcliff raised the possibility of moving the monument to Pope Park.

Town Administrator Brian Noble reminded the board and commission members that too many restrictions

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Mr. Gaspar said he agreed that the stone work should be preserved.

"There's only so much you can do with that rock," he said.

Town Meeting will have to vote on any change.

The board also presented Jordan St. Onge with a citation congratulating her for being selected "Miss New Bedford Outstanding Teen."

"It's been a crazy ride so far, and I can't wait to see what happens," said Ms. St. Onge, adding that she will be in the Miss Massachusetts pageant in April. "Yeah, if that happens, that's a wild ride. Hopefully, more crazy, wonderful things to happen, so thank you very much."

Ms. St. Onge told the board she has worked to raise money for the American Lung Association, joining in the "Climb for Air" events, which

feature people running up many flights of stairs in skyscrapers. The events have raised more than \$100,000 this year.

The board reviewed a letter and feedback from other town boards on the Chapter 61 property on Mattapoisett Road. The property is being sold and the town has the right of first refusal. Most of the 30-acre parcel is in Acushnet, but a few acres are in Fairhaven. Both the Planning Board and the Assessors informed the Select-board that they do not see a reason for the town to buy the property.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition has expressed an interest in the parcel and has asked the towns of Acushnet and Fairhaven to help it acquire the property. The town can assign its right of first refusal to the BBC.

In a letter to Acushnet, the BBC expressed "strong interest helping the Town figure out a strategy to

enable acquisition of the property."

The parcel is in the Mattapoisett River Valley and a "high priority for conservation," reads the letter.

If acquired, the property would be open to the public for passive recreation and would be protected from development, which would protect drinking water and wildlife habitat.

The board has 120 days to act, from the 1/30/17 notice date. The owners have an offer of \$376,000.

The board decided to table the matter as requested by the BBC while they try to line up funding sources.

In other business, the board announced openings on the School Committee. Chris Green and Erin Ptaszenski have notified the town clerk that they have resigned. The board is accepting letters of interest immediately and will schedule a meeting at the end of the month with the SC to fill the openings.



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Press Release

They make music like no other group in the world, and as they approach their 20th year of performing, Australia's TEN Tenors have found success by crafting concerts that are as unique as they are accomplished.

On Saturday, March 11th the TEN Tenors will bring a show to the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center that entertains with a rambunctious diversity of material. Colorful and powerful, the singers' repertoire ranges from classical composers to popular contemporary acts to rock anthems, interpreting each song in their time-honored a capella approach.

It is likely to be your only opportunity to hear an Opera Medley performed with ABBA's "Dancing Queen," "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and the Bee Gees "Stayin' Alive." All interpreted by a 10-piece male choir.

The show will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$29, \$36, \$46, and \$56. They can be purchased by calling (508) 994-2900, or at the Zeiterion box office located at 684 Purchase St. in

New Bedford.

"What makes the entire performance is the energy and excitement for what we do," says Jared Newell, singer with the TEN Tenors. "We perform in different genres, but always with the same enthusiasm. We often enjoy seeing people who think they're going to a stuffy opera recital."

"The TEN Tenors put a twist on a song in ways people will never expect," says Marcelle Gauvin, an Associate Professor of Vocal Studies at Berklee College of Music, and a faculty member at UMass Dartmouth. "They create music that has its own flavor, it's very playful and entertaining, it's fun for the ear."

"Singing is one of the most earnest forms of communication that humans uniquely possess," Newell says. "This tour is one of the most musically diverse shows that I have been part of. We do like to mix things up — we encourage people to sing along and sometimes dance along, but at the end of the day it's our job to make sure that the night is a lot of fun, and we work very hard to do just that."

The group got its start in 1997 with the goal of performing in the corporate market, but they soon realized that they had skills that would allow their audiences to grow along with their lineup of songs. Soon this group that started out performing classical and "tenorial" music realized that some of the greatest tenors in the world made music outside of the classical world — specifically in the rock and pop genres. They eventually began incorporating music into their show by artists such as Queen, Jeff Buckley, and Meatloaf — a list which has only expanded.

The group hopes that audiences will enjoy selections that are both familiar and new to them.

"Our hope is that some of our audience's favorite songs will be ones that they've never heard before," Newell says. "There's a selection of classical and Australian songs that will be new to much of the audience, songs that are some of our absolute favorites that we are proud to introduce to audience members."

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Miss Inspirational program seeks girls with special needs

Press Release

On Saturday, May 6, the reigning Miss Bristol County Jillian Zucco will host the second Annual Miss Inspirational program for girls with special needs and disabilities at the Old Rochester Regional High School auditorium at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Zucco, a 2016 graduate of the Honors Nursing Program at UMASS Dartmouth, is now accepting registrations from girls and young women for participation in this event on a first-come, first-serve basis. The goal of the pageant is to highlight and celebrate the achievements of those around us who are breaking barriers and overcoming challenges every single day.

Now employed as a full-time registered nurse at a regional hospital and still a part-time personal care attendant with the Cerebral Palsy of Massachusetts organization, Ms. Zucco has worked with girls and young women with varying levels of disability.

"This event focuses on ability and empowerment. My goal is to raise public awareness by giving these young women and girls a platform to show the community how truly inspirational they are," said Ms. Zucco.

The program will have four phases: Introduction, using any form of communication with or without assistance; Talent, sharing a unique ability, talent, or something the individual is proud of; Formal Wear, demonstrating grace and confidence in a party dress or gown of one's own



or one provided courtesy of the Cinderella Project through Gifts to Give; and Personal Statement submitted in writing before the event detailing obstacles overcome, barriers broken, and/or goals and aspirations, pieces of which will be read to the audience during the Formal Wear portion of the live show.

Last year's inaugural event was a great success, showcasing 30 participants from across the state to a sold-out audience.

"I was delighted to have a standing room only turnout for these deserving individuals. What they have to share with all of us is nothing short of amazing!" said Ms. Zucco.

The program accommodates individuals with all types of disabilities, including mental, physical, developmental and medical. An ASL

interpreter is available for those who need this service. The stage, dressing room and auditorium meet ADA accessibility guidelines, and a volunteer will be assigned to assist each participant on and off stage the night of the show to ensure they are prepared and ready for each phase.

The program also recognizes any males with special needs who would like to be involved as well.

There is no fee to participate. Tickets to the event will be available at the door for \$15. All proceeds will benefit Boston Children's Hospital through the Children's Miracle Network.

To register or for more information, email JillianZucco@gmail.com

Miss Bristol County is a local preliminary to the Miss Massachusetts and Miss America organizations.



This year's Miss Inspirational program will be held on May 6. The program is accepting registrations from girls and young women who are breaking barriers and facing challenges. Photos this page from last year's program. *Submitted photos.*

regionalization.

Mr. Cormier asked Mr. Monroe about the condition of school buildings.

Mr. Monroe said he did not believe there will be any extensive work done on any of the schools in the next few years. He explained that many schools in Fairhaven are decades upon decades old and the community and SC have done a great job keeping the buildings maintained.

Mr. Monroe said that the high school needs seven million dollars worth of work done, including a new roof. The historic building has slate roof. The SC hopes to have the money to fund that project within the next five to ten years.

Mr. McCarthy asked Mr. Monroe what the discussions have been around regionalization with Acushnet.

Mr. Monroe said the Acushnet and the Fairhaven School Committees have discussed four options.

One is that both Acushnet and Fairhaven schools stay the way they are and continue to collaborate. Two is a Superintendency union, which allows both Acushnet and Fairhaven to share a Superintendent and includes a different way of organization within the schools, as well as the finances. Option three is the regionalization of grades 9-12, which Acushnet and Fairhaven already have, but it will be more formalized. Option four is regionalizing K-12.

Mr. Monroe said that the next step in the process is to take the idea to town meeting to see if they can get funding to hire a consultant to study the options. He said the SC has also applied for a grant, which they hope will cover all the costs of the study.

The next candidate to step to the podium was Keith Silvia who is currently a member of the Board of Public Works. Mr. Silvia was appointed to fill a vacancy, so he is running to fill the unexpired term.

He explained that he is fairly new to politics and the BPW, only attending four BPW meetings so far. He said that although he is very new, he has enjoyed his first few

weeks.

Mr. Silvia said that he and his son became town meeting members a few years ago because they were curious as to where all the money went within the town. He was then appointed to the Board of Appeals for about four months, but when a seat came up on the BPW he applied and was appointed.

Ms. David said that the BPW has a lot of latitude on a lot of issues pertaining to the town layout. She said that sometimes individuals may be favored by the board and asked Mr. Silvia how he will keep town interests in mind, and not just the interests of the person who is sitting in front of the board at the moment.

When a person goes to the board asking for a waiver for a driveway or something pertaining to the town layout, Mr. Silvia said he will take a drive by the property to see if it will cause any issues with other properties.

Ms. David followed up with a question regarding a resident that recently attended a BPW meeting to request a sewer extension for his property. Ms. David said it didn't seem fair to allow just one person to run the sewer line on his own property and not down the middle of the street, essentially giving him his own line while other people on the street are still not tied into the sewer.

Mr. Silvia explained that the resident said that none of the other neighbors on the street wanted to tie in because they did not want to spend the money. He approved the extension because the resident's line was going through his own property, he was willing to pay the fees, and agreed that if a more extensive sewer line was built for everyone on the street, the resident agreed to tie in.

Mr. Cormier asked Mr. Silvia what some of the future priorities for the BPW are.

Mr. Silvia said that the BPW is planning on updating the Sewer Treatment Plant. He said he was not sure what the other priority issues are just yet because he hasn't been there long enough to "feel it out."

Newcomer to politics Nicholas Carrigg

stepped up to the podium, looking for a spot on the Planning Board. He explained that he recently moved to Fairhaven with his wife and their two-year-old child. He said he always wanted to get involved in politics.

Mr. Carrigg said there are some commercial buildings in Fairhaven that are empty and need to be improved. He would like to bring the town forward, while still being able to keep the things that make Fairhaven special. When he is on the Planning Board, he will want to hear the wants and needs of the residents to see what his best for the town.

Ms. David noted that the words "friendly business environment," are often heard in town, but what is good for businesses, is not necessarily good for the neighbors or the town.

She asked Mr. Carrigg if he would like to see more regulations or fewer.

Mr. Carrigg said it depends on the regulation, as well as what works for other towns and cities. He explained that with retail in the town, we would need to see why they left, noting that K-Mart is leaving because of a national issue, not because of Fairhaven.

Mr. Carrigg said the town needs to research what has worked in the past and in other places. The town needs to do what it can to be fair and do what is best for residents.

Mr. Cormier asked Mr. Carrigg what he thinks needs to be done to attract more businesses, as well as sustain them.

Mr. Carrigg said that he would need to look at who Fairhaven is competing with and see what businesses would make Fairhaven unique, as well as finding out what residents like and or want to see.

"Fairhaven in general has a charm to it with its age," Mr. Carrigg said.

In response to a question, Mr. Carrigg said that because he is new to the town he has the ability to separate the current state of Fairhaven from its history.

"I come with a fresh set of eyes," he said.

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Fairhaven Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on March 20, 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.

- Request for Determination Applicant Rockwood Homes Inc. Location 118 New Boston Road Plot 31 Lot 8 Purpose verify wetland line and construct new dwelling within the 100' buffer zone to BVW and remove existing structure.
- Request for Determination Applicant Buzzards Bay Coalition Location New Boston Road Plot 35 Lots 5 & 8 Purpose install 40' x 50' gravel parking area and a 25' wide driveway within 100' of BVW.

Jay Simmons, Chairman
3/9/17

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on March 28, 2017**, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearings will be to receive information and public comment on the following application. 1) *Special Permit*. The applicant, Enrico Picozza, is requesting Special Permit to use the proposed site as an Artist Studio, artist workshop, classroom and retail space.

The location of the property is 67 Main Street, Map 9, Lot 29.

A copy of the application is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9.

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He said as the renovations to Union Wharf have been going on, they have been finding a mish mash of cameras and software systems, and they do not even know where some of them transmit to.

He said the state Department of Environmental Protection has infrared cameras for oil spills that the town might be able to use for security. It is too complicated for him to get it all together for this year's Town Meeting. He is hoping to have something ready for next year.

"So many things have been added to that camera [system]," said Mr. Cox. "We are actually finding cameras we didn't even know we had in the harbor."

In other spending, Mr. Rees is recommending \$9600 from the general fund be used for a new automated parking system at Hoppy's Landing.

He is also recommending \$5,000 for the Economic Development Committee, but Mr. Espindola advocated for more. He said that committee might need to use consultants and \$5,000 will not go very far.

The CIP financing plan and Mr. Rees's budget presentation are on the town's website at <http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/> Find "Documents and Contracts" on the left and then FY18 Budget Documents.

Fairhaven Meetings

Bell Committee

Thurs., 3/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/4, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 3/13, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 3/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Mon., 3/13, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 3/9, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

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

Planning & Econ Devel.

Tues., 3/14, Town Hall, 2 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 3/22, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 3/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Agricultural Commission

Thurs., 3/23, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Board of Appeals

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

Planning Commission

Thurs., 3/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	March 2017	HIGH		LOW		
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	
Thursday	9	0518	1744	----	1222*	0626 1
Friday	10	0606	1830	0030*	1310*	0715 1
Saturday	11	0650	1913	0122*	1355*	0802 2
Sunday	12	0833	2056	0309*	1525*	0949 2
Monday	13	0916	2138	0334*	1525*	1034 2
Tuesday	14	0958	2219	0339*	1538*	1117 2
Wednesday	15	1039	2300	0359	1604*	1159 --
Thursday	16	1120	2342	0427	1633	0018 1
Friday	17	----	1205	0458	1706	0103 1
Saturday	18	0030	1256	0535	1744	0150 1
Sunday	19	0123	1349	0620	1832	0237 1
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Tuesday	21	0307	1535	0828	2039	0416 1

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From our readers

Planning Board did not notify public adequately

This email is in response to the Fairhaven Planning Board's decision (on 2/21) to approve Verizon Wireless cell equipment to be placed at the top of poles at multiple locations along Huttleston Avenue in and near residential areas.

Unless you were within 300 feet of the locations affected and were notified by the town, everyone else was kept in the dark. The agenda for the meeting didn't say what Verizon Wireless was proposing to do. It only listed Verizon Wireless, a code, street address and Map and Lot numbers.

The Open Meeting Law states, "the list of topics must be sufficiently specific to reasonably inform the public." That agenda did not comply. Had specifics been listed as to WHAT Verizon Wireless was planning on doing, more people may have attended to oppose this project. The Town of Fairhaven Planning Board failed its residents by not providing details.

One location in front of 7 Huttleston Avenue (Route 6) near Main Street is right across the street from Fairhaven High School. This is not good to subject students and staff to this form of radiation from this cell equipment let alone residents nearby.

If you're not happy with the Fairhaven Planning Board approving this project by Verizon Wireless to place all this cell equipment along Huttleston Ave at 8 locations, you can appeal their decision within 20 days of their approval on 2/21.

Below are some links to very important information on how this cell equipment can affect your health. The Fairhaven Planning Board should have done their homework on this. Once again, Fairhaven failed to provide appropriate vetting to protect its residents from potential harm.

Also listed are books available on cell towers and the electromagnetic radiation emitted that can affect public health along with pets and birds.

http://www.blakelevitt.com/cell_towers_wireless_convenience_or_environmental_hazard_proceedings_of_the_28525.htm

There are many sites online on this subject. We provided you with a few

to look into. Please review.

<http://www.rense.com/general78/rad.htm>

<http://www.safeschoolspg.org/examples-of-cell-tower-moratoriums-setbacks-and-local-government-action.html>

Karen A. Vilandry, President, Hands Across the River Coalition, Inc.

Trump speech did not disappoint supporter

I was listening to President Trump's speech to a joint session of Congress with much anticipation. I wasn't disappointed. He looked, spoke and conducted himself in a manner that defines what a president should be. I thought he was being considerate in reaching out to Democrats to put aside their differences for the greater good of the country.

Let me say at this point that he wasn't my choice for president at first. Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz were my choices. However, I changed my mind about him. I became convinced that he was in it for his country and his family.

He became the voice of the forgotten middle class, the ones who fought and died for our country. The factory workers who saw jobs going overseas caused by repressive regulation and high taxes by a government that in its high-handed way thinks it knows best for the working class. A people who saw a president who was apologizing for our country, who were appalled by the ravages of ISIS brought about to a great extent by President Obama's failure to acknowledge the threat of radical Islam, who pulled all of our troops out of Iraq, who drew a red line in Syria and did nothing when President Assad violated it.

When Secretary Hillary Clinton left ambassador Christopher Stevens in Libya to die when the attack went on for 13 hours and she didn't as much as send a plane over there. She lied about it together with President Obama when they said it was in response to a video of Muhammad. There is tape where she states in her own words she says it was a terrorist

attack.

Now to the problem of illegal immigration. There is no nation in the world without borders. As a sovereign nation we have every right to protect our borders and to say who can and how many can immigrate here.

Both my wife and her mother are immigrants from Portugal. Now I can tell you my mother-in-law's citizenship was a process that took several years. She had to study United States history and successfully pass a test to receive her citizenship. She went on to read, write and speak English.

Trump spoke correctly about who our enemy is, it's radical Islam that has sworn to wipe out Israel and kill Americans. He has identified the countries which harbor these killers. He spoke about our border with Mexico and the flood tide of drugs and criminals coming over our border with Mexico.

For myself, I believe I am a compassionate person. I support charities like Samaritan's Purse, which provides food, shelter, medical assistance in the name of Jesus Christ throughout the world. I support Shriners and help sponsor a child in Columbia through Children's International. That being said, I strongly oppose sanctuary cities that harbor illegal aliens. I say for those who are here illegally, give them a chance to sign up and if they haven't committed any serious crimes and are working, give them a right to work and a path to citizenship. For those who are born here they are citizens who have a responsibility to respect and observe our laws.

To conclude, let's put America first, honor and respect our heritage and the men and women who fought and died for it, and recognize our Christian heritage and pray to God to protect and guide us.

*Sincerely and thanks,
John Pond, Fairhaven.*



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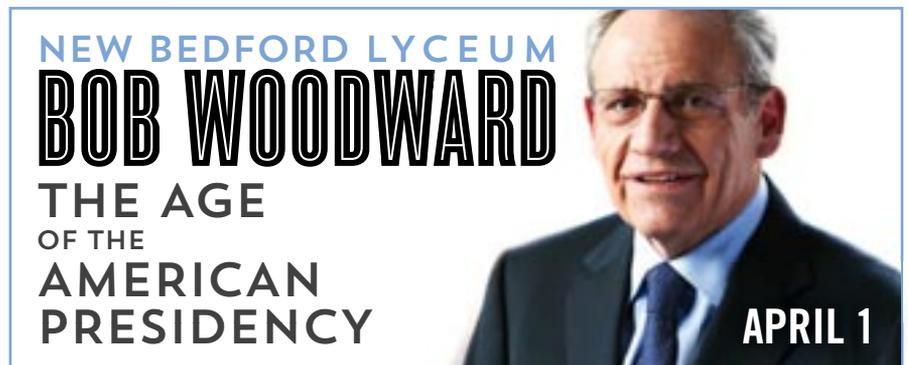


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