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Lee Blake, President of the New Bedford Historical Society speaks to about 60 people at the Fairhaven Town hall on Friday, 3/17, about Frederick Douglass, his stay in New Bedford, the abolitionist movement in New Bedford, and the key local figures who helped escaped slaves gain their freedom. The even was sponsored by the Fairhaven Historical Society. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David.

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Spring is here! No, really it is. I can tell because my crocuses are coming up. They're all over the place. I would've taken a picture for you, but it's too cold outside.

Yeah, welcome to New England. BRRR...this winter just won't give it up. But it can't win, I know it. Just hang in there.

I learned all kinds of cool stuff covering this week's cover story. I thought I had a pretty good idea about Frederick Douglass's time in New Bedford, but there is soooo much to learn, and not just about him. The people of New Bedford and environs were quite the group. The abolitionist movement was very strong around here.

The New Bedford Historical Society is creating an Abolitionist Row Park downtown. What I didn't know, is that there is already an Underground Railroad walking tour. I am definitely going to do that tour...when the weather warms up. Ahem.

Meanwhile, you can read about the presentation we had last week on page 12.

The Oxford School Bell (page 13) got all spruced up for its big debut coming up in May. The Fairhaven Bell Committee washed it down so it's presentable at the Memorial Day Parade and other events. Now, really, be honest folks, when the Selectboard created the Bell Committee, did anyone think it would be so busy? Now it seems impossible that we ever got along without one.

Besides all the work on the Oxford bell, forged by famous patriot Paul Revere in 1795, the committee also has the bell from the Rogers School to take care of. That lonely, mediocre ringer has not the storied past of the Paul Revere Bell, but rest assured dear readers, that the Bell Committee is still taking good care of it.

Both bells have a special place in the hearts of the children who attended the two schools.

Fairhaven's election is almost as boring as it gets. With the only contested race being a write-in for BPW (see page 18), it's pretty ho-hum stuff. There is one more candidates night (see page 5) at the West Island Community Center on Wednesday. You'll have to go to that one, though, or catch it on cable, because we go to print before it, and we don't have an issue between the event and the election, which is on 4/3.

The Acushnet election has a race for Selectboard (see page 19 for statements). They had their candidates night this week (see page 16 for story). That one might be kind of lively between now and the election.

But, they also have a number of vacant spots on the ballot.

This does not bode well for our democracy, folks. I fear the turnout is going to be pretty dismal in both towns.

Well, that's it for now. Until next week then...see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story on the Eckenreiter family in last week's issue, we made a mistake when identifying where Mr. Eckenreiter was in his photo. He was in the US, and had returned from a trip to China. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

Woodstove change-out grants available

Press Release

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), in coordination with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER), is offering a new round of funding through the Commonwealth Wood Stove Change-Out Program.

Any Massachusetts resident or business currently operating a non-EPA-certified wood stove or fireplace insert is eligible for a rebate of up to \$1,750 when replacing an existing stove with an eligible model. Those who meet certain income requirements are eligible for rebates of up to \$3,000.

If you own an old wood stove and would like to replace it with a new, low-emission EPA-certified wood or pellet stove, visit MassCEC's website to find out more. You will need to contact a local stove professional who will confirm that your old stove is eligible and submit a rebate application on your behalf after installing your new stove. Act now to make sure you don't miss the August 22nd application deadline!

Homeowners are eligible for the

standard rebate if:

- Their old woodstove is currently operational, non-EPA certified, and located in a residential building.
- The stove they plan to purchase is EPA-certified and meets Commonwealth Woodstove Change-Out Program emissions requirements for new stoves.

Homeowners are eligible for a low-income rebate if: They meet all requirements for the standard rebate and their annual household income falls below 80 percent of the Massachusetts state median income level.

For details visit http://www.masscec.com/get-clean-energy/residential/commonwealth-woodstove-changeout?mc_cid=fable7d623&mc_eid=c116d7c11a

Homeowners who are not eligible to participate in the Commonwealth Woodstove Change-Out Program may be eligible for rebates for other clean heating and cooling technologies.

Visit <http://www.masscec.com/get-clean-energy/residential/clean-heating-and-cooling> for more information.

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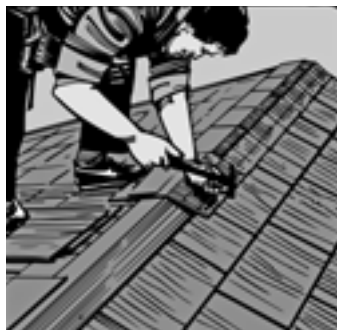
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Online resources available for Open Meeting Law

Press Release

As part of "Sunshine Week," Attorney General Maura Healey announced that her office is offering new online resources to help the public and public bodies better understand and comply with the Open Meeting Law (OML). The AG's Office will also be seeking input from the public on the state's OML regulations prior to conducting a review later this year.

"The Open Meeting Law helps ensure transparency and accountability for public bodies in Massachusetts," AG Healey said. "Sunshine Week highlights the importance of public decision-making and the resources available to help public bodies follow the law."

The AG's new resources include new FAQs on topics such as deliberation and electronic communications, meeting minutes and public bodies. The AG's Office has also added a new checklist for search committees to help them understand when they can enter into an executive session.

Additionally, AG Healey is asking for input from the public on the

current Open Meeting Law regulations, along with suggestions for new additions or changes. Later this year, the AG's Office will review the regulations and draft proposed amendments, which will be open for further public comment.

The AG's Division of Open Government was created in 2010 to ensure a continued and consistent focus on the law by educating individuals about the OML, enforcing the OML, and acting as a readily accessible resource for members of government, the public, and the press.

"Education of the public, the press and government officials is the key to ensuring compliance with the Open Meeting Law," said Robert Ambrogi, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association. "Ever since its formation in 2010, the Division of Open Government has made education a top priority, both through its website and through live trainings across the state. The online resources being added today should further enhance understanding of the law among all who deal with it, and thereby also enhance compliance

with the law."

"Municipal officials across the state strongly support the Open Meeting Law," said Geoff Beckwith, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. "Local leaders administer thousands of public meetings every year, and are committed to working with Attorney General Healey and the Division of Open Government to promote best practices and full transparency at all levels of government. The Attorney General's office does outstanding work educating local officials and the general public on the complexities of the law, and we look forward to continuing our support and assistance in these efforts."

Since assuming responsibility for enforcement of the Open Meeting Law at all levels of government in July 2010, the AG's Division of Open Government has responded to more than 11,000 telephone and email inquiries from members of public bodies, municipal counsel, and the public. The Division also regularly conducts regional trainings and

OML: cont'd on page 21

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Candidates Night

The West Island Improvement Association will hold its annual Candidates Night on **Wed., 3/29, at 7 p.m., at the Community House, 41 Causeway Rd. (Top of the Hill), West Island, Fairhaven.**

Candidates have been invited to participate and share their views regarding the upcoming town election to be held on 4/3. All are welcome to come and meet the candidates and get their questions answered.

Refreshments will be provided. For information please call Terry Pereira, 508-994-7266

Dementia Workshop

At Atria Fairhaven, 3/29. See ad on page 24.

OSRP mtg

Fairhaven's for the Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee will hold a Public Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Thurs., 3/23, at Town Hall.

Dems Caucus

Registered Democrats in Fairhaven will be holding a caucus at **the Millicent Library, 45 Center St. (Walnut St. entrance), on Sat., 3/25, at 9:30 a.m.** to elect 9 delegates and 4 alternates to the 2017 Massachusetts Democratic Convention, where Democrats from across Massachusetts will gather to adopt a new Party Platform. The Convention will be held on Saturday, June 3rd at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Fairhaven, and the Democratic Committee welcomes new participants. Democrats who will be age 18 by Sept 11, 2018, the anticipated date of the primary, will be able to participate in caucuses and run for delegate. Previously unenrolled voters can register to join the party the day of the caucus. Delegates will be divided equally between men and women, and all ballots will be written and secret. In the spirit of inclusion, youth, minorities, and people with disabilities who are not elected as delegates or alternates may apply to be add-on delegates, either at their caucus or online at www.massdems.org.

For more information on the

caucus or the committee please contact Diana Painter at dianamarie13@gmail.com, 208-232-5942 or check out the Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/FHVNdemts>.

Kindergarten Reg.

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

For additional information please visit www.fairhavenps.org or contact your neighborhood school: East Fairhaven School 508-979-4058; LeRoy Wood School 508-979-4073

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>

FHS Musical

Fairhaven High School Drama Club will present *Sweet Charity* from **3/30 through 4/2. Thu., Fri., Sat. 7:00 p.m., Sun. 2:00 p.m.** FHS Performing Arts Center, 12 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven (Larch Ave. entrance)

The FHS Theater Company presents the musical "Sweet Charity," music: Cy Coleman, lyrics: Dorothy Fields, book: Neil Simon. **Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors**, available at the school's box office Monday and Wednesday evenings 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Accessible.

HARC Meeting

Local environmental advocacy group Hands Across the River Coalition, Inc. meets monthly with the next meeting taking place **Wed., 3/29, from 6:00-7:45 p.m. at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven.** Open to the public. Use the Walnut Street entrance on lower level.

HARC appeals to everyone to join them in working to protect our air, soil and water, and especially public health, by removing all PCBs safely to an offsite TSCA, approved landfill.

For more information, contact Karen Vilandry, HARC president (508) 951-1184 harcgnb@gmail.com

Seed Exchange

The Fairhaven Seed Exchange is now available at the Millicent Library. This very popular free exchange is set up in the front of the library with a display about our community gardens. Please start some seeds and try to forget about the snow.

Many different seed packages are available to share and exchange. This is sponsored by the Fairhaven Green Committee. For more information contact ann.richard@gmail.com.

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, until March 29**

For Women's Fund

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

West Island 5K

5K Run/Walk, Sun., 4/30, at 11:00 a.m., 41 Causeway Road, West Island, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit <http://westisland5k.org/5k-runwalk/> for details. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** for number pick up and race registration, refreshment distribution, parking attendants, and set-up/tear down.

Visit <http://westisland5k.org/volunteer/> to learn more.

Fhvn residents run half marathon



LEFT: Brian Monroe and his son Adin, 11, make it across the finish line of the New Bedford Half Marathon on Sunday, 3/19, in 2:26. ABOVE, L-R: Also in the race were Shane McNamara, and Mr. Monroe's 14-year-old Gabe, who both finished in under 2 hours, shown here after the race with Adin. All are Fairhaven residents. *Photo from Mr. Monroe's Facebook page.*

Community Foundation accepting proposals

Press Release

The Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts is now accepting applications for grants from the Huidekoper Fund.

Grant requests of up to \$4,000.00 will be awarded to local organizations seeking funding for programs focused on athletic activity and fitness for youth. The Request for Proposals can be found at <https://www.cfsema.org/grants/current-requests-for-proposals-other-opportunities>.

The deadline to submit applications is 5:00 pm Friday, March 31st.

The Huidekoper Fund was created with a generous bequest from the late Peter G. and Mary B. Huidekoper of South Dartmouth. The Huidekopers and their children spent many summer days on the shores and the

waves of Buzzards Bay.

The Fund celebrates this legacy and the rich heritage of youth athletics that is an essential part of an engaging and active life in Southeastern Massachusetts. Contributions to the Fund can be made at <https://www.cfsema.org/donors/donate-to-a-fund/donate>; select Huidekoper Fund from the donation fund drop-down menu.

Eligibility and Guidelines:

- Applicant organizations must directly serve youth (age 18 and younger) in Southeastern Mass. CFSEMA serves 41 cities and towns in the region, with its primary funding focus on the SouthCoast communities of Greater New Bedford, Greater Fall River, and Southern Plymouth County. Visit

<https://www.cfsema.org/about-us/service-area> to see a map of our service area.

- Open to schools and non-profits. Eligibility not limited to organized sports/teams. Fitness programs and recreational programs that focus on encouraging physical activity among youth are welcome to apply.
- Funding allowed for general programming costs or equipment.
- No awards will be made to individuals.
- \$4,000.00 maximum request per organization.
- Awards will be announced in April for the funding period April through December 2017. To learn more about the Foundation visit www.cfsema.org.

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Nearly 1500 acres preserved in Mattapoissett River Valley

Press release

The towns of Mattapoissett, Fairhaven, Marion and Rochester, working in close partnership with the Buzzards Bay Coalition, permanently protected from development 1,468 acres of forests and wetlands in the Mattapoissett River Valley between 2001 and 2016, an average of 98 acres per year, to safeguard public drinking water supplies for local residents and prevent new sources of pollution to Buzzards Bay, according to a report released on Monday by the nonprofit Coalition.

The Mattapoissett River Valley, which spans from Snipatuit Pond in Rochester to Mattapoissett Harbor, is one of the most important water resources in southeastern Massachusetts.

The underground aquifer supplies drinking water to more than 24,000 residents in Fairhaven, Mattapoissett, Marion and Rochester. The river also supports outdoor recreation, a historically active river herring run and a number of rare and threatened plant and animal species.

Conserving land is one of the most important ways to protect clean water for drinking, swimming and fishing. Natural areas like forests, streams and wetlands work together to shield water supplies from harmful pollution. Preserving this land not only safeguards clean drinking water, but it also protects clean water downstream in Buzzards Bay for people, wildlife and aquatic life.

"Many places in Massachusetts and along the East Coast are actually losing much more than 100 acres of sensitive land to development every year," said Coalition President Mark Rasmussen. "In the Mattapoissett River Valley, with the strong commitment of these four towns, we've been able to reverse the trend and permanently conserve our land and water for generations to come."

In 2000, the Coalition partnered with the Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Committee — composed of representatives from the towns of Fairhaven, Mattapoissett, Marion, and Rochester — to conserve land in the river valley to safeguard drinking water supplies. At that time, just eight percent of the river valley

was permanently protected from development. Today, that has increased to 17 percent.

In the critical "Zone II" land that lies closest to drinking water wells, 28 percent has been protected.

"I believe the success story you see before you is due to the unsurpassed dedication of the towns of Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoissett and Rochester in partnership with the Buzzards Bay Coalition, which has allowed us through the years to preserve our watershed and give us the ability to bring drinking water to our communities for many years to come," said Henri Renauld, superintendent of the Mattapoissett Water & Sewer Department.



The freshwater swamp at the Bogs in Mattapoissett is one of the properties protected by the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Submitted photo.

"Over the years, the Mattapoissett River Valley Water Protection Advisory Committee has developed a successful partnership of land ownership with the Buzzards Bay Coalition," said Vincent Furtado, superintendent of the Fairhaven Board of Public Works. "This has resulted in preserving open lands for the survival of our environment which includes protecting our drinking water supplies, promoting healthier, active lifestyles and sustaining habitats for native plants and animal species."

"This is a remarkable success story that we can all be proud of," said Rochester Water Commissioner Frederick Underhill. "The town of Rochester is pleased to be part of a team of sister communities and conservation partners which recognizes that permanently protecting Mattapoissett River watershed lands is critical to protecting surface and ground water quality for future

generations."

Of the total 1,468 acres that were conserved, 768 acres (52 percent) are located in Rochester, 598 acres (41 percent) are located in Mattapoissett, 67 acres (5 percent) are located in Fairhaven, and 35 acres (2 percent) are located in Acushnet. Altogether, these land protection efforts cost \$13 million, which was split nearly equally among federal, state and local government grants (53 percent) and private funding sources (47 percent).

Land protection opportunities in the Mattapoissett River Valley are strong because many of the remaining undeveloped land exists in large parcels that have been passed down for generations within local families. The majority of the total acreage (898 acres, or 61 percent) was protected through outright fee acquisition, in which landowners sold or donated their land to the towns or the Coalition. The rest of the land (571 acres, or 39 percent) was protected using permanent legal agreements called conservation restrictions, which allow private landowners to permanently protect their land while still keeping ownership of it.

The Coalition and the Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee are looking ahead to protect more land in the river valley in the coming years. In April, the Coalition will open trails at two newly protected properties at Tinkhamtown Woodlands in Mattapoissett and New Boston Road in Fairhaven, growing the popular Mattapoissett River Reserve to 530 acres of publicly accessible forests, wetlands and cranberry bogs for hiking, paddling, fishing, hunting and wildlife watching.

Read the full report: <http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/mattapoissett-river-valley-land-protection-2001-2016-report.pdf>

The Buzzards Bay Coalition is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection, restoration, and sustainable use and enjoyment of Buzzards Bay and its watershed. Supported by more than 8,000 members, the Coalition works to improve the health of the Bay ecosystem for all through education, conservation, research, and advocacy.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Ham & Bean Supper

Pilgrim United Church of Christ. To benefit church's community services

Ham & Bean Supper, with Raffles: Ham, Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Strawberry Shortcake, Beverages

Sat. 4/8, at 6 p.m., Church Hall, 634 Purchase St. New Bedford. Donation: Adults \$10, Children under 6, \$5.

Reservations: Lora: 508-998-1718 or Alice: 508 996-1498

Community Meal

Join us on **Sat., 3/25**, for our Community Charity Meal, sponsored by Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church. Serving a **FREE hot lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at The Lebanese Center, 89 Merrimac St., New Bedford.** Soup, chicken & rice, fresh fruit, coffee, water, juice. Prepared by the St. Joseph Sodality members and MYO members. Given in loving memory of Mr. John Thomas.

For more information, please contact Fr. Fadi Rouhana, at OLOP, 508-542-3243, Dean Jean Mattar at 508-996-8934, or Jacques Barbour at 508-727-6705.

Musical

The Laurel Tree players is giddy with delight and anticipation for its 27th season as they prepare to perform the fast-paced, full of life with lots of energy musical morsel, *Forbidden Broadway: Greatest Hits*. Anyone who enjoys Broadway musicals will get a big kick out of this brilliantly wicked show. Under the direction of Maurice Ouellette, *Forbidden Broadway: Greatest Hits* opens on **Friday, March 24 at 8:00 p.m. with two other performances on Saturday, March 25 at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Family Holy Name School.**

The theater of the Laurel Tree Players boasts relaxed cabaret seating around tables where audience members can order drinks and a variety of tasty snacks. Tickets for the March 24th, 25th, and 26th production are now on sale at Holy Family Holy Name School at 91 Summer Street in New Bedford, MA 02740. For reservations, call the school at 508-993-3547. **Tickets are priced at \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for seniors and children.** Seating is limited.

YTI Play

Your Theatre, Inc. presents "The House of Blue Leaves" by John Guare. 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. **Remaining performance dates are March 23-25 at 8:00 p.m. and 3/26 at 2:30 PM.** In the wheelchair accessible YTI Playhouse, 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), NB, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church Complex. Parking and entrance on County St. **Tickets: \$15 general admission, \$12 for season subscribers and \$13 for senior citizens**, students and military personnel. For tickets and info call YTI at 508-993-0772, or email info@yourtheatre.org. The theatre's web site is www.yourtheatre.org

Women of NB project

A newly formed alliance of organizations and individuals has come together to explore the impact of women from Greater New Bedford on its history. The Women of Greater New Bedford project will tell the stories of commitment, determination and sacrifice of women from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Organizers envision creating a walking trail, a website, an online application and school curriculum by fall 2018.

To identify inspirational women, organizers are asking the public to suggest names for consideration by May 1, 2017, to Ann O'Leary, Emily Bourne Fellow, at WomenNB@whalingmuseum.org. A brief biography and summary of accomplishments along with dates of birth and death will assist the committee in their selection of women to reflect the diversity of time and place.

Free Lecture

To honor the centennial anniversary of the passing of New Bedford-born artist Albert Pinkham Ryder (1847-1917), the **New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake**

Hill, NB, is hosting a free lecture on Tues., 3/28 to discuss the life and work of the internationally renowned artist. The lecture begins at 7 pm with a reception at 6 pm. The lecture is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Go to www.whalingmuseum.org to register.

Ryder is known for his somber expressive works, which grace the collections of great national and international museums. He influenced a generation of modernist artists, who were inspired by his emotive use of broad abstracted planes of color.

Albert Pinkham Ryder was born in New Bedford to parents whose families were amongst the early settlers of Cape Cod. Eventually, the family lived in a house on Mill Street opposite the home of another acclaimed New Bedford artist, Albert Bierstadt. Ryder's early paintings were primarily landscapes and many of them were probably influenced by his memories of the countryside and seashore of New Bedford. Ryder believed in living a simple life stripped of nonessential possessions and devoted to only true friends. He has been quoted in describing part of his philosophy of life: "The artist must live to paint and not paint to live."

Free Family Concert

Bring the whole family to enjoy an entertaining mix of classical, ragtime, Disney and fiddle tunes at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum on **Sat., 3/25, at 11 a.m.** Featuring New Bedford Symphony Orchestra musicians Emma Lee Holmes Hicks (violinist) and Peter Zay (cellist).

The parlors of the Museum offer an ideal setting to introduce children to the joy of experiencing a variety of musical selections in this intimate historic setting. **The RJD and the NBSO are pleased to offer this concert free of charge.**

The Rotch-Jones-Duff (RJD) House & Garden Museum was built in 1834 for whaling merchant William Rotch Jr. This Greek Revival mansion, located on a full city block of formal gardens, is a National Historic Landmark. The Museum is located at 396 County St., and is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 4:00 p.m. For additional information, please call 508-997-1401 or visit www.rjdmuseum.org.

Rummage Sale

Clothes, books, toys, tools, household items, domestics, knick-knacks & much, much more. **Fri., 3/24, 3-7 p.m. & Sat., 3/25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.** **St. Julie Billiard Church Hall, 494 Slocum Rd., Dartmouth.** Sponsored by the St. Julie's Ladies Guild

Lobster Roll Dinner

Includes chowder, a lobster roll, coleslaw, chips, ice tea, coffee and dessert. **Tickets are \$25 (\$5.00 for child's plate of grilled cheese, chips, chowder, dessert, drink).** **Fri., 3/31, at 6 p.m.,** St. Julie Billiard Church Hall, 494 Slocum Rd., Dartmouth. Sponsored by the St. Julie's Ladies Guild

Tickets must be purchased in advance (not sold at the door). Call Phyllis at 508-991-1590.

Hospice Training

Community Nurse Home Care presents Hospice Volunteer training. Learn the tools to provide compassionate care for a family facing a terminal illness. Hospice Volunteers offer a special kind of respite care designed to provide support to patients and their family members coping with a terminal illness. No medical background is necessary.

Sat., 3/25 & Sat., 4/1, at Community Nurse Home Care, 41 State Rd, Dartmouth. To register or for more information, please contact Cecile Sanders, Volunteer Coordinator, csanders@communitynurse.com, 508-992-6278

Seed Workshop

The Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership (SEMAP) is pleased to announce their first workshop of the season! Learn how to start the season for your farm or garden the right way. We'll be visiting White Barn Farm, a small vegetable farm located in Wrentham, Mass. The husband-wife farmer team, Chris and Christy Kantlehner, use organic practices to supply a CSA, farmstand, and restaurant accounts with fresh produce. White Barn also has a huge plant sale the weekend before Memorial Day every year. Growing seedlings for that very financially significant sale is a major part of early season farmwork at White Barn Farm.

Sat., 3/25, from 10:00 a.m.-noon, White Barn Farm, 458 South St, Wrentham. Cost: \$15 SEMAP Members, \$20 non mem. Register online at semaponline.org/seedstarting

Ukele Concert

Strings That Zing: The Ukelele Family Tree! This program is for interested listeners of all ages. Come to the **Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., on Sun., 3/26, from 2-3 p.m.** to learn about and hear the mighty mite of the musical world — the ukelele — and the many "cousins" that make up the extended ukelele family including the Hawaiian guitar. Tom Goux, local singer and instrumentalist, will share songs from his life-long collection that typify how the uke and related instruments have been enjoyed over the last century. Tom will be inviting interested listeners to hold/strum/pet the ukes he is bringing in. Accessible.

Breakfast at VFW

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

Vendors Wanted

The Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Rd. in Mattapoisett, 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.

Hansel & Gretel

Spindle City Ballet's Junior Company will be presenting the heartwarming tale of "Hansel & Gretel" **Sat., 3/25, at 2 pm at Bristol Community College in Fall River.**

Along with the Junior Company the cast is supported by 20 local children, transporting audiences through into an Enchanted Forest filled with courage, hope, and bravery as they lead Hansel and Gretel Home.

Tickets to the performance are

\$15.00-\$25.00. For more information call 508-536-6073 or go to spindlecitymballet.org or email lisabibeu@spindlecitymballet.org

Spindle City Ballet is the South Coast's only non-profit professional ballet company celebrating its 22nd season presenting performances that excite, educate and inspire.

Teen Dance

The Next Knights Teen Dance is **Fri., 3/24, from 7-10 p.m for \$8/00 at The Knights, 57 Fairhaven Rd. in Mattapoisett.** A safe place for 6th, 7th and 8th graders to socialize, dance and listen to their favorite music on a Friday Night. Knights of Columbus Chaperones and a uniformed police officer are on site at all of our dances.

Dem Comm. Caucus

The Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee will hold its annual caucus on **Sat., 3/25 from 10:15 to 10:45 in the conference room of the Mattapoisett Library 7 Barstow St, Mattapoisett** to elect delegates to the State Democratic Convention which will be held in June. All Mattapoisett residents registered as Democrats are eligible for election, but must be physically present at the caucus.

Following the brief caucus, at 10:45 to noon, Mass. State representative Dylan Fernandes who was elected in November of 2015 to serve the Barnstable, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket district will share his experiences as a first time candidate for public office. During his presentation Rep. Fernandes will discuss his experiences working in campaigns for Elizabeth Warren and Maura Healey and how he came to the decision to run for office himself. He will share with the audience the organizing and campaigning processes needed to be a successful candidate. Representative Fernandes who is 27 is one of Massachusetts's youngest state representatives.

If you have ever considered running for public office or if you are just curious to learn what drives some people to want to serve the public in a political office, you will find this talk very informative.

The public is welcome to this event regardless of political affiliation.

Recipe of the Week

Banana Butterscotch Bread

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 cup butter
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1 large egg
- 3 ripe bananas, mashed
- 3/4 cup butterscotch chips

Preheat an oven to 350°. Grease two 9x5-inch loaf pans. Set aside. Sift the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg together in a bowl. Set aside.

Beat the butter and sugar with an electric mixer in a large bowl until light and fluffy. The mixture should be noticeably lighter in color. Beat in the egg, then stir in the mashed bananas. Pour in the flour mixture, mixing until just incorporated. Fold in the butterscotch chips and walnuts; mixing just enough to evenly combine. Pour the batter evenly into pans.

Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, 25 to 28 minutes. Cool in the pans for 10 minutes before removing to cool completely on a wire rack.

Unclaimed properties list available

Press Release

Massachusetts State Treasurer Deb Goldberg announced the latest grouping of names that have been added to the state's list of unclaimed property owners. Over 55,000 new properties worth millions of dollars are owed to individuals and businesses throughout the Commonwealth.

"Give us a call today," said Treasurer Deb Goldberg. "We currently hold over \$2 billion in unclaimed property at Treasury and it could be yours. One in ten Massachusetts residents are owed money."

Unclaimed property includes forgotten savings and checking accounts, un-cashed checks, insurance policy proceeds, stocks, dividends, and the contents of unattended safe deposit boxes. Most accounts are considered abandoned and are turned over to the state after three years of inactivity. Last year Treasury returned over \$114 million in property to its rightful owners, making the Commonwealth the state to return the most money on a per-capita basis.

This newly released list includes only individuals and businesses with unclaimed property over \$100. Treasurer Goldberg urged all citizens to check the comprehensive list for all amounts at www.findmassmoney.com or to call our live call center at 888-344-MASS (6277).

The full list of the new individuals and businesses added to the unclaimed property list was published in the Boston Globe on Sunday, March 5 and in the Boston Herald on Sunday, March 12. In addition to these two papers the list of names will be published in over 30 regional and local papers.

The Treasury releases an updated list of unclaimed property assets every six months as the new accounts are turned over to the Commonwealth. There is no time limit for a person to claim this property and, in many cases, claimants will receive interest.

Editor's Note: A PDF of the list is available on the Neighb News website at www.NeighbNews.com.

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No Trains, No Tunnels: The Underground Railroad

By Beth David
Editor

No doubt you've heard of Frederick Douglass, the runaway slave who found freedom, dignity and his first wages as a free man in New Bedford. And, no doubt, you've heard or have figured out that he had some help along the way.

New Bedford is home to an Underground Railroad tour, with seven stops, including the homes of abolitionists who helped escaped slaves.

Lee Blake, President of the New Bedford Historical Society, described the role of some of those people, including several women who were prominent in New Bedford's already prominent role in the abolitionist movement. In an event on Friday, 3/17, sponsored by the Fairhaven Historical Society, Ms. Blake talked not only about the Johnsons and the Ricketstons, but also about how the women of New Bedford raised money to buy the freedom of slaves.

Many have heard of Henry "Box" Brown who mailed himself to freedom, but how many have heard of Isabella White, who also mailed herself to freedom?

New Bedford was poised to be a place of freedom for diverse people. The whaling industry brought people from all over the world. And the harsh working conditions required a new crop of young and hardworking men constantly. It was here that freed slaves like Mr. Douglass could make a living, earning wages equal to that of white men, based only on the work, not the color of his skin.

"You had equal access. And they really could reinvent themselves,"



Henry "Box" Brown mailed himself to Philadelphia to escape slavery in 1871. Sketch from National Park Service Brochure "The Underground Railroad: New Bedford."

said Ms. Blake. "In New Bedford, we were lucky to have a strong, free African American community and a strong Quaker community really committed to ending slavery."

Ms. Blake said that although many people were intellectually committed to ending slavery, it was not until runaway slaves started making their way north, telling their own stories, that the true human impact of slavery became clear to those who did not experience it or see it first hand. And that was the contribution of the Underground Railroad.

"It allows people to come north

Mr. Johnson assured me that no slaveholder could take a slave from NEW BEDFORD; that there were men there who would lay down their lives, before such an outrage could be perpetuated.

My Bondage and My Freedom
Frederick Douglass, 1855" [From National Park Service Brochure, "Frederick Douglass Freedom in New Bedford"]

and tell their truth," said Ms. Blake. "And that's the importance of the Underground Railroad."

Of course, the UGRR was not really a railroad. It was a secret network of routes to the north for southern slaves.

Some traveled on foot through treacherous wilderness at night, others by boat.

Frederick Douglass worked as a caulker in New Bedford, but his first job was shoveling coal for Mrs. Peabody at 174 Union Street.

While walking toward the wharves shortly after he arrived in New Bedford, Douglass saw a pile of coal in front of the Peabody home at 174 Union Street and asked Mrs. Peabody if he might put the coal away. She consented and paid Douglass two silver half-dollars for his work:

"I was not long in accomplishing the job, when the dear lady put into my hand two silver half-dollars. To understand the emotion which swelled my heart as I clasped this money, realizing that I had no master who could take it from me — that it was mine — that my hands were my own, and could earn more of the precious coin, one must have been in some

sense himself a slave."

Frederick Douglass, Life and Times of Frederick Douglass, Written by Himself, 1893

[From National Park Service Brochure, "Frederick Douglass Freedom in New Bedford"]

Douglass lived in New Bedford from 1838 until about 1843. It was there that he got "his voice as an abolitionist," said Ms. Blake.

Although he moved to different places around the country, he never forgot that New Bedford welcomed him with open arms, said Ms. Blake.

Mr. Douglass often returned, and made it a point to take his children to New Bedford and show them where he lived there.

"Douglass is really an amazing individual," said Ms. Blake, explaining how he realized how important good "speechifying" was and taught himself to orate.

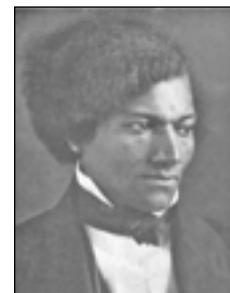
She said he was the most photographed man in America and wrote about the importance of capturing one's image and how it could change the way people talk about a person, or a race. And, indeed, his photographs show a dignified man with a serious nature.

The NB Historical Society has secured property and the funds to create "Abolition Row Park" at an empty lot on Spring and Seventh Streets in New Bedford. Ms. Blake said about 19 historic homes are in that immediate vicinity. The park will have educational kiosks and point out historic sites in the neighborhood.

"New Bedford is really an authentic place," said Ms. Blake after the talk.

"She really does bring history alive," said D'arcy MacMahon, especially the "role New Bedford played in the abolitionist movement. We know so much about Whaling [in New Bedford], but not much about all the connections."

Visit www.nbhistoricalsociety.org.



Frederick Douglass was the most photographed man in America. He believed in the power of photographs to create a new image of black people in America. Photo from National Park Service Brochure

Time for spring cleaning

By Beth David
Editor

Who says spring cleaning is only for houses?

The Fairhaven Bell Committee did some spring cleaning this week on the Paul Revere bell that used to hang in the Oxford School Building (see



Neighb News 10/15/15 issue).

The initial cleaning was done to remove all the bird droppings from 113 years of...well, bird droppings.

According to FBC chairperson Doug Brady, the yellow paint spills will remain until an historical artifact restorer can clean it professionally. The green patina will also be restored in that process.

The committee members used soft soap and sponges, as advised, to be sure not to damage the bell. The committee decided to do the initial cleaning after being granted permission by the Selectboard to include the bell in the Memorial Day parade and to display it at Homecoming and other events.

"The cleaning is two-fold," wrote Mr. Brady in an email. "So that we can get it out into the public (with some reasonable cleanliness) and to raise funds through donations and to continue the restoration and cleaning with an artifact professional."

He said they will also seek historical preservation funds at some point as they continue to find a location for the bell to be displayed.

"In the meantime, the Revere bell will be out for all to see," he wrote. "The 1796 Paul Revere Bell is a national artifact, but more importantly, Fairhaven's town treasure for its residents and future to enjoy."



TOP RIGHT: The bell is lifted off the roof of the Oxford School on October 10, 2015. *Neighb News* file photo by Beth David. TOP: LEFT: Lee Baumgartner cleans the Paul Revere bell earlier this week. ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Al Benac and Lee Baumgartner, members of the Fairhaven Bell Committee, clean the bell with mild soap and soft sponges so it can be displayed at the Memorial Day Parade and other events in town. ABOVE RIGHT: The bell all cleaned up. The committee is raising funds to have a professional artifact restorer clean the bell and restore its green patina. *Photos submitted.*

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Kool Kids April Vac

This 4 day program is a great opportunity to make new friends while participating in fun group activities such as pillo polo, floor hockey, dodge ball, cooperative games, flag football, arts & crafts, etc. Kids will need to bring their own lunch for the first 3 days of the program. The last day is a pizza lunch. Come ready to have Fun! Sneakers and active clothes must be worn each day. Kids will be grouped according to their current grade in school. Grades: K-5 Dates: 4/18-21. Drop off between 8 & 8:15, pick up by 3 p.m. Member \$100 Non Mem. \$125

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4/19: Hyannis Mall

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Special Activities

Are Your Ducks in a Row?

Tuesday March 28th 1:30-3:00 p.m. Surprenant & Beneski, P.C. will be at the Fairhaven Senior Center for a free educational seminar To register, call 508-525-4300. Seating is limited.

Town Election

Monday, April 3rd -10:00 a.m. to 8:00p.m. Do you need a ride? Seniors needing transportation to voting polls, call 508-979-4029 before April 3.

Got Talent?

The Fairhaven Rotary Club's 2nd Annual Senior Talent Show Sunday, April 30, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Fairhaven Town Hall. Do you have a special talent that you would like to share? Call MK at 508-330-4837 or Anne Silvia at the Fairhaven COA at 508-979-4029 for more information or to sign up to perform.

Mahjong Openings

Mahjong is a solitaire style game that uses a set of mahjong tiles in place of playing cards. If you would like to join in the fun, come by on Tuesdays, 10a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Easter Dinner

The Fairhaven COPA will be hosting an Easter Dinner on Easter Sunday, April 16th from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for any Fairhaven Senior who would like to attend. Dinner includes Ham with pineapple sauce, cheese potatoes, glazed carrots, rolls, and assorted pies for dessert. There is no cost to attend this event. Transportation can be arranged.

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Acushnet candidates face questions

By Beth David

Editor

Candidates on the ballot for the April 3 election in Acushnet had a chance to face off at the annual candidates night on Monday, 3/20, at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Only two races are contested, and one of those four candidates did not show up, so the only excitement came during the Selectboard portion of the program.

Incumbent Garry Rawcliffe faces challenger Roger Cabral for the Selectboard.

Mr. Cabral said he was prompted to get into the race after what he called a lack of leadership and indecisiveness surrounding the proposed expansion of the liquefied natural gas facility on Peckham Road.

Mr. Rawcliffe told voters that he really enjoyed his time on the board and looked forward to working on some issues he anticipated coming up in the next three years.

He said during his time on the board the town hired a new Town Administrator; got the public works department running more smoothly; started renovations of the Parting Ways building and saved the town a



lot of money on other projects.

He said he was proud of his resistance to the original \$5.2 million library building, and called the resulting renovation of the old community center into a library for \$900,000 a model for other town building projects.

The town has also made progress with street and sidewalk work, including Leonard Street,

Mr. Rawcliffe said in the next few years the town will be hiring a new police chief, will renegotiate a long term water contract with the city of New Bedford, the Comcast contract, and explore regionalizing the school district with Fairhaven.

"I truly enjoy what I'm doing," said Mr. Rawcliffe, adding he tries to help everyone. "You can't please all the people all the time."

Mr. Cabral said he became involved in town events almost as soon as he arrived 22 years ago, starting with the Parent-Teacher Organization. Although he admitted that it is the type of organization that makes you president if you just show up to three meetings in a row.

To bolster the PTO resume, he cited his 12 years on the Finance Committee, four as chair, saying it taught him about the town, all the departments, and how the town's finances work.

During his time on the Acushnet School Building Committee he said he watched every single penny, and would do the same as a Selectboard member.

"I accept responsibility, I make decisions, I manage priorities, and I get things done," said Mr. Cabral. "I treat the people that I work with respectfully and I'm a team player."

He said the catalyst for his run was the LNG proposal, but it was not the only reason and that he had a lot to offer in other areas.

He slammed Mr. Rawcliffe's refusal to take a stand on the LNG proposal, despite clear public opposition to it.

"Mr. Rawcliffe, be for it, or be against it. Lead, follow or get out of the way," said Mr. Cabral.

He also slammed the board for taking so long to replace the town administrator, and noted that two key financial positions became vacant under their watch.

"We live in a great town and our leadership should represent the will of the people," said Mr. Cabral. "You may not always agree with the decisions that I will make on your behalf, but you will never regret that you voted for me. I repeat, you will never regret that you voted for me."

For his part, Mr. Rawcliffe noted that the search for the TA did not begin in earnest until he became the chairperson of the board. He said the town had an interim TA for awhile because the board did not want to hire "the first guy" for the job.

In response to a question, Mr. Cabral said the town's biggest challenge was living within its means. He said town departments have consistently been expected to cut,

year after year.

"How often can you do that," he said. "So taking the money given to us and providing [residents] the services they need within the constraints of the budget is clearly the biggest challenge."

Both candidates were asked how to broaden the tax base and about the possibility of creating an industrial park.

Mr. Cabral said it would not be easy in a town like Acushnet to increase the tax base. He said that maybe they do not want to because adding too much commercial or industrial property would change the



ABOVE: Roger Cabral is challenging incumbent Garry Rawcliffe (BELOW) for a seat on the Acushnet Selectboard, both shown here at a candidates night on Monday, 3/20. Photos by Beth David.

rural character of the town.

"I love the rural nature of this community," said Mr. Cabral, adding that preserving that and still providing the services of a good school system, good roads, police, fire and Council on Aging, require the higher tax rate. "We choose to do those things. We pay for it with our taxes."

Mr. Rawcliffe said there was a plan for the industrial park to be just down the street, but it got voted down. He agreed that growing the tax base was tricky. If you add industry, you change the town, if you add houses, you are adding a need for more services, including possibly school-age children.

Joyce Reynolds, a member of the Historical Commission, asked both candidates about preserving historic buildings in town.

"I love the history of the town," said Mr. Cabral. "I love the old buildings."

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He said when he first heard about saving the Perry Hill Church, he was skeptical, but after hearing the presentation at Town Meeting, about preserving the town the way it was, about how the building showed what Acushnet used to be, he thought, how could the town not preserve it?

"These are our treasures and we have to preserve them," said Mr. Cabral. "We have to find a way to preserve them."

Residents, however, "need to understand that it costs. It costs for us to do that."

He said more people should go to town meeting to vote on those issues.



The reverse 911 should be used for town meeting reminders, he said, and took another shot at the current board saying that the system was used to announced that it was cold in January, but not for town meeting.

Mr. Rawcliffe took his shots back one by one, starting with the reverse 911 system. He said they used to pay for each use of it, but now the town had the unlimited plan so they could use it more often.

He said they might even get "inundated."

"Don't blame me for that," retorted Mr. Cabral. "It will be cold in January next year, too."

As for the Perry Hill Church, Mr. Rawcliffe had quite the different take on the situation. He directly challenged the historical commission, saying they refused to use the town's in-house workers.

He said he knew all along it would be a "bottomless pit of money."

He said estimates were too high for all work, including \$55,000 for the roof, the high sheetrock estimates, and then the windows that need to be de-leaded.

"We tried to get you to use our kids....and you refused to let us help

you," said Mr. Rawcliffe, adding that Scott Alexander had gotten certified to de-lead the windows and could do it for a fraction of the \$1900 that a company in Rochester quoted.

"I'm done with the Perry Hill Church," said Mr. Rawcliffe. "And if that's what swings the vote, God bless ya."

A resident asked why PJ Keating (formerly Tilcon) was not charged a tipping fee, or a tax based on the amount of material it excavates from its quarry.

Mr. Rawcliffe said the board is going to take a look at that possibility, but he said the company would then be appraised at a lower rate, so it may not be better for the town.

Mr. Cabral said knows there are issues there with noise and dust. How deep do you dig that thing, he asked.

"If we can get revenue out of them before they reach China I think we should," said Mr. Cabral.

For the other contested race, the Acushnet Housing Authority, only incumbent Lawrence Mulvey faced voters. Robert Lanzoni, a former School Committee member, did show up.

A committee member for 15 years, Mr. Mulvey, who is in his 80s, said this would be his "last hurrah."

John Howcroft asked if the town would be adding senior housing.

Mr. Mulvey said that the AHA owned property adjacent to its current units that had the old septic system on it. He said now that the development has sewerage they can use the property for more housing, but it has to be voted on by Town Meeting. He agreed the units are necessary. There is a three-year waiting list to get into Acushnet housing he said.

Lori Walsh asked about two tenants who are being evicted for, she said, no reason. She asked why the board is not protecting residents.

Mr. Mulvey said there were two residents who were caught by security cameras "doing bad things to cars" and the community center, and they were getting evicted.

Ms. Walsh, however, said there was no reason to evict the people she was talking about.

Either they were talking about two different sets of people, or someone had the wrong information.

Of the unopposed candidates, only

Pam Labonte, incumbent Town Clerk, gave a statement. She told voters she had mixed feelings about running unopposed. She was happy about it for herself, but said it "disturbs" her because she like the democratic process.

In nine years on the job, she has loved "almost every minute," she said.

"I'm so passionate about the office," said Ms. Labonte, and told voters about her efforts to preserve documents, comply with new open records law regulations, and keep all town employees up to date on ethics rules and regulations.

"I love this post," she said.

In other races, the position of Town Moderator has no one on the ballot, since long time moderator Bob Francis has decided not to run again. Officials said Mr. Francis has agreed to run a write-in campaign, but others are encouraged to contact the town clerk's office and find out how to run.

The Housing Authority also has an unexpired term with no candidate, and the Planning Commission will also have an empty slot on the ballot.



LEFT: Acushnet Town Clerk Pamela Labonte is running unopposed for reelection. ABOVE: Acushnet Housing Authority member Lawrence Mulvey is facing a challenge as he seeks to be re-elected to his seat. His opponent, Robert Lanzoni, did not attend the candidates night on Monday, 3/22, where these photos were taken. *Photos by Beth David.*

To learn how to run as a write-in candidate, contact the Acushnet Town Clerk's Office at 508-998-0215.

The candidates night is being run on Cable Access channel 18 and is available on demand through a link on the town's website at www.Acushnet.ma.us

The election is Monday, 4/3.

Candidate statements: Fairhaven BPW



**Cameron
Durant**

Cameron Durant is running as a write-in candidate for the open seat on the Fairhaven Board of Public Works and asks for your support. Motivated towards public service, he is driven to preserve and develop upon what makes Fairhaven a great place to raise a family. Cam is a husband,

father to a rambunctious two-year-old girl, and will soon welcome a second daughter at any time. These factors give him a clear understanding of the work that needs to be done.

The Town is blessed to have an excellent school system, an historical town center, and beaches that seasonally drive tourists to spend money at our local businesses. However, it is the quality of care given to our roads, public spaces, and utility systems that will be what guarantees our collective, prosperous future. Cam possesses the experience and the character to help the current board members with this great responsibility.

Cam is running on a platform of maintaining the highest quality services in Fairhaven while remaining on the path of fiscal responsibility. Having lower taxes and fees than the adjacent municipalities is what first attracts many families to Fairhaven. With this in mind, Cam will fight to keep services affordable for ALL residents and to interpret bylaws with fairness and integrity.

As the town grows and as we further enter into the 21st century, new challenges will arise that may challenge the status quo, for better and worse. Modernization of facilities and systems may increase our comforts and benefit our fragile environment, but additional costs cannot fall on the backs of the town's hard-working residents. Fairhaven must develop new sources of revenue to offset such costs, and he has many ideas to better utilize unused municipal properties.

Cam looks forward to having a seat at the table, as he has experience working on grants from his tenure with the New Bedford Housing Authority. It was there he worked on and won a five million dollar clean energy utility grant.

Cam's background demonstrates his ability to serve. A graduate of Providence College class of 2011, Cam studied History and Political Science. During his collegiate years, he also interned for Senator Sheldon Whitehouse of RI, working with constituent services. Now working as a retail manager, he has operated an \$11 million dollar store with nearly seventy associates. In this capacity, he served as the Human Resources contact, an experience that will transfer successfully in communicating with the 40 employees under the BPW's umbrella.

In order for the Town to be successful, there has to be a free exchange of ideas and opinions. Please like the page, "Cam Durant for Fairhaven BPW" on Facebook and leave a message or email him at cdurant0711@gmail.com. Cam greatly appreciates your write-in vote on April 3rd and looks forward to many conversations in the few weeks to follow.

Editor's Note: Both candidates for Fairhaven BPW are write-in candidates. In order to vote for a write-in candidate you must write in the person's full name and address on the line designated for that purpose on the ballot.



**Geoffrey
Haworth II**

On Monday April 3rd, I, Geoff Haworth, ask for your write-in vote for the Board of Public Works so I can once again represent you on this board. I had served on the BPW for 5 years.

I have a clear understanding of what is needed and how the BPW operates. I understand that water

and sewer rates are important and must be kept reasonable. I understand the needs of the residents from snow plowing to trash pickup. Residents of Fairhaven depend on these critical services provided by the Board of Public Works. I have a proven track record of service on this board.

I have been asked why am I not on the ballot and instead asking for your write-in vote? The reason I did not take papers out to run was because we had several good people running for the seat. When one member withdrew his papers leaving the board one member short it was too late to take out papers. This created a situation with two three-year open seats but only one person on the ballot for those two seats. With an open full-term seat, I felt I was the right person to fill that position. Therefore, I'm asking you to write in my name, Geoffrey Haworth II, under Board of Public Works 3-year term write-in.

The BPW is charged with providing essential services that most Fairhaven residents rely on daily. With my experience on the BPW and as a former selectman I have the skill set necessary to make the decisions needed to keep these services. I have a clear understanding of the five separate budgets the BPW is charged with. I understand the needs of the water and sewer departments. I know that we must keep water and sewer rates reasonable and fair yet maintain our aging infrastructure. I understand the balance that must be struck.

If elected to the Board of Public Works I can hit the ground running with knowledge and experience needed on this board. I have always been open minded and will always listen to all the facts provided and opinions before rendering a decision. I believe in being available to residents and I have always published my cellphone number (774-202-9997) for residents to contact me and discuss any issues they may have. I maintain a Facebook page, www.facebook.com/haworth, for residents to get updates about town related issues and to be able to contact me.

I'm a lifelong Fairhaven resident with a 13-year-old daughter who attends Hastings. I own my own contracting company and I'm a licensed construction supervisor. I have been involved in the town politics for almost 10 years. I think it's important that I give back to the community that I was raised in and continue to live and work in. I ask for your support by writing my name Geoffrey Haworth II in under the Board of Public Works 3 year write-in space on Monday April 3rd. Thank You!

*For Mr. Durant, write in "Cameron Durant, 34 Bridge St."
For Mr. Haworth write in "Geoffrey Haworth II, 130 Spring St.
Use the write-in space under the BPW three-year seat on your ballot.*

Candidate statements: Acushnet Selectboard



Roger A. Cabral

My name is Roger A. Cabral and I am running for a seat on the Acushnet Board of Selectmen in the upcoming April 3, 2017 election.

I have been a resident of the Town of Acushnet since 1994. My children both completed grades K-8 in the Acushnet Public School

System and I have been an active member of this community for the past 20 years. I have held previous leadership roles on the Acushnet Finance Committee, the Acushnet Parent-Teacher Organization, the Acushnet School Building Committee and ACTION, among other local activities.

I would now like to serve this Town as a member of your Board of Selectmen and I am asking for your support. My past involvement in this community — particularly the 12 years that I spent as a member of the Finance Committee — has given me some great insight into the resources and needs of this community. My principal campaign theme and promise to Acushnet residents will be “Leadership.”

The Selectmen are elected to make decisions on behalf of the residents of this community. In electing someone to the Board, part of your decision as a voter should be which candidate can be trusted to best represent your interests.

The Board of Selectmen in Acushnet exists solely to serve the residents of this community. Being a Selectman in Acushnet is largely about taking the tax dollar resources that the residents provide and managing those resources efficiently to deliver government services for our mutual benefit. Town Government is the means through which we manage the services that we collectively pay for.

There is no “THEY” that manages our Town. Acushnet Government is supposed to be “WE”. Government in Acushnet is the result of us pooling our collective resources to pay for and provide essential services. The Board of Selectmen are entrusted to manage those resources on our behalf and to make decisions that are in the overall best interests of the residents of our community.

I love this Town and I tell people with pride that I live in Acushnet. We have a great Town with a proud history. I am confident for our future as well if we manage our resources carefully and make well considered decisions. A well-run Town is also a desirable place to live, which will help to increase or maintain our property values.

I hope that you will consider voting for me and will support my candidacy for Acushnet Selectman.

Please visit my website at www.rogercabral.com or my FaceBook Page at www.facebook.com/rogeracabral for more details.



Garry Rawcliffe

To the residents of Acushnet, it is with great pride and privilege that I, Gary Rawcliffe, announce I am running for re-election to the Board of Selectmen.

It has been an interesting three years. We have hired a new Town Administrator, a new Town Accountant, a new Highway/

Water/Sewer Superintendent, and given you some stability in your water/sewer bills.

We have a new police station and a new cost efficient library which is also the blueprint for all future town projects.

Long overdue town roads have been accepted while others have finally been repaired, i.e., Main Street, Leonard Street.


Now all town departments, including the schools, are working together for the greater good of the people.

A quick look into the future shows a renegotiation of our water/sewer contract with the City of New Bedford, a renegotiation of our 10-year contract with Comcast, the possibility of Acushnet schools and Fairhaven schools regionalizing.

We are bringing the Town Hall and its website into the 21st century, and continuing with road repairs, such as Slocum Street and Hamlin Street.

Lastly and most importantly is the hiring of a new police chief. As always, it has been a pleasure to serve you and I look forward to three more years. I truly love what I do and if you allow me to continue to do so, we will all end up in a better place.

I ask for your support and your vote on Monday, April 3rd.



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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 April 11, 2017**, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following application. 1) *Definitive Subdivision*, the applicant, *Dean Iacoponi and Charlene Nelson*, are requesting a Definitive Subdivision approval to divide their lot into two lots. The applicant has requested an MGL Ch. 41, Sec 81R waiver to reduce the 100-foot frontage requirement of the Business Zone, to 98.51-feet and 20.44-feet respectively for the two lots. The location is 240 and 242 Huttleston Avenue, Map 30A, Lot 329.

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.

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board
3/23/17 & 3/30/17

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petition(s):

1. Petitioner: Matthew Brodo, RE: 141 Dogwood Street, Plot 43A, Lot 229; Cert. #23733. 198-22 A-1-2: 400 sq. ft. over max of 700 sq. ft., over 5' of existing dwelling. 6% over max building coverage of 15% all within an RR District.
2. Petitioner: Michael Ristuccia, 52 Cedar Street, Plot 4, Lot(s) 7, 7A, 8. Book 10341 and Page 205. 198-18: Short 45' of required 100' frontage, short 8,979 sq. ft.

- of 15,000 sq. ft. required all within an RA District.
3. Petitioner: Ralph Wilette, Winona Avenue, Plot 42A, Lot(s) 71-75, Book 01759 and Page 295. 198-18: Short 13,000 sq. ft. of required 30,000 sq. ft. within an RR District.
4. Petitioner: Anthony & Catherine Zelano, 3 Ellis Place, Plot 2, Lot(s) 9 & 192, Book 10535 and Page 318. 198-18: Short 74' of required 100', short 10,968 sq. ft. of required 15,000 sq. ft., 4' short on East & West side of required 10' side yards and 20% over max building coverage of 30% all within an RA District.
5. Petitioner: Jill Manzone, 60 Washington Street, Plot 10, Lot 59, Book 10167 and Page 267. 198-16: Special Permit required for Livestock raising under 5 acres. 198-18: 14% over max building coverage of 30% in an RA District. 198-22 B-2: 5' short of required 5' setback and closer than 20' required from an occupied structure.

RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

Peter DeTerra, Chairman
3/23/17 & 3/30/17

Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting on Tuesday April 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. To be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

- a. **Case #2017.03.07A** – Seth DesRoches of 80 Mill Road – Requesting a variance from 3.3.4 "E" (5) requesting to add an additional 302 sq. ft. to the maximum allowed for dwelling on 44 Hope Street.
- b. **Case #2017.04.04A** – Linda M. Norcross of 264 Reed Road – Westport, MA. Is petitioning a Special Permit under Section 3.3.1RA & "B" 14 for 690 Main Street – no change to present building which is currently being used for light manufacturing (sprinkler parts) – requesting using the existing

commercial building for storage of mason tools, equipment and supplies.

***Plans are available for Public view in the Town Clerk's office during their normal business hours.

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The Town of Fairhaven invites you to share your ideas for the Fairhaven 2040 Master Plan

Thursday, April 6, 2017 • 6:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
Town Hall Auditorium • 40 Center Street

Fairhaven is preparing its Comprehensive Master Plan update!
As we embark on this effort, we invite you to come and share your thoughts...

- ❖ What do you enjoy most about Fairhaven?
- ❖ What are the Town's biggest challenges?
- ❖ What are the Town's biggest opportunities?
- ❖ What can be done to enhance the Town's built and natural environments?
- ❖ What is your vision for the Town's future?

Please join us for an interactive meeting where we will learn about Fairhaven's unique qualities, and discuss how we will develop a forward-thinking Master Plan for Fairhaven 2040!

Take the online survey at the Town's Web Site: www.fairhaven-ma.gov

For more information, please contact Bill Roth at the Town's Planning and Economic Development Office (billr@fairhaven-ma.gov) or at (508) 979-4082 Ext. 9. Refreshments will be provided!

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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

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TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SEWER DEPARTMENT – TEMPORARY MAINTENANCE PERSON

Performs a variety of unskilled maintenance duties of which the following are typical examples: digging holes, trenches, and other excavations; shoveling materials and leveling areas; cleaning out catch basins; loading and unloading supplies; moving furniture, cleaning litter and debris from streets and parks, washing down tanks, assisting in placing and holding heavy items in place; mowing grass using hand or powered equipment; trimming shrubs and lower parts of trees; painting; washing and cleaning of equipment and facilities; mulching landscaped areas and other similar duties typically performed by a public works maintenance person. Uses standard hand tools, i.e., shovels, picks, axes, saws, heavy wrenches and small power tools. Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Driver's license required. Applications and job description are available at the BPW Office, 5 Arsene Street, Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or send resume to bpw@fairhaven-ma.gov. The Town of Fairhaven is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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webinars, and issued more than 950 written determinations.

In 2016, the division issued 176 determination letters resolving OML complaints.

The division has created a host of resources intended to promote understanding and compliance with the OML. These include answers to certain frequently asked questions, checklists about meeting notices, minutes, and executive sessions, and an online training video that can be found on YouTube and can also be accessed through the AG's OML web page.

In an effort to better inform the public and government officials about the Open Meeting Law and its requirements, the AG's Office will hold regional trainings throughout the state this spring. The AG's Office will also offer live web-based trainings on the law, and more information is available on the OML Training webpage.

The forums are open to the public, and are being offered free of charge. Individuals interested in attending an educational forum or the webinar are asked to register in advance by emailing OMLtraining@state.ma.us.

Visit the AG's OML web page at: www.mass.gov/ago/government-resources/open-meeting-law/

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

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

Board of Assessors

Fri., 3/24, Town Hall, 3:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 3/27, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 3/23, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Open Space & Rec Comm

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

Planning Board

Tues., 3/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 4/12, 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., 4/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

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

Selectboard

Tues., 3/28, Town Hall, 5 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	23	0507	1737	1028	2242
Friday	24	0601	1826	1126	2341
Saturday	25	0646	1907	----	1212
Sunday	26	0727	1948	0031*	1254*
Monday	27	0809	2032	0118*	1337*
Tuesday	28	0854	2118	0207*	1424*
Wednesday	29	0942	2206	0258*	1513*
Thursday	30	1031	2256	0348*	1559*
Friday	31	1121	2348	0434*	1645*

	April 2017	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Saturday	1	----	1217	0520*	1731*
Sunday	2	0047	1318	0614*	1828*
Monday	3	0148	1419	0729	1947
Tuesday	4	0248	1520	0917	2124
Wednesday	5	0350	1625	1115	2339

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New Scholarship announced in memory of Ronald J. Tavares

Press Release

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars is proud to announce a new scholarship. The Ronald J. Tavares Scholarship has been established to raise mental health awareness.

Ron Tavares was a graduate of Fairhaven High School class of '79. He was an all-star athlete in hockey and football all four years of high school and was scouted by a professional Canadian hockey team.

After sustaining a head injury playing football his senior year, the once popular athlete had a difficult time fitting in and his peers didn't quite understand the sudden change in his personality. As his illness became more apparent, his dream of becoming a professional athlete diminished as well as the interest of

the professional teams.

Ron is an avid volunteer to this community. He has never complained about his condition and has maintained a positive attitude throughout his adult life. This scholarship will be awarded to a Fairhaven High School senior student who has overcome an obstacle in life, performed community service and may have participated in hockey and football. This scholarship was established by Ron's niece, Katie Dawson and is being administered through Fairhaven Dollars For Scholars. To apply go to <https://fairhaven.dollarsforscholars.org>. Scholarship period is open now and closes on April 15, 2017.

Donations can be made via website <https://fairhaven.dollarsforscholars.org>

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