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Children charge down the hill at Livesey Park in Fairhaven to hunt for eggs during the annual egg hunt sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. Children gathered up candy eggs, and wooden eggs that got turned in for prizes. Children also had a chance to win Easter baskets in a raffle. The annual event is completely free to participants. See page 12 for more. *Photo by Beth David.*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Just when you thought that spring was really here...brrrr...

Don't worry, though, all the springtime events are happening right on schedule (see pages 5, 8, 9).

The boats are starting to go back in the water, the fishing folk have been buzzing around, looking for the blues....or whatever, and the neighbors are starting to linger outside just a little longer.

And Earth Day is here. That's a sure sign of spring. There are all manner of events, from cleanups to hikes all over the region, and a March for Science in DC and Boston and other cities around the country.

Join the bike path cleanup in Fairhaven (see page 5), or the Sawmill cleanup in Acushnet (page 16), or head to Mattapoisett to clean up Shipyard Park (page 9).

Earth Day began because of the concern scientists had, way back in 1970, about how pollution was affecting the earth and its various eco-systems.

Heavy sigh....some things never change.

Anyway, there are all kinds of things to do and more are happening each week.

We have some meeting coverage for you this week. The Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals had a busy night (see page 4), and closed the hearing for the Oxford School residences, which means the project is moving along the process.

Now, onto the Rogers...yeah, right...um...not yet.

That report is done, though (see page 5). The next step will be a meeting to discuss the report, sometime in May. Then the fun will begin anew.

There's other stuff in here, of course. But you'll have to thumb through to find it. Be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*. And, if you're inclined

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Drought conditions ease in some places, persist in others

EEA Press Release

While the month of March started to see higher levels of precipitation across the Commonwealth, a majority of the state continues to experience a water deficit.

As a result, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Matthew Beaton last week declared the following drought levels throughout the Commonwealth: a Drought Advisory for the Connecticut River Valley, Central, Northeast, Southeast Regions as well as the Cape and Islands; down from a Drought Watch for the Connecticut River Valley and Southeast Region in the month of March, and unchanged for the Central and Northeast Regions and the Cape and Islands.

Additionally, Secretary Beaton declared Normal Conditions for the Western Region, down from a Drought Advisory in the month of March.

The declarations were the result of a recommendation issued from a recent meeting of the Drought Management Task Force, comprised of state and federal officials, and other entities, and will remain in

effect until water levels return to normal in the affected regions.

“Even with widespread rain conditions recently experienced throughout Massachusetts, the state as a whole has not fully rebounded from over two years of a precipitation deficit,” said Secretary Beaton. “It is difficult for periods of heavy rain to absorb into the ground to impact hydrological systems, and as a result, it is still important to incorporate best water conservation practices into our daily lives to not stress water systems.”

Task Force officials also noted the lack of snow pack in March that would typically result in slow recharge of the ground. Additionally, officials noted that while reservoir levels are recovering during this natural recharge period, some are still below normal. individual plan.

The state continues to intensely monitor and assess the drought situation, and any associated environmental and agricultural impacts. As the Commonwealth transitions into the growing and watering season, the state reminds

residents to think carefully about what they plant, encourages good landscape practices, recommends watering plants only early in the morning or late in the evening to minimize evaporation.

Furthermore, residents are asked reduce indoor water use, address leaks as soon as possible, and for larger buildings and businesses to conduct water audits to ensure they identify areas of leaks and potential water conservation.

All these steps will greatly help reduce water use to ensure essential needs such as drinking water and fire protection are being met, habitats have enough water to recover, and to stretch our water supplies.

Furthermore, the state asks the public to be mindful of the amount of water they are using, and to reduce indoor water use, address leaks as soon as possible, and for larger buildings and businesses to conduct water audits to ensure they identify areas of leaks and potential water conservation. All these steps will greatly help reduce water use to ensure essential needs are being met.

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ZBA closes hearing on Oxford School Residences

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals met on Wednesday, 4/12, to decide on six petitions including the Oxford School Residences.

The Oxford proposal, by Stratford Capital Group, would transform the Oxford School into senior housing units. Keith McDonald, Vice President of SCG, presented the board with the traffic study and other changes to the parking lot that had been discussed at previous meetings.

The board reviewed the traffic study, plans and changes to the building and parking lot. Board members said they felt their concerns had been addressed.

Resident and North Fairhaven Improvement Association member John Medeiros expressed some concerns about the project, including the size of parking lot. He reiterated his contention that the planned occupancy of the building is too high for the number of parking spaces.

The plan includes 63 units in the building with one to two people living in each unit; the parking lot will have 73 spaces.

Mr. Medeiros said he also believed ambulances and fire trucks would have trouble navigating the lot.

Board member Francis Cox noted that the area was able to handle more than 100 cars on parent-teacher nights when the building was a school.

Mr. Medeiros said he just wanted to "let the public be aware."

"It's a great asset for the town," board member Ruy DaSilva said, adding that it will be great for seniors 62 and over. "Better than having an abandoned school."

The board voted to close the hearing and will discuss conditions at

its next meeting on 5/4.

Contractor Matthew Brodo petitioned for a variance to build a 20x55 garage at 141 Dogwood Street for owner Robert Moulding.

Melissa Arrighi, standing in for Mr. Brodo, explained that Mr. Moulding wants a garage to store his camper, car and other items he currently keeps in a shed and in the yard. By building the garage it will make the yard less cluttered.

Ms. Arrighi told the board that many of the neighbors support the garage being built and think that it will add value to the neighborhood.

When ZBA Chairperson Peter

It's a great asset for the town...Better than having an abandoned school
[Ruy DaSilva]

DeTerra asked the public if anyone wanted to speak in favor of the petition, a lot of hands went up to support. The banquet room at the Town Hall was packed with people, with 15-20 neighbors there to support Mr. Moulding.

"I would like to see him get this variance," neighbor Lisa Esten said. "It will help to get rid of other things outside."

Many neighbors agreed it will help unclutter the yard.

"It will enhance the neighborhood and eliminate things in the yard," Joseph Oliveira said.

The neighbors attended to support the petition because they felt that Mr.

Moulding was a great neighbor and a friendly, helpful person.

"He is a wonderful person and helps everyone in the neighborhood," said neighbor and Board of Public Works chairperson, Michael Ristuccia Sr.

The motion passed unanimously.

In another matter, Michael Ristuccia of 52 Cedar Street sought a variance to build a 36x30 garage with an apartment on top, next to his single family home. Mr. Ristuccia was represented by his father, BPW chairperson Michael Ristuccia Sr., who showed the board pictures of the lot and how the garage would fit into the neighborhood. He argued that the garage would not increase the density in the neighborhood because the buildings are already close to each other in the center of town.

He said the garage would meet the setback requirements, and noted that some of the houses in that area do not meet the zoning requirements.

The variances are for being short 45 feet of the 100' required on frontage and short 8,979 square feet short of the 15,000 sf on the lot.

Some neighbors supported the petition, and some did not.

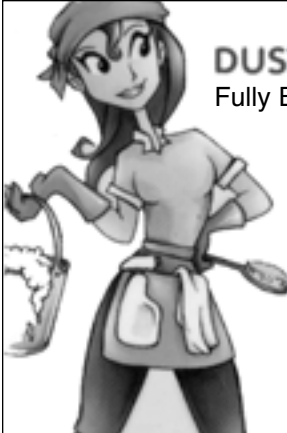
Neighbor Maria Moitoso stated that she was in favor of the petition.

"It would add value to the home, which would add value to the town," Amanda Boardman said.

Mary Jane Richard spoke against the petition, saying that the neighborhood was congested enough. She said that they should not stick another building in between houses that were already close to each other.

"It will bring the property value of my home down," neighbor Barbara Timmons said, adding that the main problem she had was how tall the

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Health Fair

Second annual employee Wellness Health Fair, Thurs., 4/27, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center/Council on Aging building, 229 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven. Scavenger hunt, raffles, giveaways, gift cards.

All participants will be entered to win a FITBIT! This is a few hours YOU don't want to miss... INVITE your family!

Tables include: Fairhaven Bikeway Committee, Community Nurse of Fairhaven, Free blood pressure checks, Michele Hudson, spiritual reader (10 min, \$20), Suzy Clasby chair massage, Southcoast Bikeway Alliance, and many more.

All are welcome.

Bike Path Cleanup

Join us for the 4th Annual Fairhaven Bike Path Volunteer Clean Up on Sat. 4/22, anytime from 9am-12 noon. Registration behind the Rec Center

Please join us in a volunteer clean-up effort for the Fairhaven Bike Path. Together we can help keep our town looking great for residents and our visitors.

We will have some gloves, pickers and bags available to use courtesy of Rocky's Ace Hardware. Please bring your own gloves if you have them.

All volunteers will be entered into a raffle to win a gift card from Stop and Shop.

Free donuts and coffee will be provided by BRW Property Services.

Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1649293368419057/>

Fairy House Bldg

The Fairhaven Lions Club is once again sponsoring The Little Fairhaven Village of fairies and gnomes. **The grand re-opening will be held on April 22nd at 10:00 am.** The Village is located in the cedar grove at the Fairhaven Senior Center/Recreation Center parking lot. You can build houses small and hidden for the fairies and gnomes. We ask that you do not use living or artificial building materials. The best materials are found in the landscape. There will also be a selection of natural building materials at the cedar grove. You may bring any natural materials you wish

but please return with those you do not use.

We are looking forward to another season of villages! The Little Fairhaven Village will remain open until the first frost in autumn. Please return often to check on your fairy/gnome house in case repairs are needed.

Treasure Island

ONE Theater Group, Inc. is proud to announce its upcoming production of *Treasure Island* on **Thurs. & Fri., 4/20 & 21 at 7 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 4/22 & 23 at 2 p.m. at the auditorium in Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719.** Proceeds from *Treasure Island* will go to Homes For Our Troops.

Treasure Island is a family-friendly show, and a classic tale of adventure. It tells the tale of Jim Hawkins, his run-in with a former pirate and subsequent discovery of a treasure map. In no time, he'll find himself on the high seas aboard a crew of pirates in disguise, who are also after the same treasure. Entertaining, exciting, funny, and packed with local talent.

Tickets purchased online in advance are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. At the door, the adult ticket price will increase to \$20; the child price will remain the same. Purchase tickets at www.onetheatergroup.com or anytime during normal business hours at the Millicent Library in Fairhaven. To reserve tickets in advance email onetheatergroup@gmail.com or call 508-525-9972. Tickets at the door if seats available.

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Snow White Variety

Elizabeth Hastings Drama Company Proudly Presents: *The Snow White Variety Show*. A riotous fairytale romp told from the seven very different perspectives of the dwarves! A show for all ages.

Performances are at **Hastings Middle School, 30 School St., Fairhaven, on Fri., 4/28, at 6 p.m. and Sat., 4/29 at 2 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$8; Students/Children \$5**

For tickets contact mlandis@fairhavenps.net or call 508-979-4063. Also sold at the door.

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Spaghetti Dinner

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Rogers Sch. Study

The report from Kirk & Co. on the Rogers School re-use study is now available on the town's website: [http:// fairhaven-ma.gov/](http://fairhaven-ma.gov/)

Find Documents and Contracts on the left side menu, then Town Projects, then Rogers School Documents, then 2017-03-29 Kirk Co final Report.

Tennis Clinics

The Fairhaven Tennis Association Junior Tennis Program will be starting up this month. **The clinics will be held starting on Sunday April 23.** For the first session clinics will be offered on Sundays and on Thursdays at 5:00 PM and at 6:00 PM at Cushman Park. These clinics are for ages 16 and Under down to juniors five years old. If you have any questions call Ken Pottel at 508-2803150

To register: o www.fairhaventennis.org and scroll down on the left side, click the tab 16 and Under and go to bottom and click the registration tab.

Texas Hold'em

Bristol County Bandits Senior Hockey presents the 4th annual Texas Hold 'Em Fundraiser Tournament, **6 p.m., Sat., 4/29. Registration at 5 PM; \$60 Buy-In, \$20 Add-On. Must be 21 years or older to play, prizes will be 50% of game proceeds.** Call Marc Santos at (774)473-0563 to register in advance and the buy-in is only \$50. **At the Town Crier, 5 Maitland St., Fairhaven.**

Spinner Publications goes digital

Press Release

In an exciting and long-awaited development, Spinner Publications is digitizing its large-format, coffee-table-sized books known for their photography and colorful design. Readers will now be able to enjoy the incredible photographs and stories of even Spinner's hard-to-find and out-of-print favorites such as its award-winning titles *Lincoln Park Remembered*, *Cranberry Harvest: A History of Cranberry Growing in Massachusetts*, and *A Window Back: Photography in a Whaling Port*.

Spinner Publications, the New Bedford-based publishing house known for keeping the present in touch with the past through its historic photographs and books about the history and culture of southeastern Massachusetts, is converting all of its 40-plus titles to digital format. Using a mobile device, tablet or laptop, readers can bring Spinner books into the classroom, to the beach, or on a trip to Costa Rica.

"We're thrilled to be able to offer history to our readers in a variety of formats without compromising

design and photography," said Spinner Publisher Joseph Thomas. "It makes sense for us to embrace the technology of today and tomorrow, even though we're all about preserving the past."

New technology available to readers and publishers, such as the improved-quality of Kindle ebooks from Amazon and the availability of Apple's proprietary digital "ibooks" on iTunes, allows for Spinner to launch its new eBook library.

The work of preparing and redesigning Spinner books for digital format is in the hands of Staff Designer Zachary White.

"I've tried to maintain the integrity of the design and the impact of the



Spinner staff members Zachary White (left) and Jay Avila (right) are at work in the Spinner Vault putting together digital books from Spinner classics. *Submitted photo.*

photos to give readers a true reflection of the original work," White said.

As electronic books, these early, hard-to-find Spinner titles — such as *A Picture History of Fairhaven* and *Portuguese Spinner: An American Story* — will be available at affordable prices. For example, instead of paying hundreds of dollars, readers can now

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Alden Court sued over woman's choking death

By Beth David
Editor

A New Bedford man has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Alden Court (AC) in Fairhaven alleging medical negligence and a cover-up by nursing staff after Kathryn Miller, 88, choked on a whole clam and died in 2015. Mrs. Miller's son, Steven Miller, alleges that the staff at Alden Court did not adequately supervise his mother at meals. She was also supposed to be on a granular diet.

Mrs. Miller was in the rehabilitation unit at Alden Court recovering from hip surgery.

According to court documents, filed on 3/1/17, the death certificate lists causes of death as asphyxia, aspiration of food bolus, and dementia. Fairhaven emergency medical personnel removed a piece of food from Mrs. Miller's mouth that was identified as a "whole clam."

The complaint, filed by Attorney Philip N. Beauregard, alleges that Alden Court "provided limited and misleading information," failed to provide proper safety measures for Mrs. Miller, failed to properly prepare her food, failed to provide "adequate and appropriate skilled nursing care," and failed to maintain complete and accurate records and charts.

It alleges that AC incorrectly assessed Mrs. Miller's condition, which delayed the call to emergency personnel and that AC acted "deceptively and unfairly" to Mrs. Miller and her son.

The complaint asks for both compensatory and punitive damages.

In a response from Alden Court's attorneys that was sent to Mr. Miller's attorney, Alden Court asserts that all proper procedures were followed and that all staff are trained regularly in emergency procedures. That response also raises the possibility that pressure from chest compressions performed by EMTs during CPR could have forced "stomach contents back up the esophagus."

Mr. Miller claims that his mother never should have had a clam.

Alden Court also claims that they do not serve clams.

The question seems to be, how did Mrs. Miller get the clam?

"We don't know who gave her the clam, yet," said Mr. Miller in a phone interview.

He said that Alden Court at first tried to blame a visitor, but it turns out the woman was not there that day. Mr. Miller also said that there was a snowstorm on 3/1/15, and he suspects that Alden Court was understaffed.

The facility denies all wrongdoing in court filings and in an email from Executive Director Brad Truini.

"The allegations in this case are without merit," wrote Mr. Truini. "The Department of Public Health conducted a full review of the facts and found that the care we provided met all appropriate standards. This includes an immediate response to a patient in distress, providing CPR and contacting emergency medical services."

Mr. Miller, however, said there are conflicting reports on how his mother's situation was handled. Court documents say she reportedly had a "seizure-type event." The incident happened just after 8 p.m..

The complaint alleges that EMTs were told that Mrs. Miller had "just finished eating," although Alden Court's records show it was three hours earlier. The complaint also says that AC refuses to identify the employee who fed Mrs. Miller or who made up her meal.

In the complaint, Mr. Miller contends that EMS personnel "noted in their record that 'staff was overheard talking about the patient choking.'"

But nothing in the record refers to choking, and "misleadingly refers to Mrs. Miller's distress as a seizure followed by non-responsiveness."

Attorneys for AC said the claim of incomplete and inaccurate records was based on statements that are "unsubstantiated hearsay."

They also blame the allegation of a cover-up on the same "hearsay."

"Alden Court staff certainly has not engaged in any actions or omitted any facts which would constitute a 'cover-up.'"

"The actions or omissions of Alden Court and its staff were not in any way the cause of Ms. Miller's untimely, death," reads the response.

Mr. Miller said that all he knows is, that his mother went in for a few weeks of rehab and never came out.

"Mom was not sick," said Mr. Miller,



This photo of Kathryn Miller was taken from a video at Alden Court during an after-Valentine's party. She died three days later. Submitted photo by Steve Miller

noting that she fell at home and broke her hip. "I believe that if Mom would have gone to a different nursing home, she'd still be alive today."

He said that he visited her that day and left at 3:30 p.m. because it was snowing. He then received a call at 9 p.m. telling him his mother was "on the way out."

He also said no one from Alden Court ever contacted him after his mother's death to express sympathy.

Mr. Truini said that the staff at Alden Court is serious about the care they give to each and every patient.

"Although we must respect patient privacy, I want to be clear that anytime a patient experiences an unanticipated outcome while at Alden Court, our team is saddened by the loss," wrote Mr. Truini. "In this instance, we made every effort to support the family and fully express our sympathy during a difficult time."

He also said that Alden Court has consistently been rated as a top facility.

"Our clinical staff, support staff and managers are well trained, committed professionals," wrote Mr. Truini. "As a result, the staff of Alden Court are very proud of the following accomplishments: CMS 5 star rating 2017; US news and World report "Best Massachusetts Nursing Homes, 2016"; Deficiency free survey (Massachusetts Department of Public Health) 2016; Joint Commission Accredited"

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Party for the planet

Party for the Planet on **Sat., 4/22, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at Buttonwood Park Zoo, 425 Hawthorn St, New Bedford. COST: Zoo Admission**

Party for the Planet is the largest combined Earth Day celebration in North America! More than 100 AZA accredited zoos and aquariums across the country celebrate with activities, giveaways, and special events.

Join us for the opportunity to learn and participate in fun activities presented by local organizations that speak to sustainable living and making choices to ensure the health of our planet for generations to come.

There will also be fun giveaways, music, games, face painting, earth day inspired enrichment demos with the animals, and so much more! It's a party for the planet, come celebrate with us! (Rain date 4/29)

Recycle Electronics

Did you know that non-working electronics should be recycled due to these products containing hazardous elements that can cause real and lasting damage to the environment and public health? E-waste should be disposed of safely and kept out of our landfills, and we want to make it really easy for our community to do just that!

Bring in any electronic item that is not working during Party for the Planet (info above) and we will see to it that it is properly recycled by an electronic recycling firm; **one free child admission into Party for the Planet with E-Waste drop-off!**

All electronic items can be taken at no charge, with the exception of **tube TVs. Those require a \$10 disposal fee.** Other items collected at no charge are cell phones, stereos, electronic motors, computers, printers, household electronics (blenders), as well as microwaves and other electronics.

Bookfest

New Bedford Bookfest, Sat., 4/22 & Sun. 4/23, 11 a.m to 4 p.m.. Free. At Groundwork, 1213 Purchase St., NB. Dozens of authors will be in attendance with their books available for purchase and signing; and Destination Soups will be serving in the kitchen!

Special events include a Presentation on NB history by Spinner

Publications; "After the Final Curtain: The Fall of the American Movie Theater," by Matt Lambros*; and a reading from "Blue Collars" - all on Saturday. On Sunday, Courtney Morgan will read from her work followed by a discussion between BookLovers columnist Lauren Daley and author Holly Fitzgerald* (*Ticketed event: \$10 via Eventbrite or at the door.)

Visit www.nbbookfest.com for a list of all the authors attending and other news. An after-bookfest reading event will take place at Alison Wells Fine Art Studio & Gallery on Sat. April 22 beginning at 6:00pm.

Family Fun Day

PACE Child Care Works and The Family Connections Network, the local advisory council for GNB Coordinated Family and Community Engagement program is celebrating Brain Building in Progress Week (April 23-29, 2017) and Week of the Young Child™ on **Saturday, April 22, 2017. The 18th Annual Family Fun Day will run from 10 AM until 2 PM at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School, 1121 Ashley Boulevard.** Children's activities will be provided by area early childhood programs. Story teller Jackson Gillman will entertain at 11 AM followed by Sparkey's Puppets at 12 noon. The Magic of George Cleaves will take the stage at 1 PM. This **free event** is sponsored by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Program of PACE Child Care Works with funding from the MA Department of Early Education and Care. For additional information contact Pam Hagberg at 508-999-99930 ext. 109 or hagberg@paceccw.org.

Dock-U-Mentary

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on **April 21st at 7:00 PM** with *Massachusetts Story* a 1977 film by Gordon Massingham. in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, 33 William St., New Bedford. Free.

The 1977 documentary *Massachusetts Story* studies the then proposed oil drilling on Georges Bank and its potential impact on the New England Seacoast, particularly the fishing industry. Filmmaker Gordon Massing-

ham will introduce the film and answer questions after the screening.

Folk Music Service

Annual Folk Music Service on **Sun., 4/23, at 11 a.m. at First Unitarian Church in New Bedford, 71 Eighth Street (Corner of Union, County and Eighth Streets), New Bedford, MA**

The Folk Music Service will be held at 11:00am in the Sanctuary, followed by a Bake Sale and more music at our Coffeehouse in the Parish Hall.

For more info call 508-994-9686 or go to www.uunewbedford.org

Moby Dick Photos

The Whaling Museum Needs Your Photos!

Were you, a family member, or friend at the New Bedford parade for the premiere of the film version of *Moby-Dick*?

To celebrate the restoration of the historic Seamen's Bethel and Mariner's Home in New Bedford, the Whaling Museum is curating four exhibitions on the first floor of the Mariners' Home that will help bring to life the era when the boarding house was bustling with mariners, and will tell the story of how the Mariners' Home came to be.

One of the exhibitions, *Moby-Dick and the Silver Screen*, will tell the story of Moby-Dick's rise in popular culture and New Bedford's response to the burgeoning international attention it garnered in the mid-twentieth century.

The exhibition will highlight the New Bedford premiere of the film version of *Moby-Dick*, which was produced and directed by John Houston, and starred Gregory Peck as Captain Ahab. The premiere was on Wednesday June 27, 1956 and was preceded by a parade down Purchase Street, led by Gregory Peck and his co-star Friedrich Ledibur, who played Queequeg. An estimated 50,000 spectators packed the parade route and many were dressed in whaling era garb.

If you, or a family member, were at the parade and have photos from that day, the Whaling Museum would like to include them in the exhibition. To submit photos for consideration, please email amotta@whalingmuseum.org, or call 508-797-6853.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Acushnet Events

See page 16.

Earth Day Cleanup

Make Mattapoissett Marvelous – Earth Day Town Cleanup: Sat., 4/22, 9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. at Shipyard Park, 8 Water St., Mattapoissett, MA 02739

Spend part of Earth Day cleaning up Mattapoissett! After check-in at 9:30, spend three hours cleaning up your assigned area before returning to Shipyard Park for drinks, food, and coloring and face painting for kids.

Disposable gloves and trash bags will be provided. Bring your own sturdy gloves if you can. Cost: Free

A Discover Buzzards Bay Adventure, from the Buzzards Bay Coalition. For more information, call 774-377-9191, email info@mattlandtrust.org; Visit <http://www.mattlandtrust.org/2017/04/earth-day-town-cleanup-make-mattapoissett-marvelous/>

Night Hike

Earth Day Night Hike, Fri., 4/21, 6:30pm–8:30pm, at Lloyd Center for the Environment, 430 Potomska Rd., Dartmouth, MA 02748

This Earth Day, visit the Lloyd Center for the Environment for a fun-filled night hike. Learn about the animals that come out at night and the sounds that they make, and explore the woods to find where these nocturnal creatures are hiding. For a fun Earth Day twist, you'll also learn about ways that you can make your own back yards more interesting for wildlife visitors. Be sure to dress for the weather and bring your imagination to this action-packed night! **Cost: \$6 members, \$8 non-members; \$18 family of four members, \$24 family of four non-members** To register, visit <https://lloydcenter.org/form-event-registration/>

Dinner Dance

Turkey Dinner Dance with all the fixings. Roasted turkey, tossed salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, vegetables, bread and butter, cranberry sauce, dessert. **Sat., 4/22, at 5 p.m., at VFW Memorial Post 6643, 89 Middleborough Road, E. Freetown.** Sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary Post 6643. Music by Ray J.

Tickets: \$15 for dinner and dance, call 774-328-6939.

Bird Club mtg

The Nasketucket Bird Club presents, *Eagle One, A Wildlife Memoir* by Dianne Benson Davis, **Thurs., 4/27 at 7 PM Mattapoissett Public Library, 7 Barstow St.** Accessible. Free.

Dianne Benson Davis spent four months living alone as the caretaker for eight baby bald eagles in the remote Quabbin Reservoir area of Massachusetts as part of an ambitious and successful effort to reintroduce the endangered bald eagle to the skies of New England.

Eagle One is the record of her time with the eagles, based on the letters and journals she kept there. It is the story of a woman's life devoted to the care of wildlife: her nearly twenty year relationship with a red-tailed hawk, her experiences caring for a baby polar bear, tagging loggerhead sea turtles, and working with countless animals at the Tufts University Wildlife Clinic and the EcoTarium. It is also a personal memoir; the story of perseverance and struggle as a single mother, the joys of learning and teaching about wildlife, and of finding happiness and fulfillment in work and family.

Check our website at: <http://massbird.org/Nasketucket/> or email our President Justin Barrett at jmbarrett426@gmail.com

For Writers

You are invited to attend a fun and informative AWB program for writers and aspiring writers on **Sat., 4/22, Noon to 3 p.m. at John P. McKeon AMVETS Post #146, 4 Hill Top St., Dorchester, MA, (617) 436-2991**

Easy access from the Southeast Expressway, free parking available.

This event includes buffet and beverages, mingling with other writers, handouts, and your choice of one of the following sessions: How to publish with CreateSpace by the successful author and trainer, Alberta Sequeira; How to promote your work on social media by best-selling novelist and book marketer, Steven Manchester; How to pitch your work—preparation and videotaping by author, T.V. host/producer/director, Willie Pleasants.

Each of these sessions is critical to

writers at stages in the journey of their work.

Special Guests authors Terri Arthur, on the international publishing of her book (*Fatal Decision: Edith Cavell WWI Nurse*), and Priscilla E. Flint-Banks, memoir writer (*I Look Back and Wonder How I Got Over*), radio host, social activist, and marketer.

Jewelry Sale

Our annual jewelry sale will be held on **Sat., 4/22, 9 am - 2 pm at St. Julie Billiard Church Hall, 494 Slocum Rd., No. Dartmouth.** A Variety of Used, New, Vintage, Fine, Designer jewelry as well as jewelry boxes, purses, evening bags & more will be on sale. Great prices. Sponsored by the Ladies Guild.

March for Science

Join hundreds of thousands of people around the country in the March for Science. A “sister march” in Boston will be held simultaneously with the national march in DC.

On the Boston Common, from 2–4 p.m. There will also be kid-centric entertainment at the Parkman Bandstand on the Common from 1:00 to 4:00.

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SAVE THE DATE!

School Art Fest

On **Thurs., 5/4, Albert F. Ford Middle School, Middle Rd, Acushnet, will hold its annual “Festival of the Arts” from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** This event will feature art and music created and performed by students in grades 5 through 8. The Ford Middle School Chorus will perform the event finale spring concert at 7:15 p.m. in the cafeteria under the direction of music teacher Brian Shanbrun.

Recipe of the Week

In-Your-Sleep Chili

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 15-ounce cans chili beans in chili gravy
- 1 14 1/2 ounce can diced tomatoes and green chiles, undrained
- 1 11 1/2 ounce can hot-style vegetable juice
- Sliced green onions, dairy sour cream, and/or shredded cheddar cheese (optional)

In a large skillet, cook ground beef and onion until meat is brown; drain off fat.

In a 3 1/2- to 4-quart slow cooker, combine ground beef mixture, beans, undrained tomatoes and green chiles, and vegetable juice.

Cover; cook on low-heat setting for 4 to 6 hours or on high-heat setting for 2 to 3 hours. If desired, top each serving with green onions, sour cream, and/or cheddar cheese.

From *Better Homes & Gardens*, www.bhg.com

Observe National Day of Prayer on 5/4

Press Release
By Steven J. Bouley

May our surrounding communities be reminded that **Thursday, May 4, 2017** has been sanctioned by the United States Government as "National Day of Prayer."

Celebrating its 66th year, this year's theme for 2017 is "For Your Great Name's Sake! Hear Us... Forgive Us... Heal Us!" calling on people, corporately and individually, to heed this call and gather to pray.

To further highlight the theme, Daniel 9:19 has been chosen as this year's scripture: "O Lord, Listen! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord Hear and Act! For Your sake, O My God."

The Judeo-Christian based task force is calling for people to gather for personal and national repentance and heart-felt prayer targeting seven critical areas: our government, military, media, education, church, business, and family.

The following Bristol County locations and times are set to celebrate the National Day of Prayer: For further locations and information, visit www.nationaldayofprayer.org

- **Acushnet Town Hall**, 122 Main St., Acushnet, MA; Pastor Sandra Echevarria; Time: 6:00-6:45 PM
- **Dartmouth Town Hall**, 400 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, MA; George Bailey. Time: 12:00 Noon-12:45 PM
- **University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth**, 284 Old Westport Rd,

Dartmouth, MA; Bell Tower; Pastor Neil Damgaard; Time: 12:00 Noon

- **Fairhaven Town Hall**, Center St. Between Green & Main Sts. Fairhaven, MA; Pastor Jeanne O'Leary; Time: 12:00-1:00 PM
- **1 Government Center (Lobby)**, Fall River, MA; Geraldine Mays; Time: 7:00-8:00 PM
- **New Bedford City Hall**, 133 William Street, New Bedford, MA; Pastor Larry Avila; 12:00 Noon-12:45 PM
- **Bethel AME Church**, 532 County St. New Bedford, MA Pastor Kenn Bongiorno; Time: 7:00-8:30 PM
- **Seekonk Town Hall**, 100 Peck St., Seekonk, MA; Pastor Michael Sandel; Time: 12:00-12:30 PM

If for some reason you can not attend one of these National Day of Prayer gatherings, we encourage you to take time to pray alone or with family members at home, or with other like-minded people during breaks at your work place.

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Hundreds turn out for NFIA annual egg hunt

By Beth David
Editor

The weather this year was decidedly warmer than last year as hundreds of children and their adults lined up at top of the hill at Livesey Park in Fairhaven for the annual egg hunt on Saturday, 4/15.

Children were split up by age into the various playgrounds to give the younger kids a fair shake. Candy eggs and wooden eggs were strewn about the place by volunteers. The colorfully painted wooden eggs, numbering close to 200, each had a number on it, which corresponded to a prize.

The raffle included Easter baskets donated by local businesses and individuals, and a giant stuffed animal.

"It's nice for the kids," said Pat Medeiros. "We did it when we were kids, now we're doing it with our grandkids."

It was not lost on the children that they were in a playground. Many gave up looking for eggs pretty quickly and started playing on the slides, swings, climbing bars and other equipment.

Children also had the opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny and have pictures taken together.

The event is sponsored by the

What are you, NUTS?



Photos this page courtesy of Tori Tepe.

North Fairhaven Improvement Association is free and open to the public.

For more information on the NFIA, visit <http://northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com>. They generally meet the third Wednesday of the month at the NFIA building, 267 Adams Street.

This year's prizes were sponsored by the following.

Chocolate Egg Sponsor: Gail & Andy Konerth at Danny's Seafood Restaurant located at 574 No. Front Street New Bedford.

"Door prize" Sponsors: Vila Verde Restaurant 362 Main Street; Raphael Family in Memory of Alfred and Clementina Raphael; Cox Candy located at 119 Alden Rd donated six baskets in the following names — The original officers who organized the NFIA, Pres, Walter J. Borowicz, Vice Pres. James J. Medeiros, Treasurer Joseph Oliveira, and Secretary Jose



Urquiola, also Robert Cormier a past president and Antone Hawk Medeiros; Emma Jeans, donated six Baskets; 4 Paws Up; Fairhaven Lions Club; Debbie Davis

Sound System: E.M.A. director Marc Jodion & Steve Pennington sound system operator.

Helpers: The Boy Scouts Troop 52 from St. Mary's Church

All those who assisted with Easter Egg Hunt and the members of the NFIA; NFIA sponsored Hot Chocolate and Server is Johnny Raphael; Sara Sturtevant

The basket stays with me!



More photos from the NFIA egg hunt



The North Fairhaven Improvement Association held its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, 4/15, at Livesey Park. Hundreds of children participated and got candy eggs, prizes and a chance to get a picture with the Easter Bunny. ABOVE LEFT: Arianna Rose shows off her wooden egg, good for a prize, and some chocolate eggs in her basket. ABOVE MIDDLE, BEFORE THE HUNT: A big brother helps his little sister figure out where to go to find eggs. ABOVE RIGHT: Alaina DaCosta runs around the playground holding the prizes she won. LEFT: Two girls carefully follow along as the numbers of the raffle tickets are read off. BOTTOM LEFT: A girl holds up the Easter basket she won, while her little sister hangs onto her own prize. BELOW MIDDLE: Samantha Openshaw holds up the stuffed bunny she won that's as big as she is. BELOW RIGHT, L-R: Senaya, Sylas and Sarya wear big smiles as they pose with the Easter Bunny. *Photos by Beth David.*



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Kool Kids Summer Registration April 29th & May 6th 8am-2pm

For children entering grades 1-age 12. Children will participate in a variety of sports, games and art activities. Each session will also include special themed events. Children are grouped by the grade they will enter in the fall. Don't miss out on this great summer program. Last year's program was full almost every week. Sign up early so we can take more participants. \$130 per week for members, sibling discounts avail.; non member rates avail. Hours: Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Drop off 7:45 a.m.- Pick up 3 pm. Extended day available: a.m. only (7 a.m.), \$25; p.m. only (4 p.m.), \$25; Both \$40

Track & Field

This summer, Fairhaven Recreation will be continuing our youth track and field program for children ages 3 through grade 8. This program starts at the end of the school year and runs for 4 weeks. The program is free with your play card or \$20 without, and will meet 2 days a week at Cushman Park from 6-8 p.m. Program starts June 19th. This program is open to everyone

Counselor in Training Program

Teens ages 13-16 learn to become summer counselors. Included in this program is CPR, early education tips and job interview skills and much more. CIT's will plan and run a theme day for the summer Kool Kids program, run games, assist senior counselors with projects, etc. Field trips and a pizza lunch every Friday are included. Program runs for 2 week sessions. Cost per session \$200 for members \$230 for non Members

You must be 13 to attend this program. No exceptions. Space is very limited. **Register on April 29th and May 6th 8-2pm**

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5/3: Twin River

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

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Special Activities

Sewing Circle

With Debbie Rock. Please come and join the fun, we have the sewing machines, just bring in your material, etc. The Sewing Circle will meet at the Fairhaven Senior Center on April 24th from 1-3:00pm and on April 20th and 27th from 6-8:00 p.m. In May the group will meet 15th & 22nd from 1-3:00 p.m. and May 4th, 18th & 25th from 6-8:00 p.m. If you have questions please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029.

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.

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Mahjong Openings

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DID YOU SCAN YOUR KEY CHAIN CARD?

Please remember to sign in with your key chain card when you visit the Senior Center. Whether you are attending a class, group donation, each scan is very valuable. The information gathered is beneficial in obtaining funding for our COA.

Ongoing Programs

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Acushnet Selectboard supports police budget, 2 hires, cruisers

By Beth David

Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard voted to support the budget proposed by Police Chief Michael Alves at its meeting on Tuesday, 4/18. The budget includes money for two new full time patrol officers and three vehicles for the department.

Chief Alves told the board that he wanted to offer a full time position immediately to Andrew Cordeiro, who is a part-time officer in town. Mr. Cordeiro completed the Worcester full-time Police Academy after returning from Guantanamo Bay Cuba with the National Guard.

Mr. Alves said there would be no academy costs associated with the hire, and noted that Mr. Cordeiro has been working full time hours anyway, due to staffing shortages.

Jason White is also in the National Guard and was deployed in Kosovo. He has completed the part-time police academy and is in the process of completing his road training.

Chief Alves asked to offer Mr. White a full time position, contingent on his successful completion of the full time academy and all other requirements.

The board voted to support both hires. Mr. White will, hopefully, get into the Plymouth Academy which starts on June 5, for the six-month program.

The chief's budget also includes money for three vehicles: Two cruisers and one unmarked car.

The department generally replaces two cruisers each year and an unmarked vehicle every four years. The board discussed the various ways to fund the vehicles, including

whether or not they should be in separate town meeting articles instead of part of the regular budget.

Chief Alves said that it all goes back to "when I was a wee little chief," and cruisers would be out of the budget, only to be included in a special TM in the fall.

Selectboard Chairperson Kevin Gaspar said he thought the two annual cruisers should be in the budget, but the unmarked car every four years should be an article.

Town Administrator Brian Noble said it did not matter how the vehicles were included as long as funding was identified. He said a letter of explanation with town meeting documents, would be sufficient to explain why the police budget had a spike this year.

"As long as you're up front about what's being voted on," said Mr. Noble.

The board also discussed the size of the fleet. Chief Alves said he had six marked cruisers, four unmarked cruisers, four all-terrain vehicles, one motorcycle and four pedal bicycles.

He said he would love to have at least one more cruiser. They ran into some trouble when one cruiser lost and engine and another collided with a deer two years ago.

"We had a rough year," said Chief Alves.

Mr. Alves said that one of unmarked cars is not used for responding to calls, it is a "junk," he said, used for undercover operations.

He also told the board it is unlikely the town will have the bicycle patrols it had in past years. He said those were funded with grant money, which he no longer has, and he is trying to

keep overtime to a minimum.

The chief and the board agreed that he would try to keep the next car scheduled for trade-in if it is "not horrible."

But he cautioned, that by the time he trades in a cruiser, it is in pretty bad shape.

The board also discussed some town meeting articles, including the regionalization study and Perry Hill Church. The board is going to request that the Historical Commission give them some idea of when the money pit would end on Perry Hill Road.

Mr. Gaspar railed against the practice of saying a project would cost one amount and then petitioners going back to town meeting year after year for more money.

"It's \$225,000 already," said Mr. Gaspar. "It's exceeded my expectations."

The Article asks for \$20,000.

Mr. Noble noted that the church is the highest point in town. It might be possible to get a cellular phone carrier to put a tower on it, producing a revenue stream for the town.

The board also approved a 1.5% increase for employees with individual contracts, with some discussion about the Executive Administrative Assistant, Lisa Leonard. Mr. Noble recommended 2% for Ms. Leonard.

Apparently, she was promised a bonus for taking on a lot of extra work during the time that the town did not have a full time Town Administrator. However, it is illegal to give bonuses to public employees, said Mr. Noble. They can get stipends for extra work,

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Acushnet River Reserve Cleanup

At the Sawmill, 32 Mill Rd., Acushnet, Sat., 4/22, 10 a.m.-12 noon. A Discover Buzzards Bay event.

Celebrate Earth Day by picking up litter at your favorite Coalition reserve. We will spend two hours cleaning trash that has accumulated during the winter. We are partnering with Operation Clean Sweep to provide gloves and tools to those who pre-register by April 20. If you do not pre-register, you are still welcome to come, but please bring your own

gloves and tools. T-shirts and Buzzards Bay Coalition stickers will be provided to volunteers (while supplies last).

Call 508-999-6363 x217, or email howard@savebuzzardsbay.org for more information.

Letters of interest

The Acushnete Selectboard is asking for letters of interest for the town moderator position and for an opening on the Park Commission.

Interested Acushnet residents are encouraged to submit letters of interest to the Selectboard's Office,

122 Main St., Acushnet, MA 02743, by April 26th at noon.

At Acushnet COA

The following events will be held at the Acushnet Council On Aging Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet. Call 508-998-0280 for details.

SALE: Spring Indoor Yard Sale/ Bake Sale & Gold Buyer! **Sat., 4/22, 9:00am-2:00pm**

Diabetic Shoes for Seniors. A Representative from Enos Home Medical will be here at the ACOA on **Fri., 4/28, at 10 a.m.** with a wide variety of Men & Women's Diabetic Shoes.

Ballot selfie is protected speech

NEFAC Press Release

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday, 4/3, declined to review a First Circuit Court of Appeals decision to strike down a New Hampshire law banning “ballot selfies.”

By declining to review the case, the court has allowed the First Circuit ruling to stand, a result the New England First Amendment Coalition calls a victory for the First Amendment and open government.

NEFAC filed an amici brief — drafted on behalf of the coalition by attorneys at the Harvard Law School Cyberlaw Clinic — last year arguing that the New Hampshire law is an unconstitutional restriction on free speech and could impede the public’s ability to monitor its government.

The Keene Sentinel joined NEFAC’s brief in support. Organizations such as the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press and Snapchat filed their own briefs addressing the statute’s First Amendment implications.

The case, *Rideout v. Gardner*, involved three New Hampshire voters

who posted images of their ballots on social media sites and were threatened with prosecution under N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. 659:35. The statute was amended in 2014 to prohibit “taking a digital image or photograph of [one’s] marked ballot and distributing or sharing the image via social media.”

In striking down the law as unconstitutional, the First Circuit wrote:

“As amici point out, there is an increased use of social media and ballot selfies in particular in service of political speech by voters. A ban on ballot selfies would suppress a large swath of political speech, which occupies the core of the protection afforded by the First Amendment.”

In its brief, NEFAC argued that images of ballots are routinely used to monitor the government, participate in political discussions and promote civic engagement:

“The Supreme Court has long recognized the importance of a free press in providing information to the public and acting as a ‘powerful antidote to any abuses of power by

governmental officials.’ Today, that function — especially at the local level — is greatly aided by the ability of all citizens to freely document their daily life. And beyond a watchdog function, the common use of photos of ballots to promote civic engagement is worthy of protection in its own right.”

The First Circuit decision affects the New England states New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

NEFAC was formed in 2006 to advance and protect the Five Freedoms of the First Amendment, including the principle of the public’s right to know. We’re a broad-based organization of people who believe in the power of an informed democratic society. Our members include lawyers, journalists, historians, academics and private citizens.

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Lake Street undergoing facelift

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Department of Public Works has been busy with a facelift for the Lake Street recreation area. The work should be done in about a week.

Gravel has replaced the dirt areas along the roadway where the little beach is, a favorite spot for fishing. The old metal guard rails have been taken down, but wooden guard rails will replace them. And new rip-rap has been placed on the north and south sides.

The parking areas at all three spots along Lake Street have been graded, and fresh, new mulch has been spread in some areas.



Although a sign says that wading is not permitted due to polluted water, the area is still a favorite spot to watch the water and the birds, to fish (catch and release only), and take a hike in the woods.

At its meeting on Tuesday, 4/18, the Selectboard sang the praises of Water/Sewer/Highway Superintendent Dan Menard who has spearheaded the project.

"It looks great," said Town Administrator Brian Noble, adding that he will put pictures on the town website soon.

Mr. Noble told the board that it did not take long for him to become a "supporter" and a "fan" of Mr. Menard.

Mr. Noble said he believed that Mr. Menard's variety of skills and the way

he runs the DPW have saved the town at least \$100,000 in just the last few months.

Selectboard chairperson Kevin Gaspar insisted that it was much more over the years. He said that with the hiring of two maintenance workers and other personnel changes, the Selectboard had helped save the town millions.

Mr. Noble said he was impressed with the way the DPW was run, including the high morale of employees and the cleanliness of the town barn.

"I've never seen a more organized DPW," said Mr. Noble.

Mr. Gaspar agreed, saying that the credit should go to Mr. Menard for being a good leader, but also to having workers who are "willing to do the job." ●●●



The Lake Street recreation area in Acushnet is undergoing a facelift. The south side (ABOVE LEFT) and the north side (ABOVE RIGHT) have new riprap and a stretch of gravel along Lake Street. The metal guard rails have been removed, but will be replaced with wooden ones designed to protect people who will fish or sit at the water's edge in the new gravel area. TOP: A swan hangs out on the north side of Lake Street, with the new riprap in the background. TOP LEFT: Walking trails follow the water and also trek into the woods. Photos by Beth David.

Earth Day this Saturday, will engage one billion worldwide



From press release materials

This year's Earth Day is Saturday, 4/22, and the world is celebrating the earth with a wide variety of events, including local clean-ups and the March for Science, which is being held in Washington, DC, and cities across the country.

According to a statement by the Earth Day Network: "The first Earth Day was established as a result of the warnings scientists had been making for years about our environment. And on this April 22nd, which also marks the first anniversary of the Paris Climate Agreement, Earth Day Network will continue to recognize the concerns and the work of dedicated scientists by co-organizing the March for Science Rally and Teach-Ins on the National Mall in Washington, D.C."

"This year's theme for Earth Day worldwide is climate and environmental science literacy, which is why the rally and teach-ins on the National Mall are particularly meaningful," said Kathleen Rogers, president of Earth Day Network. "It is fitting that once again this year, Earth Day serves as a vehicle for mobilizing concerned citizens — not only on April 22nd, but throughout the year."

According to its website, Earth Day Network's mission is to diversify, educate and activate the environmental movement worldwide. Growing out of the first Earth Day, Earth Day Network is the world's largest recruiter to the environmental movement, working with more than 50,000 partners in nearly 200

countries to build environmental democracy. More than one billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world.

Earth Day 2017's Campaign is Environmental & Climate Literacy. Education is the foundation for progress. We need to build a global citizenry fluent in the concepts of climate change and aware of its unprecedented threat to our planet. We need to empower everyone with the knowledge to inspire action in defense of environmental protection.

Environmental and climate literacy is the engine not only for creating green voters and advancing environmental and climate laws and policies but also for accelerating green technologies and jobs.

This Earth Day, gather with your community for an Environmental & Climate Literacy Teach-In or another project focused on education. We are launching Earth Day and Teach-In toolkits that will lay out the steps for holding a successful event. Toolkits are available at: <http://www.earthday.org/earthday/toolkits/>

The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, activated 20 million Americans from all walks of life and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement. The passage of the landmark Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act and many other groundbreaking environmental laws soon followed. Twenty years later, Earth Day went global, mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries and lifting environmental issues onto the world stage.

The idea for a national day to focus on the environment came to Earth Day founder Gaylord Nelson, then a

U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, after witnessing the ravages of the 1969 massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. Inspired by the student anti-war movement, he realized that if he could infuse that energy with an emerging public consciousness about air and water pollution, it would force environmental protection onto the national political agenda. Senator Nelson announced the idea for a "national teach-in on the environment" to the national media; persuaded Pete McCloskey, a conservation-minded Republican Congressman, to serve as his co-chair; and recruited Denis Hayes from Harvard as national coordinator. Hayes built a national staff of 85 to promote events across the land. April 22, falling between Spring Break and Final Exams, was selected as the date.

On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans took to the streets, parks, and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment in massive coast-to-coast rallies. Thousands of colleges and universities organized protests against the deterioration of the environment. Groups that had been fighting against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides, freeways, the loss of wilderness, and the extinction of wildlife suddenly realized they shared common values.

Visit www.earthday.org to learn more about the history of Earth Day and its current goals.

For local Earth Day events, see pages 5, 8 & 9, and visit the Buzzards Bay Coalition events page at <http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/page/2/> for a variety of activities, including local cleanups.



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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 May 9, 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 *Definitive Subdivision* application. The applicant, *VCORP, LLC* is requesting approval for a road standard for Earle Street, a paper Street, to provide access to two existing lots found on assessors Map 31A, Lots 434 and 453. The following waivers have been requested: General Provisions-322-16.A (7, 8, 10 & 13); Street Design-322-16.B; Street Cross Sections - C9, C10, C14, C16 & C21; Street Trees-322-25; Utilities-322-27.A; Curbing-322-32; Driveway Apron-322-33, Fire System-322-37 and Acceptance Plan-322-49.

The location is Earle Street, Map 31A, Lots 434 and 453.

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*
4/20/17 & 4/27/17

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petition(s):

- Petitioner: Steven T. Pinhancos, RE: 7 St. Mary's Street, Plot 20, Lot(s) 212, 221, 222, 225, Book 11315 and Page 90. 198-21: Non-conforming Use - C: No increase in the area or extent of the non-conforming use of a structure or land may be made. Installing a third apartment on a non-conforming two-family in an RA District.
- Petitioner: Mark A Mucciarone, RE: 10 Palmer Street, Plot 43, Lot 215. 198-18: 11% over max building coverage of 15% in an RR District.
- Petitioner: Ronald Oliveira, RE: 5 Vincent Street, Plot 6, Lot 32-37, Book 11725 and Page 262.198-18: Short 5' of required 20' front setback and 8' short of required 30' rear yard all within an RA District.
- Petitioner: Francis & Amanda Grueter, RE: 80 Fort

- Street, Plot 5, Lot 9, Book 11883 and Page 116. 198-32 - 2-3b: 50' over max length of 150: for a pier.
- Petitioner: Christopher Bonanno, RE: 218 Main Street, Plot 16, Lot 28. 198-16: Livestock raising under 5 acres requires a Special Permit in an RA District

RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 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.
- Petitioner: Ralph Willette, 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.
- Petitioner: Jill Manzone, 60 Washington Street, Plot 10, Lot 59, Book 10167 and Page 267. 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.
- Petitioner: Oxford School Residences LP, RE: 347 Main Street, Plot 22A, Lot(s) 192, 193. Comprehensive Permit required under Town Code 493 (aka 40B).

Peter DeTerra, *Chairman*
4/20/17 & 4/27/17

Fairhaven Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on May 01, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Notice of Intent Applicant Estate of Gloria McGreevy Location 455 Bridge Street Plot 31 Lot 9 purpose septic system repair within the 100' buffer zone to BVW and within the Nasketucket River Basin.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Clean Energy Collective Location 279 Mill Road Plot 38 & 39 Lots 05, 05, & 32 Purpose install ground mounted photovoltaic solar arrays within 100' of BVW and within a River front area.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Antonio J. & Ldalina Martinho Location 5 Causeway Road Plot 43A Lot 3 & 4 Purpose construct single family dwelling within a VE flood zone and within 100' buffer zone to BVW.
- Notice of Intent Applicant William J. & Mary A. Chemelli Location Fir Street Plot 43B Lot 317, 319 & 321. Purpose construct single family dwelling within a VE flood zone and within 100' buffer zone to BVW.

Jay Simmons, *Chairman*

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but that was not done at the time.

Mr. Noble said the whole raise only comes to \$300 a year and that he felt Ms. Leonard deserved it.

Selectboard member Michael Cioper said he felt it was not fair to other town employees.

Mr. Noble said it was clear to everyone who carried the burden when there was no TA.

It was unclear who promised the bonus, but all three Selectboard members and Mr. Noble said they had no doubt the money was promised. The TA and the Accounting Depart-

ment lost employees at the same time.

Selectboard member Roger Cabral said he was comfortable with the raise for a good long-term employee. He said he wanted to keep her happy and that the town should give what was promised.

"She really carried a lot of weight," said Mr. Gaspar.

"I've got to solve a problem and fix what was promised," said Mr. Noble. "I never got in trouble for paying a good employee good money. I always got in trouble paying good money to a bad employee."

The board approved the increases,

with Mr. Cioper voting "no" on Ms. Leonard's.

The board also briefly discussed the TM article seeking \$20,000 for the towns of Acushnet and Fairhaven to study the possibility of regionalizing some or all aspects of the school systems.

Mr. Noble said that people should not overreact and think that anything has happened yet. The article is simply to fund half the study. Fairhaven has a similar article on its warrant.

"Studying isn't doing," said Mr. Noble.



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Tues., 5/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 4/24, Arsene St., 5:45 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Tues., 5/1, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 4/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 4/26, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 4/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Agricultural Commission

Thurs., 4/20, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 4/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 5/9, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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	April 2017	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Wednesday	19	0231	1501	0744	2004
Thursday	20	0324	1557	0846	2108
Friday	21	0423	1657	0943	2210
Saturday	22	0523	1752	1039	2313
Sunday	23	0615	1839	1134	----
Monday	24	0700	1922	0009*	1222*
Tuesday	25	0744	2006	0058*	1309*
Wednesday	26	0831	2054	0148*	1357*
Thursday	27	0920	2145	0242*	1450*
Friday	28	1012	2236	0335*	1542*
Saturday	29	1104	2329	0423*	1630*
Sunday	30	----	1200	0510*	1718*

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garage will be. And with the apartment on top of it, she was concerned about her privacy.

Board member Peg Cook asked Mr. Ristuccia if there was a reason that they wanted to have an apartment on top of the garage.

He explained that they were going to have his mother-in-law live in the apartment, but she has recently been in the hospital. He said he was not sure she would be able to live up there on her own. It is possible that she may continue to live with him and his wife, which means the apartment on top of the garage may no longer be necessary.

Mr. Ristuccia asked the board if they could continue the petition so that he can speak with more of the neighbors about their concerns, and to decide whether or not the apartment on top of the garage is necessary.

He said that if they decide not to build the apartment, they will not need a variance from the ZBA.

A motion to continue the hearing passed unanimously.

In another matter, Ralph Willette of Winona Avenue asked for a variance to build a single family dwelling on an undersized lot he has owned for 35 years. Mr. Willette told the board that the lot has enough high ground to build on and a great view of the water.

Mr. DeTerra explained that the frontage for the lot is sufficient, but the square footage is short.

The board also questioned if the lot was "grandfathered," meaning he is eligible to build on it even though it is too small.

The board asked Mr. Willette to get documentation on the ownership history of the lot and its size. The board voted to continue the hearing.

Jill Manzone, 60 Washington Street, petitioned the board for a special permit to have chickens, and a variance for the chicken coop.

Ms. Manzone explained that she currently has two chickens for eggs, but said she also likes to have them because she finds them comforting. She said that she has always been a "country girl" who grew up around livestock.

Ms. Manzone told the board that she has had the chickens at her Fairhaven home for nine months and she had no idea that a permit was needed. When she found out she needed a permit, she immediately started the process of obtaining one.

The center of Fairhaven is not a place for animals [Peter DeTerra, ZBA Chair]

Mr. DeTerra voiced a lot of concern with the chickens because there is a restaurant right alongside Ms. Manzone's house. Mr. DeTerra explained that even if it is a clean coop there is still some odor. With a restaurant right next door, cleanliness is a huge concern for him.

He is also on the Board of Health.

Neighbor Caroline Marcoux said that she was in favor of Ms. Manzone keeping her chickens. Ms. Marcoux said she has visited the home and the chickens are kept very clean.

"There is no mess and no noise," Ms. Marcoux said. "They are well taken care of and it hurts no one on the street."

On the other side of the issue,

neighbor Elizabeth Boardman said that she was against the petition. She said she does not like to get into the business of other neighbors, but said she has many concerns about the chickens.

She said the coop is too small, and that she is concerned about the disposal of the chicken waste, as well as the smell so close to the restaurant.

Amanda Boardman also expressed concern about the well-being of the chickens in the small coop.

Mr. DeTerra said that the restaurant was his biggest concern because of the smell and the waste.

"The center of Fairhaven is not a place for animals," Mr. DeTerra said.

"We have had them all this time and no one complained," said Ms. Manzone, adding that the chicken waste is immediately picked up and taken to a waste station.

Mr. DeTerra explained the process: First the ZBA must vote on a special permit for the chickens and then vote on the variance for the coop; after the ZBA votes, the Board of Health must also approve the chickens.

Ms. Manzone explained that all she wants is the two chickens she currently has. She said she will not get more and once these chickens live out their lifespan she will not buy more.

The board approved the special permit with Joseph Borelli voting "no."

The board did not vote on the variance for the coop. The board wants a written plan. The hearing was continued to the next meeting.

The board also voted to allow Catherine Zelano of 3 Ellis Place to withdraw her petition for a variance to build a house.

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