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## Harvest Fun Day prevails despite rain



Nathan tries his hand at pumpkin bowling under the helpful eye of Tracy Travers of St. Joseph School in Fairhaven at the 5th annual Harvest Fun Day in Fairhaven on Saturday, 10/14. The rain kept lots of people away, but those who were brave enough to venture out seemed to enjoy the activities and the day. The rain was steady throughout the day, and heavy at times, but the weather was warm and there was very little wind, so a few hopeful souls ventured out. See story on page 12. *Photo by Beth David.*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

It's almost here.....c'mon, you know what I'm talking about: HALLOWEEN! Yippee.

Okay, it means the cold weather, too, and that's a bummer, but...it means ghosts and ghouls and scary things jumping out in the night!

And Halloween movies on TV.

We have a preview for you of the Halloween Trail that we'll be running next week (see page 3). There are a few yards that are ready now and people are anxious to scare you, so, we've previewed them for you. There's also one, the Zombie Farm, that is ONLY this weekend. So check out page 3.

And if you have a yard that will be ready on Halloween weekend or even just on Halloween night, let us know right away. Tomorrow, 10/20, is the deadline for you to be included in the Halloween Trail issue which is next week. That issue takes a long time to put together, so don't try sneaking in at the last minute.

This year, we're running the trail issue a week before. Last year people said they didn't have enough time to get organized. Halloween's on a Tuesday, so either way, you have a few days this year.

Remember: Tell us about your yard NOW.

We have a bunch of stuff in here, of course. Our cover story (see page 12) is the Harvest Fun Day, which almost got rained out. Well, kind of, sort of, I guess it did. Lots of people didn't go because of the rain, but lots of people went anyway. There was a special kind of fun in the air with people who got soaking wet, or huddled under the tents. It wasn't too cold and it wasn't windy, so it was kind of fun, actually. But, I admit, I was happy to get home and dried off.

We have some meeting coverage for you. See page 20 for BPW. I had a Selectboard story I was supposed to write, too. They had their annual goals meeting. But, next thing I knew it was getting too late and I just needed to get this baby to bed. So, stay tuned next week for that.

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Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story last week on the Manjiro Festival, we neglected to mention that the event is sponsored and organized by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society. We apologize for the omission and any confusion it may have caused.

# Halloween Trail preview

By Beth David  
Editor

Our Halloween Trail issue isn't until next week, but we have a few early birds who are ready for you now.

## Zombies rule at the Farm to benefit F.A.M.E. One night only: 10/20

The farm at 308 Mill Road (way, way, way at the spooky end of the road), will soon be filled with ghouls and ghosts and zombies and scary



things to haunt your walk from the driveway to the barn.

This walk may be too much for very little ones, but if you dare to try, it will be worth it for the treats at the end. **This is a guided walk in small groups, \$5 per person, kids under 5**



**are free.** Treats will also be on sale at the end of the walk. **ONE NIGHT ONLY: Friday, 10/20**

All proceeds will benefit Fairhaven Association for Music Education (FAME). The walk is about 10-15 minutes, depending on which surprises come out of the woods to haunt you. Guides will start at dusk, around 7 p.m., and end at 10 p.m.

*Photos courtesy of Heidi Winnett.*

### 20 Hiller Avenue

20 Hiller Avenue, should be ready



for this weekend, starting on 10/21. But visit again next weekend, because they are sure to be adding more ghouls for guests.

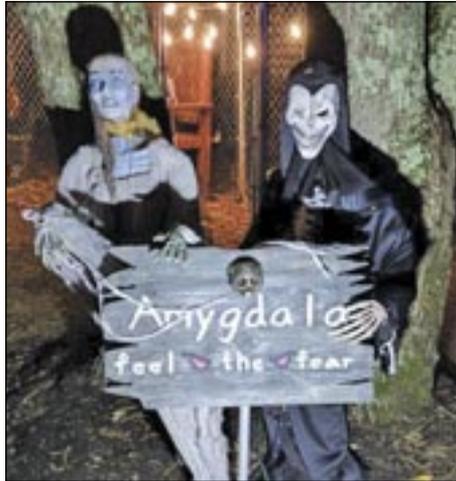


Make sure you show up on Halloween night, too. This hard working home haunter said she was disappointed in the low turnout last year.

Let's show her that Fairhaven has Halloween Spirit like no other place!

### 635 Main Street, Acushnet

They are ready for you now, but make sure you go back on Halloween night to get the treats after this trickery!



### 8 Beech Street, Acushnet



This elaborate yard goes on forever and is best seen at night. You'll want to visit it more than once because they add new stuff all the time. You just never know what you'll find.



This is just a preview. Make sure you pick up next week's issue!

## Calling all Halloween Yards

Want to share your Halloween expertise with your neighbors? Send pictures of your yard to the *Neighb News* and we'll share them with our readers. Or call us at 508-979-5593 and we'll try to swing by and take a picture. Email: [NeighbNews@comcast.net](mailto:NeighbNews@comcast.net); USPS: 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. **Deadline 10/20.**



### Halloween Map

Want to be on the Halloween map? Email [neighbnews@comcast.net](mailto:neighbnews@comcast.net) and we'll include you in our map of spooky yards, which we will publish in our annual Halloween issue on 10/26/17. Find the map at: [www.communitywalk.com/Hauntedfairhaven](http://www.communitywalk.com/Hauntedfairhaven)



# Keeping the connection strong, for 30 years

By Beth David  
Editor

Gerry Rooney wears many hats, but most of them are connected to the story of Manjiro Nakahama, which connects the little town of Fairhaven, Mass., to Tosashimizu, a small village in Japan.

From humble beginnings as the Sister City Committee, with one file cabinet that had to be returned to a corner at the Millicent Library, to a transformation and name change to The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society and new digs in a three-story museum with a carriage house, Mr. Rooney has been along for the whole ride.

Not only along, exactly, more like driving the vehicle, for much of it, anyway. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the sister city relationship between Fairhaven/New Bedford and Tosashimizu.

John Bullard was mayor then, and his administration showed a lot of support for the sister city relationship and the festival (which was annual then). Ken Wood, Walter Silveira, and Joe Cataldo were

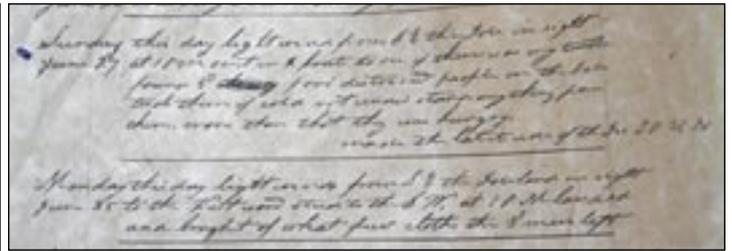
Fairhaven Select-board members. That was 1987.

At some point, early on, Mr. Rooney found himself voted in as president. He and his wife Ayako, who is from Japan, were members right from the start.

Fairhaven has a strong connection to Tosashimizu, which is the home village of Manjiro, who was stranded as a young teen on a deserted island and rescued by Captain William Whitfield of the whaleship John Howland.

Capt. Whitfield lived in Fairhaven, but the boat was out of New Bedford, so including the city in the sister-city committee was a logical thing to do.

Young Manjiro lived with the Captain in Fairhaven and was



The two log entries of Captain William Whitfield on June 27, 1841 and Monday, June 28, when the whaling ship the "John Howland" found Manjiro and four companions. This is a copy held by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society Museum in Fairhaven. The two entries read as follows. **Sunday, June 27, 1841.** This day light wind from S. E. Isle in sight at 1 P.M. Sent in two boats to see if there was any turtle, found 5 poor distressed people on the isle, took them off, could not understand anything from them more than that they was hungry. Made the latitude of the isle 30 deg. 31 m. N. **Monday, June 28.** This day light winds from S. E. the island in sight. To the Westward, stood to the S. W. at 1 P.M. landed and brought off what few clothes the five men left. *Photo by Beth David.*

educated in Fairhaven schools, becoming the first Japanese person to live in the US and be educated here. Although just a poor boy from a poor village, his connection to the US and his knowledge of English put Manjiro in a position to become instrumental in opening up Japan to

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Zombie Walk

At 308 Mill Road (at the end), one day only, **Fri., 10/20. Starts just before dark. \$5 pp** See page 3.

## HUGE Yard Sale

**Multi-family yard sale on Sat., 10/21, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking lot of Fairhaven High School.**

Items include jewelry, clothing, handbags, books, shoes, doll clothes, dishes, glassware, linens and much much more! 100% of proceeds go the FHS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) which helps to provide additional programs and resources for students of FHS.

## Music of Macabre

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven welcomes you to Music of the Macabre and More on **Fri., 10/20, 7 p.m., at the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., Fairhaven. Accessible. Suggested donation, \$10. Light refreshments.**

"It's creepy and it's kooky, mysterious and spooky" ... it's "Music of the Macabre ... and More," a program to benefit the Organ Fund of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven. To get you into the spirit of Halloween, you'll be regaled with spine-tingling music on the organ, some melancholy (and amusing) piano compositions, a couple of Broadway tunes, some spooky tunes on strings, a bit of ghoulish humor, and chilling stories and poems.

For more information, visit us at [www.uufairhaven.org](http://www.uufairhaven.org).

## HazMat Mtg

**The town of Fairhaven hold a Hazard Mitigation Meeting on Tues., 10/24, at 10 a.m at Town Hall, 40 Center St.**

The purpose of this meeting is to reconvene Fairhaven's Local Planning Team (Town staff and invited stakeholders) to receive an update on the development of the Town's first hazard mitigation plan, and to capture ideas and input on the Town's overall strategy to mitigate natural hazards. This includes the creation of long-term goals for the plan, in addition to the review and discussion of specific mitigation actions and projects for the Town to pursue. Recommended procedures

for future implementation and maintenance of the plan will also be discussed.

The final draft versions of the Risk Assessment and Capability Assessment plan sections have been posted to our website at: [http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/Fairhaven\\_MA\\_Hazard/DraftPlans/](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/Fairhaven_MA_Hazard/DraftPlans/)

## Millicent Art Ex.

The Millicent Library will feature a display of watercolors of local scenes by Sallie-Lou Johnson. The pictures are on the ends of the stacks on the main floor and in the display case in the Rogers Room. Proceeds of any sales of the paintings will go to the Millicent Library.

The library is located at 45 Center Street in Fairhaven. The elevator entrance is on Walnut Street. Phone number is 508-992-5342.

## Veterans Lunch

The Fairhaven Council on Aging will be honoring Fairhaven Veterans and their spouses at their annual Veterans Day Luncheon on **Wed., 11/8, from 11-1.** The luncheon will again be sponsored by Southern Mass Credit Union. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 if you would like to attend.

## Horribles Parade

Halloween Horribles Parade, Sun., 10/29, 5 p.m. Starts at Benoit Square, Main St. & Howland Rd. Sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. Prizes in a variety of categories, bags of treats for children, hot chocolate. FREE. Visit <http://northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com/>

## Haunted Academy

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 27, 28, 29, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Fairhaven Academy Building, 141 Main Street, Fairhaven. Parking in the Fairhaven High School lot

For more information, call 508-979-4085 or email [FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov).

## Halloween Party

The West Island Improvement Association is hosting a Halloween party at the community center, **40 Causeway Road, West Island on Sat.,**

**10/28, from 8 p.m.-Midnight, with music by Buzzard Blue band. Tickets are \$20** and that includes late night pizza. Get Tickets from Donna Curelop, 508-648-9241, or Shirley Hunter, 508-996-3473.

## SAVE THE DATE

### FHS Play

Fairhaven High School Drama Club will present "The Man Who Came To Dinner," opening on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. and closing on Nov. 4 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available now at our box office at the back of the High School on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8 PM: \$12/Adults, \$10 for students and seniors.

## Crafters Wanted

The Saint Joseph PTO is looking for craft vendors for their Holiday Bazaar on November 18th from 10am-3pm. If interested, please contact the school **before November 3** at 508-996-1983.

## Donate Cellphones

The Bristol County District Attorney's office is observing Domestic Violence Awareness Month by partnering with each of the police departments across the county to collect used cell phones for the Verizon Wireless Hopeline Program which provides the partnering agencies with phones to give to victims and survivors of domestic violence. These phones are crucial in providing a safety net for those trying to end the cycle of abuse.

All phones collected will be sent to the Verizon Wireless Hopeline Project which supplies phones to victims of domestic violence with 3,000 free minutes and 9,000 free texts. Repurposed phones are distributed to victims locally through an existing partnership between your local police department, the Hopeline Project and DA's Office.

Cell phones or cell phone parts or accessories can be dropped off at any Bristol County Police Station or at one of the district attorney's four offices in New Bedford, Fall River, Taunton and Attleboro.

Bristol County DA Thomas M. Quinn III is asking all residents to please look through drawers and closets, and drop off any old or broken cellphones, chargers or batteries.

# “Distractology” teaches the dangers of distracted driving

By Beth David

Editor

Students at Fairhaven High School had an addition to the curriculum last week: Distractology. The “course” features a driving simulator that shows drivers how dangerous distracted driving is, including texting, fiddling with the radio, opening a water bottle and drinking from it, and other activities that take their eyes off the road.

According to Nick Romani-Prpich, who ran the simulator last Friday, the latest fad among teens is to take a selfie when driving. He said it is even worse than texting because they tend to take more than one photo, trying to get the perfect shot.

The simulator takes teens through a series of driving scenarios, with the unexpected, such as a pedestrian

walking out from behind cars, and a car running a stop sign.

“It teaches them a lot,” said Mr. Romani-Prpich.

Cameryn Kruger took her turn at the wheel and promptly hit a pedestrian and a motorcyclist. She said the scenarios took her off guard. The second time around, she was able to anticipate the problems and did not hit anything, or anyone.

The simulator, she said, took a little getting used to, as well, especially the brake pedal.

According to Arbella Insurance Foundation, which sponsors the simulator, drivers who have completed Distractology are 19% less likely to have an accident and 25% less likely to receive traffic violations.

Ms. Kruger said she found the

experience valuable, although she questioned how real it was. She said she never had anyone run a stop sign the way she saw in the simulator, but acknowledged that drivers probably do it all the time.

She admitted that she did text and drive, but “not often.”

“Not anymore,” she said, even though she did not realize she had gone right over the line until she saw the picture.

She said she would recommend it to others.

“It’s nice to see a situation you’ve never been in before,” she said, especially without the danger.

“It really opens up their eyes,” said Mr. Romani-Prpich. “They become better drivers.”



LEFT: Fairhaven High School student Cameryn Kruger begins texting in the driving simulator as part of the “Distractology” program sponsored by Arbella Insurance Foundation on Friday, 10/13/17 at FHS, then a few seconds later (RIGHT) she clearly drifts over the center line. Photos by Beth David.

## Rhode Island’s tall ship loses power, hits multiple boats

USCG Press Release

Coast Guard Station Castle Hill provided a safety zone in Newport Harbor, RI, Sunday night, 10/15, after a tall ship lost power and hit multiple other boats near Perrotti Park. The SSV Oliver Hazard Perry, an educational tall ship homeported in Newport, was leaving Bowen’s Wharf Seafood Festival with 12 crewmembers aboard when it lost power and began to drift. A 911 dispatcher alerted Coast Guard watchstanders to the incident at about 6:15 p.m.

Two response boat crews from Station Castle Hill immediately deployed to the scene, where person-

nel from the Narragansett Bay Task Force also helped with the response.

Late Sunday night, the ship reported that it had regained power. There were no reported injuries or pollution. The incident is under investigation.

Initially, reports said the boat had grounded, but an inspection found no evidence of a grounding.



The SSV Oliver Hazard Perry, an educational tall ship homeported in Newport, RI, is grounded Sunday, 10/15/17, in Newport Harbor after it lost power and hit multiple other boats near Perrotti Park. U.S. Coast Guard photo.

# Local officials train for oil spill in Buzzards Bay

By Beth David  
Editor

State and local officials, including Fairhaven and Acushnet emergency personnel, trained for an oil spill at Hoppy's Landing on Thursday, 10/12, deploying boom and working to contain a spill created with peat moss. Fairhaven Fire-EMS, Fairhaven Harbormaster, Fairhaven Emergency Management, Acushnet Fire, Mass. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), U.S. Coast Guard and Nuka Research took part in the exercise which focused on protecting the marsh and waterways in Little Bay on the east side of Sciticut Neck.

Peter DeCola, Senior Analyst at Nuka Research, said the peat moss simulates oil, allowing responders to test equipment in real world conditions. And, indeed, Thursday's wind made for a pretty realistic exercise.

The Acushnet boat, with its small 25-horsepower motor, had an especially difficult time fighting the current and the wind.

"You got it out there, though," said Mr. DeCola to the Acushnet crew. "Good job."

Other than that, "It was textbook stuff," said Mr. DeCola.

Fairhaven Fire Chief Timothy

Francis said it was good for the crews to have to deploy in the windy conditions.

"It's just practice," said Chief Francis. "We just keep practicing and we'll get good at it."

He said one of the biggest goals of the exercise was to test the communications equipment, to make sure it worked among the various entities. He said he was pleased with how it all worked.

"It just shows we've come a long way with regional training," said Chief Francis. "No town is an island. We will need the help of everybody if there is an incident."

"I think it was a fantastic exercise," said Julie Hutcheson, Section Chief for the Marine Oil Spill Prevention and Response Program at Mass. DEP.

"It's important to know the goals. Safety is always a priority," she said, and reminded everyone to notify

the state if the equipment trailers are not fully stocked. "We don't want these trailers empty."



BELOW LEFT: Local and state emergency officials unload boom from the trailer during an oil spill training exercise at Hoppy's Landing in Fairhaven on Thursday, 10/12/17. ABOVE: Local officials from several different municipalities deploy the boom that is designed to contain an oil spill. Photos courtesy of the Fairhaven Fire Department.





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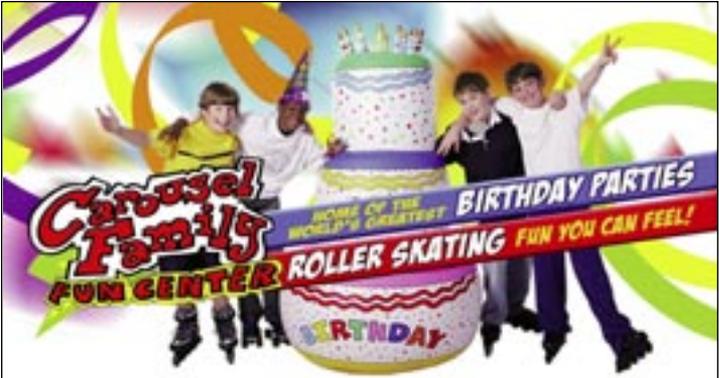
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Please contact Sharon Tripp at 508-971-3804 for more information.

## Musical Bingo

The American Business Women's Association is holding a benefit at Greasy Luck, 791 Purchase St., New Bedford, for the Greater New Bedford's Women's Center. Join us for **Musical Bingo on Friday, Oct 20. The doors open at 6 and bingo starts at 7 until 8:30. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at door.** Light appetizers are included. For more info email [abwasouthcoast@gmail.com](mailto:abwasouthcoast@gmail.com).

## Vigil for DV

The **Candlelight Vigil is Tuesday, October 24 at 6:00pm. The public is invited to gather on the steps of New Bedford City Hall at 6:00pm** and march in silence to the Unitarian Church (corner of 8th and Union Street), where a program to remember victims of domestic violence homicide will be held, including the Clothesline Project.

For more information about the event or programs at The Women's Center call 508-996-3343, visit [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org) or "contact us" on the website. If you need help or know someone who does, call the 24-hour HOTLINE at 508-999-6636.

## HOWL at the Zoo

An Old School **Horror Bash at the Buttonwood Park Zoo, Fri., 10/20, 7:30 -11:00 PM**

Join us for a blood curdling evening of "old-school" horror fun at the Buttonwood Park Zoological Society's 2nd annual Halloween event, HOWL! The evening will include live music, wicked cocktails, animal encounters and frightfully good food truck offerings. Costumes are not required, but we encourage guests to wear throwback costumes to classic horror films.

Don't be caught dead without your costume! We'll be judging in the following categories: Best Costume,

Best Couple Costume, Best Group Costume, Most Creative, and Best 80's Theme.

## Children's Book Fest

Groundwork! Creative Space, 1213 Purchase St., New Bedford, is hosting the Children's New Bedford Bookfest on **Sat., 10/28 and Sun., 10/29 from noon to 4:00 p.m. each day.** The free, open to the public weekend event will feature regional children's books authors and illustrators signing and selling their work.

Another highlight of the 'fest will be local students reading from selected works at an open-mike both days. As it is also the weekend before Halloween, kids in costume are welcome! Visit [NBBookfest.com](http://NBBookfest.com).

## Fall Fling

Holy Family Holly Name is holding its annual Fall Fling Same Great Cause!...Same Great Fun!.... Just a different season, more casual and cheaper! **Tickets; \$25**

**Join us! Fri., 11/3, from 6-9 p.m. Travessia Urban Winery, 760 Purchase St., Downtown New Bedford.** Call 508-993-3547 for tickets.

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## Meet Pie Dinner

At Pilgrim United Church of Christ Pilgrim Church Home, 634 Purchase St., N.B., on **Sat. Nov. 4, 6 p.m:** potatoes, gravy, vegetables, dessert, beverages, raffle. Benefits Holiday Meals at soup kitchen

**Donation: \$12/child \$6.** For tickets, call 508-996-1498 or 508-636-9079. **BUT TICKETS NOW!**

## DockUmentary features RI man

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on October 20th at 7:00 p.m. with *Charlie Brayton: Life of a Fisherman*, a film by Markham Starr. Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center. Films about the working waterfront are screened on the third Friday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning

Center, 33 William St., New Bedford. All programs are free.

Having begun life on Prudence Island as the son of a clam raker, Charlie Brayton has fished nearly his entire life. This film by Markham Starr follows Charlie and his deckhand Douglas Stone through a day off Block Island, Rhode Island, as they fish for both lobster bait and groundfish. The film provides a backdrop as Charlie narrates his life story in the industry, from near-perpetual seasickness to learning the trade with help from his friends. Film maker Markham Starr and fisherman Charlie Brayton will introduce the film and answer questions following the screening.

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and presenting the history and culture of New Bedford's fishing industry. Visit [www.fishingheritagecenter.org](http://www.fishingheritagecenter.org)

## Children's Workshop

Your Theatre, Inc. (YTI) is pleased to announce the next session of our children's theatre program: YOUTheatre!

The course will begin on Tuesday, 11/14 and will run until January 30, 2018 with a concluding showcase presentation. Classes are Tuesdays 6-8pm at YTI's theatre space in St. Martin's Church at 136 Rivet St, New Bedford. A pizza dinner and juice will be provided to students. The cost of the course is \$190, which includes class materials, dinner during each class, and production materials.

For more information or to reserve your child's spot, e-mail [kids@yourtheatre.org](mailto:kids@yourtheatre.org) or call 508-993-0772. You can also use the online portal at [yourtheatre.org](http://yourtheatre.org).

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Lebanese Christmas Bazaar

Our Lady of Purgatory Church annual Lebanese Christmas Bazaar, will be held on **Sat., 11/11, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sun., 11/12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Mary's Pastoral Center, 115 Illinois St., New Bedford** (park in St. Mary's Church lot).

Featuring traditional Lebanese foods and pastries. Free admission. Big money raffle, Sittoo's Attic, caravan auction (closes at noon on 11/12), games, crafts, raffles, and much, much more.

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Oldies Tribute F-R

Travel back to the days of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin & Tony Bennett with a tribute by Taylor Cormier. **Sat., 10/21, 7:00 p.m. at St. Julie Billiard Church Hall, 494 Slocum Rd., No. Dartmouth. Tickets \$15.** Light snacks & beverages available for purchase. For tickets call Sheila 508-993-6362 or Betsy 508-997-2592. Sponsored by St. Julie Billiard Ladies Guild.

## Meet & Greet

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## Trail Race

Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust is thrilled to announce our third annual Trail Race, a fundraiser to support DNRT's 35+ mile trail network and 5,000+ acres of protected open spaces in Dartmouth! The trail race will feature a unique 3.3 mile running course that winds through fields and forests at Destruction Brook Woods. We are also offering a 2.4 mile walking course.

So whether you've run 5K's in the past and been curious to try something different, or you're an accomplished trail runner, or a running novice, the 2017 Trail Race will be an enjoyable event for you. And if running isn't your thing, we've got you covered: come out and support us by signing up for the 2.4 mile walk with some friends. Spectators are also welcome, so feel free to come out and cheer on the participants. After the race, stay for music, beer, and pizza from Domino's!

**Join us on Sat., 11/4, at 11 a.m. (11:45 for walkers), at Destruction Brook Woods.**

For Trail Running Tips for Beginners and Outdoor Enthusiasts: <http://mytopfitness.com/index.php/>

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Trail Race Pricing: 3.3 Mile Trail Race – DNRT Members – \$25; 3.3 Mile Trail Race – General Public – \$35; 3.3 Mile Trail Race & Become a Member – \$50; 2.4 Mile Walking Loop – \$20

## Driver Safety Course for Seniors

On Thurs., 11/9, from 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., the Mattapoissett COA is hosting the AARP Driver Safety Course for licensed drivers of any age. Pre-registration is required no later than 11/7 at noon.

Why take a driver safety course? Because driving has changed since you first got your license, and doing so could save you money.

By taking a driver safety course you'll learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. You'll learn how you can manage and accommodate common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. There is no test to pass.

You may be eligible to receive an insurance discount upon completing the course, so consult your agent for details. You might also be eligible to receive a discount on roadside assistance plans. After attending the course you'll receive a certificate of completion that can be presented to your insurance agent for a possible reduction in your auto insurance premiums.

**Cost is \$15 for AARP members; \$20 for non-members.** Make checks payable to "AARP". There will be a lunch break. You may bring your own lunch or pay a separate \$3 fee for pizza at the COA.

Anyone with questions may call Jacqueline Coucci, Council on Aging Director, at 508-758-4110.

## Fall Sale

The annual Fall Sale at the Mattapoissett Friends Meeting will feature special tables for antiques, stamps, and other paper collectibles, and items from the estate of Gene and Evelyn (Silveira) Pursley.

**Sale hours are scheduled for 8 a.m. to Noon, Sat., 10/21, at the meeting hall, 103 Marion Rd. (Rte. 6), East Mattapoissett.**

Estate items include paintings by Mrs. Pursley's mother, Carolinda Silveira, signed carvings by Mr. Pursley, including 5 canes and 2 whales. Featured antiques include a bed warmer, carriage warmer, Paris of Maine child's table with two chairs, brass cannonball andirons, Victorian doll carriage, large splint wood basket, golf bag.

Vendor space is available inside for \$20.00 a table, or space outside for \$10.00 by calling Alan Harris at 1-508-317-3601.

Donations of sale items are welcome by calling Brad Hathaway at 508-758-3579. No electronics, clothing can be accepted.

## Owl Prowls

Join us for an evening hike to see "Whoop" we can find on the trails at **our Allens Neck trailhead.** Wind through the trails listening for nocturnal animals and enjoy a fall evening of discovery. **Members \$10 & non-members \$12.**

**Owl Prowl at Allens Neck Sat, Oct 21, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm- meets at Allens Neck trailhead**

Full Moon Owl Prowl Sat, Nov 4, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm- meets at Stone Barn Farm

Moonrise Owl Prowl Sat, Dec 2, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm- meets at the Allens Pond Field Station

## Author Event

Best-selling author, William Alexander, will be the guest speaker at the second program of the fall season of the Boivin Center for French Language and Culture at **UMassD on Mon., 10/23, in the Grand Reading Room of the Claire T. Carney Library at 4 PM.** A Q&A, book signing and light reception will follow the program which is free and open to the public. Park in lot 13.

Mr. Alexander is the author of the best-selling memoir, *The \$64 Tomato and 52 Loaves, A Half-Baked Adventure*, which recounts his attempts at gardening and baking the perfect loaf of bread. His latest book, the highly acclaimed and award-winning opus, *Flirting with French: How a Language Charmed Me, Seduced Me, and Nearly Broke My Heart*, discusses his riotous attempt to fulfill a lifelong dream to learn and speak French at age 57.

## Recipe of the Week

### Honey Garlic Glazed Salmon

3 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil  
4 6-oz. salmon fillets, patted dry  
1/3 c. honey  
1/4 c. soy sauce  
2 tbsp. lemon juice  
1 tsp. red pepper flakes  
kosher salt  
Freshly ground black pepper  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
1 lemon, sliced into rounds

In a medium bowl, whisk together honey, soy sauce, lemon juice and red pepper flakes.

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat two tablespoons oil. When oil is hot but not smoking, add salmon, skin-side up, and season with salt and pepper. Cook salmon until deeply golden, about 6 minutes, then flip over and add the remaining tablespoon of oil.

Add garlic to the skillet and cook until fragrant, 1 minute. Add the honey mixture and sliced lemons and cook until sauce is reduced by about 1/3. Baste salmon with the sauce.

Garnish with sliced lemon and serve.

*From Delish.com*

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to [neighnews@comcast.net](mailto:neighnews@comcast.net) (Email preferred)

## WHOI receives \$5.7M for seaweed to fuel

*Press Release*

In the future, our homes and vehicles could be powered by fuel made from seaweed grown at large-scale offshore farms. Researchers at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) are working to help make that scenario a reality sooner with funding from the U.S. Department of Energy's Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E).

WHOI was awarded \$5.7 million from ARPA-E's Macroalgae Research Inspiring Novel Energy Resources (MARINER) Program for two projects that develop tools and technology to advance the mass production of seaweed for biofuels and bio-based chemicals.

"By focusing on the technological challenges to growing and harvesting macroalgae (seaweed) efficiently and cost-effectively, MARINER project teams are building the tools we need to fully put this resource to work contributing to our energy future," says ARPA-E Acting Director Eric Rohlfsing.

"Bringing our scientists and engineers together to develop innovative solutions to important problems is a hallmark of WHOI," adds Mark Abbott, president and director of WHOI. "We're pleased and honored to be selected by ARPA-E to work on advancing new sources of renewable energy."

Currently in the U.S., seaweed is primarily used in food and food processing for humans and animals, and mostly comes from imported farmed product or wild harvests. Expanding seaweed farming domestically relieves pressure on wild stocks, creates jobs and revitalizes working waterfronts. Ultimately expanded and more efficient produc-

tion will lead to expanded markets including feedstocks for biofuels. The ARPA-E estimates that in the U.S. combined brown and red seaweed farming could yield about 300 million dry metric tons per year. When converted to energy, that could fuel about 10 percent of the nation's annual transportation needs.

With \$3.7 million, biologist Scott Lindell, who is leading the research effort at WHOI, and a team of seaweed biologists, geneticists and entrepreneurs will develop a breeding program for sugar kelp—*Saccharina latissima*, one of the most commercially important species—using the latest gene sequencing and genomic resources for faster, more accurate and efficient selective breeding. The breeding program will build a library of genetic resources associated with plant traits that produce a 20–30% improvement over wild plants.

The remaining \$2 million in funding will be used by a team from the Applied Ocean Physics and Engineering department to develop an autonomous underwater observation system for monitoring large-scale seaweed farms for extended periods of time without human intervention.

Partners in the project include: University of Connecticut-Stamford, which will develop the kelp strains and families for breeding; the USDA Agriculture Research Service at Cornell, which will apply DNA sequencing and genomic analysis to direct selective breeding for important traits; and GreenWave, which will operate the open ocean farming system for field trials of the selectively bred families.

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# Rain does not take the fun out of Harvest Fun Day

By Beth David  
Editor

It seemed that the rain would hold off, or just be a drizzle in the morning, when vendors were setting up for Fairhaven's fifth annual Harvest Fun day on Saturday, 10/14. But then, Mother Nature had other ideas. The rain poured at times, drizzled at others, but remained steady until the very end of the day.

That did not stop a steady stream of folks from coming out and enjoying the day. Despite the rain, the weather was warm, and there was little wind.

James, at the novelty booth, did especially well, because he remembered to bring the umbrellas. He sold more than a few.

At the cookie decorating table run by Our Lady's Haven, Lisa Grillo and Lisa Cadime said they had customers all day. It seemed that every child decorated a cookie, for free.

Christina Lopez and Bonnie Ortiz of New Bedford said they would not let a little rain ruin their day. They enjoyed the hot kale soup and clam chowder.

Ms. Ortiz said she was there to support her grandchildren who were in the dance group performing.

"To support whoever is here, really, said Ms. Ortiz. "And the kale soup is delicious."

Members of the Bell Committee also managed to eek out a success. Not only did they show the Revere Bell, but they were selling coasters designed and illustrated by high school student Jessica Lawrence. And she stopped by to sign them all.

"It's for good cause," said Ms.



At Our Lady's Haven's booth, children were invited to decorate cookies at the 5th annual Harvest Fun Day in Fairhaven on Saturday, 10/14/17. LEFT: Camille Rebelo, with the help of her great grandmother Rita Rodericks, shows great concentration as she decides how to decorate her cookie OLH booth. RIGHT: Kaylin Martens carefully decorates her cookie at the OLH booth. Photos by Beth David.

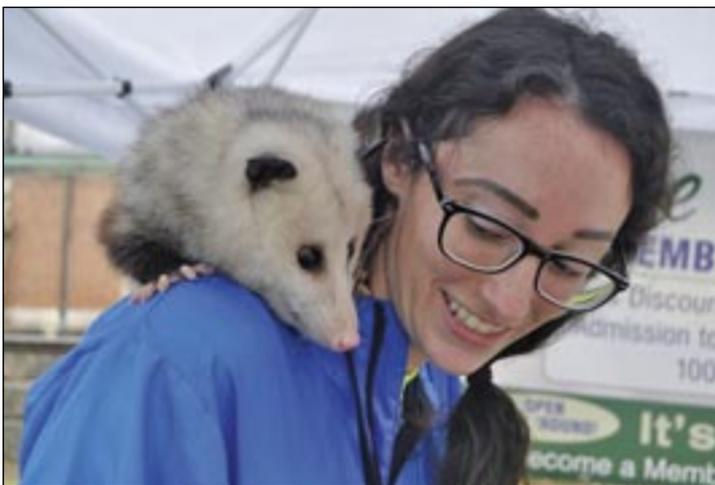
Lawrence, a senior at Fairhaven High School. "And it gets my art out there."

"I was amazed at how many people stopped by to see and learn of the bell's history," said Doug Brady, of the Bell Committee who noted that all three times the bell has been on display, it rained. "It is great to see the community, students and schools come together to support one of our town's treasure - the 1796 Paul Revere bell."

He said the coasters are a fundraiser for the bell, which will find a permanent home at Town Hall as soon as they raise the money.

"Even though it rained, it was a great day and fun for all," said Mr. Brady in an email, making a plug for the coasters. Call the bell committee at town hall, 508-979-4023, to order coasters. "It was great to have Jessica Lawrence, the artist personally signing the coasters."

Fairhaven's Office of Tourism sponsored and organized the event. Director of Tourism Christopher Richard took it all in stride. That's the nature of outdoor festivals, and, if anyone understands a weather dependent activity, it is a farmer. It was, after all, a harvest festival.



LEFT: Ellie the opossum and her human, Lindsay, from the Buttonwood Park Zoo, take shelter under the tent at the 5th annual Harvest Fun Day in Fairhaven on Saturday, 10/14/17. RIGHT: Artist Jessica Lawrence signs the coasters she designed and illustrated of the Paul Revere Bell, while Ryan Hipolito watches with interest at the Harvest Fun Day. Photos by Beth David

## WMFS: cont'd from page 4

the west.

The Whitfields and the Nakahamas have kept their friendship alive for 176 years.

According to Scott Whitfield, a sixth generation descendant of "The Captain," as he is almost universally called, each generation in his family has told the story starting at an early age. It was a bedtime story his parents told him, and one he told his children. And then they got older and realized it was true.

The Captain's house on Cherry Street in Fairhaven has its own story to tell. Although Manjiro did not spend as many nights there as he did in the Captain's farm on Scoticut Neck, the Cherry Street home was the first place Manjiro came to in Fairhaven.

When it fell into disrepair and was at risk of being sold for non-payment of taxes in 2008, Mr. Rooney and the other committee members scrambled to save it.

Then Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara came into the picture. A veritable celebrity in Japan, Dr. Hinohara raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to buy the house, then turned it over to the town, with the stipulation that it be run as a museum by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, which had organized as a nonprofit.

Dr. Hinohara also spearheaded the



Members of the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society lead the crowd in song from the steps of the WMFS Museum on Cherry Street in Fairhaven at the Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival in Fairhaven on Sunday, 5/7/17. *Neighb News file photo by Beth David.*

efforts to get the building restored.

It is now a destination for people from all over the world, with 55,000 people touring the museum since it opened in 2009. Mr. Rooney said 70% of the visitors were Japanese.

It has not come without challenges, though, particularly financial.

"At the library, life was simple," said Mr. Rooney. "Now, we've got a three-story house with all the bills that go with it."

He said it costs just under \$40,000 to run the house, a figure that amazes most people for how low it is.

"It's a shoestring budget," he said.

The museum has a couple of small corporate sponsorships, including one from Toyota, but the bulk of the operating expenses comes from people who visit the museum: museum tours, guided tours of the Manjiro Trail, memberships, donations, events.

Although Mr. Rooney admits that one or two events ended up losing money.

He said every year travel agents from Boston bring two large tour buses with students from Osaka for tours of the Manjiro Trail and the museum. For that, he needs at least four volunteers to help guide them, he said. Local schools also tour the museum and the trail on a regular basis.

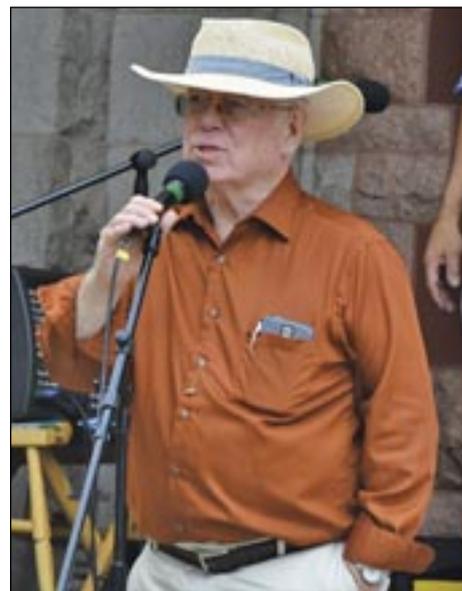
The museum does a lot of outreach to schools and has created a curriculum for teachers.

A few years ago, no students knew how old Manjiro was when he was rescued, said Mr. Rooney.

"Now they all know," he said. "So it's working."

The next big project is to transform the carriage house into a community/cultural center. The WMFS will be able to expand its offerings to the community, and that should help bring in more operating revenue, too. Right now, they have one room that can accommodate about 10 people, to run workshops and seminars.

Renovating the carriage house is estimated to cost about \$350,000. The WMFS used some Community Preser-



Gerry Rooney, president of the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, speaks at the 16th Manjiro Festival on Saturday, 10/7/17 in front of town hall in Fairhaven. The WMFS sponsors and organizes the festival. *Photo by Beth David.*

vation funds from the town of Fairhaven to hook up water and sewer to the carriage house.

"So, we keep plugging along," said Mr. Rooney.

The museum is staffed by volunteers, and Mr. Rooney is only paid for 10 hours a week. During festival years, that 10 hours can be used up in one day, he said.

The WMFS organizes the Manjiro festival, which is held every other year in Fairhaven and on in between years in Tosashimizu. As the years have gone by and fewer of the original members are involved, Mr. Rooney said it is falling more and more on Fairhaven to bear the brunt of the work and the cost.

The museum's hours are limited, but Mr. Rooney's phone number is posted on the door so he can meet anyone who arrives after hours. They are usually from out of town, mostly far, far out of town, like Japan, so he does his best to accommodate them.

"I try never to refuse that kind of thing," he said, adding that the feedback is usually ecstatic. "Those are the things that keep you going."

To learn more about Manjiro's story, visit <http://www.whitfield-manjiro.org/> or <http://fairhaventours.com/manjiro-nakahama/> or <http://millicentlibrary.org/the-presentation-of-a-samurai-sword-booklet/>

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At the Fairhaven Council on Aging, October 17th and November 14th from 2:30-4:00 p.m. Flu Shots administered by Walgreens Pharmacists, Please call the Fairhaven COA @ 508-979-4029. Please bring all medical cards with you.

### Medicare Beneficiaries and Retirees

What's New for 2018, Tuesday, November 14th at 1:00p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave. This presentation is free, but reservations are requested. Call the COA (508-979-4029) for more information and to reserve a seat . Refreshments will be served.

### General Loss and Grief Support Group

October 17th -5:00-6:30 pm 3rd Tuesday of the month at The Fairhaven Senior Center, The Grief Support Group is facilitated by trained grief professionals from Southcoast VNA and is offered to provide the opportunity to gather with others who are grieving the

death of a loved one. To register, please call Southcoast VNA Bereavement Services at 508-973-3227.

### S.H.I.N.E Open Enrollment

During Medicare Open Enrollment, from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7, you will be able to change your plan for next year. If you would like help understanding your changes and options, a trained S.H.I.N.E counselor is available to offer FREE and CONFIDENTIAL counseling on all Medicare and related health insurance programs. Appointments fill up fast call the Fairhaven Senior Center, 508-979-4029.

### Sand For Seniors

The Fairhaven Commission on Disability will be sponsoring the Sand for Seniors Program again this year. The program is an attempt to keep Fairhaven seniors free from falls over the winter months by providing a bucket of sand/salt mix to use on icy walk ways. If you already received a bucket in the past and need a refill OR if you would like to join the program and have a bucket delivered to your home, call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029.

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The closure is for work on the sewerage project. Please seek an alternate route and allow extra time for travel!!

A follow-up by Acushnet Fire & EMS stated that the work will take at least two weeks, but Thursday and Friday of this week, the road will be open. Main Street will be open to residents and other local traffic only.

Acushnet Fire & EMS announced that the department's ambulance has already reached 500 calls this year.

"Last year it took the Fire Division until December 14th to get to 500 calls," they wrote in a Facebook post. "This year we hit #500 today (October 16), nearly two months earlier than last year! Excellent work by dedicated people — our money is on easily beating last year's record of 546 calls."

## Acushnet participates in Oil Spill Drill



Acushnet Fire & EMS Department's Squad 3 with Rescue Boat at Hoppy's Landing in Fairhaven on Thursday, 10/12 (foreground). The Department participated in an oil spill training exercise with other municipalities and state officials. See page 7 for story. Photo from Acushnet Fire Department & EMS Facebook page.

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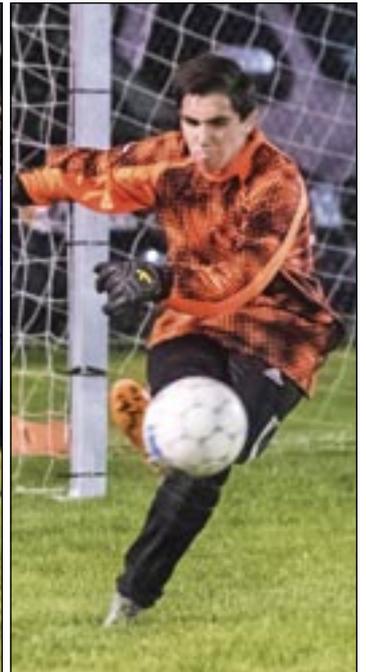
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# Fairhaven Boys Soccer team falls to Bourne



The Fairhaven High School Blue Devils Boys Soccer team fell 2-1 under the lights at home on Wednesday, October 11, to Bourne. The loss drops Fairhaven to 1-6-2 on the season. Tyler Pereira scored for Fairhaven on a penalty kick mid way through the second half. ABOVE LEFT: Matt Mitchell prepares to trap the throw in for the Blue Devils. ABOVE RIGHT: Will Elliott battles for position of the ball in Fairhaven's 2-1 loss to Bourne. BELOW LEFT: Evan Ferro keeps his eyes on the ball as he traps the incoming pass. BELOW MIDDLE: Calvin Garcia splits the Bourne defenders BELOW RIGHT: Coby Valentim takes the goal kick for the Blue Devils. *Photos by Ryan Feeney.*



# New Bedford Symphony Orchestra visits St. Joseph's School

*Press Release*

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra provided an education outreach program to Saint Joseph School elementary students on Tuesday, October 3rd through their Learning in Concert Program. A group of three classically training musicians including a violinist, cellist, and an oboist, performed for grades two through five to demonstrate the integration of melody, bass and supporting parts of a classical piece to that of the parts of an ecosystem.

This performance went beyond entertaining to highlight the cross-

discipline of music and science. By exploring these concepts, students are able to build stronger understandings than would have been possible by study in one subject alone.

The orchestra is committed to providing quality and impactful education outreach programming that supports the goals and objectives of local schools.

The school will attend a Young People's Concert at the Zeiterion where our student "Ecostrators" will hear a live concert with the

New Bedford Symphony Orchestra. Throughout the concert, the children will hear music that demonstrates various wetland ecosystems and the children will experience the orchestra as one magnificent musical ecosystem.

Terry Wolkowicz, program director, is the Education Director of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, and the creator and curriculum writer for Learning in Concert.



LEFT & ABOVE: Performers from the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra combine classical musical performances with lessons in science at St. Joseph School in Fairhaven on 10/3/17. Submitted photos.



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# BPW hires two for Sewer Department

By Mary Macedo

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 10/16 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works interviewed candidates for Sewer System Maintenance Craftsman (SSMC) and Sewer System Maintenance Man (SSMM).

The board first met with Nicholas Parker who was interviewing for the SSMC job. Mr. Parker said he has been working in a wastewater treatment position since last December. He said he just received his grade three license and is currently working toward his grade four.

Board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said they need to hire more employees who have grade four and five licenses. He also suggested that they give new employees a time limit on getting their licenses such as within six months to a year.

Mr. Parker explained that he fully intends to continue to upgrade his licenses.

"It shows he's moving in the right direction," board member Brian Wotton said.

Sewer Department Superintendent, Linda Schick said that Mr. Parker took BPW Superintendent Vinny Furtado's beginner class and has been studying on his own time and has already signed up for the intermediate class.

"I like this young man a lot," BPW Chairperson Michael Ristuccia said. "The department should have more like him."

Mr. Ristuccia said Mr. Parker is a diligent, hard worker who has really been working towards getting his licenses.

Mr. Ristuccia made a motion to hire Mr. Parker for the SSMC position with the stipulation that he continue to work towards getting his grade four and five licenses, with any assistance needed by Mr. Furtado or

Ms. Schick.

The motion passed unanimously.

The board then met with Ryan Robillard to interview him for the SSMM position.

Mr. Robillard told the board he had been working as a temp for the Fairhaven Sewer Department for the last seven months and would like a permanent position.

Ms. Schick confirmed that Mr. Robillard has been working with them since March and she encouraged him to apply for the position because he was already doing the job and doing it well.

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Mr. Furtado reminded residents that the town will be picking up leaves during the first four weeks of November starting Monday 11/6.

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Mr. Hobson asked if the job was advertised.

Ms. Schick said the job was offered to people in the department first and it was posted on the website.

Mr. Furtado said that the position does not require a specific license.

Ms. Schick explained that Mr. Robillard wants to advance within the department and has been taking classes such as the basic math class, basic wastewater class and has plans to go for his grade three license.

A motion was made to hire Mr. Robillard with the same stipulation as

Mr. Parker, that he continue to take classes to upgrade his licenses.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hobson addressed both Mr. Robillard and Mr. Parker saying: "I am only trying to motivate you."

In another matter, Mr. Hobson updated the BPW on the happenings on the Marine Resources Committee. He told the board that the committee has been getting a ton of emails about a certain person in town who received a special spot at Union Wharf. Mr. Hobson said there is a list for spots at the wharf and this person jumped the list.

Mr. Hobson said he could not give names, but the issue seems to be controversial. He said at the next Marine Resources meeting the issue will come to a head.

In another matter, Mr. Hobson said residents on Capeview and Diamond streets have been asking when their streets will be getting paved.

Mr. Furtado said Capeview should be done very soon, but Diamond Street will not be getting done until March or April.

In another matter, Mr. Wotton wanted to formally thank Water Department Superintendent Edward Fortin for his 44 years of service to the town, as he retired last week.

"The next person will have very big shoes to fill," Mr. Wotton said.

"We should name the water tower after him," Mr. Hobson joked. "Him and his father together have probably done 100 years."

Mr. Furtado said they are already seeking applicants to fill the position.

Mr. Furtado reminded residents that the town will be picking up leaves during the first four weeks of November starting Monday 11/6. The leaf pick up will be the day after garbage pickup day.

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### Fairhaven Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on November 06, 2017, at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Request for Determination Applicant Bruce & Deborah Penn Location 5 Gilbert Street Plot 29A Lot 236 Purpose construct 12' x 20' platform deck within a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Juliette Wang Coombs Location 41 Bayview Ave Plot 28 A Lot 469-470 Purpose install cement pad for hot tub within a VE flood zone and 100' of coastal bank.

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## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 11/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 10/30, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Cable Advisory Committee

Tues., 10/24, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Capital Planning Comm.

Tues., 10/17, Oxford Terr., 11 a.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon. 11/6, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Cultural Council

Mon., 11/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues. 10/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 10/25, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 10/30, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Assessors

Fri., 10/20, Town Hall, 8 a.m.

### Board of Health

Tues., 10/24, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Selectboard

Tues., 10/24, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

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enable somebody to have navigation rights," said Mr. Dawicki. "And, essentially, our vessel is not in the way of anybody's navigation rights."

In a match-up between him and Mr. Dawicki on who has done more for the town, Mr. Mitchell said he feels he would hold his own.

"I've given more than \$100,000 in free ice-breaking [over the years], I helped the Fire Department when a boat was burning and had to be moved, and I'm a valuable resource for the harbor, shipyard and fishing industry," said Mr. Mitchell. "So I have every reason to think I should not have my [rights] taken away from me and given to anybody else."

Mr. Dawicki noted that NMI is a college now and in only three years has gained a lot of recognition, and more and more is becoming a part of the "fabric" of the town.

"Which I think is a pretty darn good benefit for the town," he said,

noting that students from all over the world attend classes and frequent town businesses.

"We're not here to step on anyone's toes," said Mr. Dawicki.

He said he was surprised that the town did not have clear, written guidelines in place to cover his situation. If it did, there would not be any question or controversy at all.

"We really don't have any waterways plan in the town. We don't have any standards in place," said Mr. Dawicki. "We, as a community, need to create a serious waterways management plan."

Several sources on the waterfront also cried foul because they said it is widely known that Mr. Dawicki is not current on his taxes, a requirement for anyone who wants a spot at Union Wharf.

Fairhaven Collector/Treasurer/Finance Director Wendy Graves said that Mr. Dawicki has worked out a payment plan on all three properties

that are in arrears. She said the town has not initiated any proceedings to take the properties for tax default, but they have not been in default for long, just a couple of months. It is only the first time the Dawickis have gotten behind in tax payments since she started working for the town in 2013.

Mr. Dawicki explained that he and his wife usually pay their property taxes after their income taxes. This year is no different than other years, he said and he expects the whole total will be paid off before the end of the year.

The Fairhaven Harbormaster's office refused to answer any questions about the matter for this story and referred all inquiries to the town administrator.

"We're not going to answer any questions about that," said Todd Cox, who is Acting Harbormaster while his father, Timothy Cox, is on medical leave. ●●●

# NMI sparks controversy moving boats to Fairhaven

By Beth David  
Editor

In a move that has turned out to be controversial on the waterfront, the Northeast Maritime Institute, located in Fairhaven, has moved its boats from Pope's Island Marina in New Bedford to Union Wharf in Fairhaven, which is owned and operated by the town.

Town Administrator Mark Rees informed the Selectboard at their October 2 meeting that he had spoken to NMI owner Eric Dawicki about moving the boats to the town side of the harbor.

The buzz on the waterfront started immediately, as space at Union Wharf is tight and there is a waiting list for the lobster basin, which is where the smaller lobster boats tie up. The transient side of the wharf is a first-come, first-serve proposition. If a boat leaves, it is not guaranteed a spot when it returns. Boats pay \$25/ day to tie up.

NMI has a spot for its boat, the "Navigator," a 65-foot vessel used for training, in a new section on the north side of Union Wharf, that was only recently outfitted with a floating dock for the NMI boat.

The tall ship, S/V Fritha, a 24-foot traditional wooden brigantine that is used for training classes, is on a mooring in the harbor, on the Fairhaven side.

Mr. Rees said that it was his understanding that the waiting list was strictly for the lobster basin. He said there was no waiting list where the Navigator is tied up.

NMI has kept its boats in New Bedford for years. Mr. Rees would only say that NMI had "problems" in New Bedford and had to move his boats. Exactly where they are now is temporary, said Mr. Rees, until they can figure out a good spot for them.

"He came to me and said he ran into problems with New Bedford, and they told him he had to move his boats," said Mr. Rees. "As a major business in town, as we would with any other business, we worked with him to help him out."

NMI is paying the same rate as the fishing boats, \$25 a day, said Mr. Rees.

Eric Dawicki, President of NMI, said the institute is not looking for a free

ride or even a discount. He said they were surprised that New Bedford suddenly told them they had to move the boats.

Navigator needs to be at a dock, he said, because students go back and forth all the time. Fritha can be anywhere, and will soon go south for the winter.

"Fritha is gone most of the summer anyway," he said because the training consists of long stretches at sea with students.

The short story is, he said, that both places are temporary. NMI paid for a month at the dock for Navigator. He said he does not understand the controversy.

the Harbor Development Council, which administers the Pope's Island Marina. An attorney for the HDC did return the call, but never connected to give comment for this story.

Robert "Hoppy" Hobson, a member of the Board of Public Works and the Marine Resources Committee, and a lobster boat owner who has a spot at Union Wharf, said he felt it was not fair that Mr. Dawicki got to move his boats in ahead of those on the waiting list. He said they made a special spot for NMI, and there are plenty of others on the waterfront who would love to have those spots.

Charlie Mitchell, who owns the tugboat "Jaguar" and lives on Fort Street, said the mooring for the Fritha, is right in front of his house, and is a new mooring. It was put in specifically for the Fritha, he said.

Mr. Rees confirmed that the mooring was new. The town does not charge for moorings, instead the town charges a waterways user fee.

Mr. Mitchell said he believed Fritha is moored in a spot that interferes with his riparian rights, which allow a shorefront homeowner access to the channel. Mr. Mitchell said he has deeded riparian rights for his property, and a right to build a dock, but the Fritha is now a navigation hazard if he wants to do that. Many of the other houses along that stretch of Fort Street have docks.

"Just because I haven't been able to afford to put a dock in, I should not be punished," said Mr. Mitchell. "I should not have my rights taken away from me."

He said town officials promised to move the mooring, but only moved it about 30 feet, which makes no real difference at all.

"It devalues my property," said Mr. Mitchell, adding that he is current on his taxes, has paid all his fees for the Jaguar and his business.

Mr. Dawicki said he spoke with Mr. Mitchell about the mooring and he did not seem to have a problem with it at the time. He also said the claim to riparian rights is dubious.

"At the very least, even if this riparian rights thing existed the way it's being claimed, it would be to

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The tall ship, S/V Fritha, a 24-foot traditional wooden brigantine that is used for training classes at Northeast Maritime Institute, is at the center of a controversy involving NMI moving its boats to Fairhaven from New Bedford. ABOVE: Fritha at a mooring in Round Cove in 2010. Photo courtesy of ML Baron.

When Scott Lang was mayor, New Bedford asked him to move his boats to Pope's Island to help attract other boats. Now that the marina is filled up, and there is a new mayor, things have changed, said Mr. Dawicki.

"Tall ships tend to have free dockage," said Mr. Dawicki. "In fact, they are often paid to go."

"We were basically abruptly asked to leave a few weeks ago," he said. "Under, I can safely say, false pretenses."

He would not elaborate, citing likely legal action.

Since NMI is located in Fairhaven, it makes more sense for the boats to be there anyway, he said.

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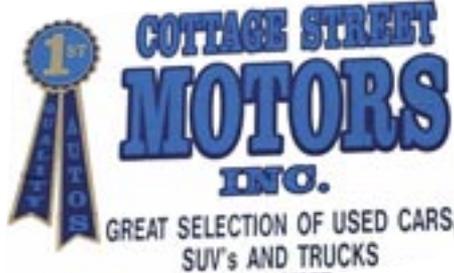


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