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

Horribles terrorize North Fairhaven

The area's best horribles, including ghouls, ghosts, beasts and beauties, converged upon North Fairhaven for the annual Halloween Horribles Parade on Sunday, 10/29. The parade started early to beat the rain, which upset some people who didn't get the message, but a couple of hundred still managed to make it in time. See page 12 for story, *Photo by Beth David.*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Beth David, Publisher

Okay, I've got news for you all: This "friendly neighborhood reporter" does not have to explain herself to anyone, but I will anyway, because sometimes, just sometimes, it's lots of fun to do just that. (See page 4.)

How about a little Journalism 101, okay?

When we write a story about a controversial decision (any decision, really), it's generallly good practice to talk to the person or persons who made that decision. Mr. Freitas, by the content of his own rant, said he did not make the decision, that the Selectboard was only notified of it.

Gee, maybe that's why I didn't call him, huh?

I spoke to the Harbormaster, who referred me to the Town Administrator. It was Mr. Rees who was quoted in the article in question that ran on 10/19.

Again, although I do not need to explain myself, I will say: There was no need to talk to Mr. Freitas, none, nada, zero, zilch. Indeed, there was no need to talk to the Selectboard at all. However, if I DID want to talk to the Selectboard, I would have called the chairperson, NOT Mr. Freitas. That's standard procedure. Chairperson first, other guys if you're on deadline and can't get the chair.

I hate to be the one to break it to you Mr. Freitas*, but it is not always about you.

How you ever manage to walk around with such thin skin is beyond me. Honestly, I almost wrote that you were upset because they were "picking on" you and had to curb my fingers from typing it.

You need to toughen up, Big Guy.

I can only imagine that if you lived in my place for a month, you'd probably end up hiding in a corner bawling your eyes out like a toddler who lost his pacifier. And, I guarantee you that no one, NO ONE , would be apologizing to you...for anything. If I waited for that before doing something, I'd never do anything.

Which brings me to my next point.

He has demanded that the chairperson of the Marine Resources Committee, Frank Coelho, apologize to him (Mr. Freitas, that is), before Mr. Coelho is allowed to speak at a Selectboard meeting. Mr. Freitas is not the Selectboard chair, but, oh....what a position he put Mr. Espindola, the real chairperson, in, don't you think?

But, when it's all about yourself, you just don't think about anyone else.

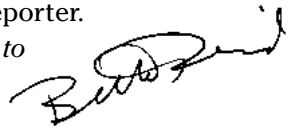
Honestly, these elected officials need to grow up and be able to take some criticism. You're all pretty good at dishing out the insults when you have a mind to do so. Learn to take them as well, or just give it up. It's politics. You need thick skin.

On another note, please don't forget to change your clocks this weekend (see page 3), or you'll be late for everything next week.

Until next week then....see ya.

Your Friendly Neighborhood Reporter.

**Okay, I admit it, I do NOT hate to break it to him. I'm kind of getting a kick out of this whole thing.*



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Storm rocks region, thousands lose power

A little no-name October storm packed a powerful punch this weekend, with a wind gust of 76 miles per hour recorded by the West Island Weather Station at 2:50 a.m. on 10/30. Hundreds of thousands lost power, with thousands in the region still without power on Wednesday at press time. The storm packed its biggest punch on Sunday night into Monday, knocking down large trees in the area, blocking roads, and wreaking havoc. Several large sailboats in Dartmouth broke from their moorings and were washed up on shore. In Fairhaven, damage was largely confined to tree damage and scattered power outages. For details on the storm, visit www.westislandweather.com and navigate to the right side bar. ABOVE: This little boat at the Jack's Cove Marina in Fairhaven was no match for 70+ MPH winds during the early morning hours of 10/30/17. "Looks like 76 mile per hour winds [are] enough to flip over my dinghy," wrote Chris Tripp on his Facebook page. *Photo courtesy of Chris Tripp.*

Change clocks this weekend

Daylight Savings Time will come to an end this weekend and sunset will suddenly be one hour earlier each day. The time will "fall back" on Sunday morning. 11/5. At 2:00 a.m. it will suddenly become 1 a.m. again. So, be sure to set your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday night, 11/4, or at 2 a.m. on Sunday, 11/5.

Enjoy the extra hour of sleep. Next spring, on Sunday, 3/11, you'll lose that hour when clocks "Spring Forward."

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Selectboard hires from within for Asst. TA

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard meeting on 10/30/17 began with what is commonly referred to as a "rant" by Selectboard member Daniel Freitas using the Committee Reports item to slam the Marine Resources Committee for a list of complaints.

"I don't appreciate being called a 'coward,'" said Mr. Freitas, saying he was also called dumb. "I don't appreciate a lot of what was said at the [MRC] meeting."

MRC chairperson Frank Coelho was in the room and tried to speak, with the two men talking over each other for a bit. Mr. Coelho made the point that they were talking about his board, so he should be able to answer.

Selectboard Chairperson Bob Espindola said he would allow the issue to be heard at a later meeting, and asked Mr. Coelho to hold his peace. For the 10/30 meeting, though, Mr. Espindola said he was trying only to get a report from Mr. Freitas on the MRC, and he promised to give them a spot on the 11/7 meeting.

Mr. Freitas said he was sure that he was also speaking for the Harbormaster, Assistant Harbormaster, and the Town Administrator.

Mr. Freitas, who is the Selectboard's representative on the MRC, said the treatment had been going on for a long time.

"It's getting a little tiresome."

The issue got intense when the issue of the Northeast Maritime Institute being allowed to dock at Union Wharf.

Then, he said, the "friendly neighborhood reporter" wrote the story and never contacted him.

He also said, however, that the decision was not made by him or the Selectboard, that they were simply informed of it by Town Administrator Mark Rees.

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Selectboard recognizes Al Benac's contributions to town

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard took time at its meeting on Monday, 10/30, to recognize the contributions of Town Curator, Albert Benac, who at 90 years old, is still growing his list of contributions to the town.*

Cathy Delano addressed the board saying that she was impressed with the list of things Mr. Benac has done for the town, including outright donations. And the list "grew and grew," she said.

"So I said, 'this needs to be heard,'" Ms. Delano told the board.

She read from the list which included rescuing the time capsule from the Rogers School, a long list of restoring artwork and antiques, and quite a few instances of buying art with his own money and donating it to the town.

"He's an unsung hero of Fairhaven, doing what needs to be done to better Fairhaven," said Ms. Delano.

Mr. Benac told the board about his most recent acquisitions, which were some paintings by well known Fairhaven artists that the Colonial Club was about to auction off.

"So I bought them up," said Mr. Benac. "And I'm donating them to the Town of Fairhaven."

He said the artists are well known around the world and they are great pieces.

"We're very fortunate in this town," said Mr. Benac. "So, you own 'em."

The board presented a proclamation to Mr. Benac, which reads, in part:

"Whereas: Albert F. Benac has made his presence felt in his role as Art Curator and as an involved citizen in the most exemplary way; as a true gentleman with unassailable dedication; and, with positive persistence:

"Now, therefore, we the undersigned do hereby proclaim our sincere appreciation to Albert F. Benac for his civic engagement and for the example he has consistently set to all our citizens by his participation in, and championing of, Fairhaven's unique history and future endeavors."

**See the list on our website: www.neighbnews.com, scroll to "Archives."*

Fairhaven Town Curator Al Benac shows the proclamation he received from the Selectboard for his contributions to the town, many times funding projects himself. *Photo by Bobby Bruso, Fairhaven Cable Access Director.*

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FALPT hike

Join the Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust for their annual Shipyard Farm guided hike. Explore the flora and fauna of this beautiful property. Meet at 10 a.m. on Sun., 11/12, at the Shipyard Farm sign on Sconticut Neck Road. FREE.

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.**

Holiday Bazaar

Please join us at Our Lady's Haven for our Annual **Holiday Bazaar, 71 Center St., Fairhaven, Sat. 11/4, from 10 a.m.–3 p.m.** Featuring High Quality Artisans & Vendors, Face Painting, Straw Draw Raffles, Chinese Auction, Bake Sale, Meatball Sandwiches

All Proceeds will benefit the Residents of Our Lady's Haven.

Hope to see you!!!!

Anniversary skate

Celebrate 25 years with **Carousel Family Fun Center, 4 David Drown Blvd., Fairhaven, with FREE ADMISSION on Sat., 11/4, from 7:30–10 p.m.,** for our Anniversary party. $3 skate rentals, $5 skatemates. Visit www.carouselskate.com. Thank you for helping us in our success!

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.

Vets Day Parade

Fairhaven's annual Veterans Day Parade, **Sat., 11/11. Steps off at 9:00 a.m.** Starts at Main Street near Oxford School and travels south to Fairhaven High School.

Annual parade to honor all veterans is followed by a brief ceremony, including raising the "Big Flag" and cannon-firing in front of Fairhaven High School. Veterans and other marching groups are welcome to **line up at Livesey Park at 8:30 a.m.** Parade steps off at 9:00 a.m.

Leaf Pickup

Curbside leaf collection in Fairhaven will run **from November 7, 2017 through December 1, 2017.**

Leaves will be collected the day after your regular rubbish day. Place leaves curbside by 7:00 AM. **Limit of 25 bags per stop. No plastic bags.** After a holiday collection will be one day later.

Christmas Bazaar

Annual Christmas Bazaar on **Sat., 11/18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven.**

A variety of hand-made gift giving items from handmade Christmas decorations to uniquely knitted hats, scarfs, mittens, socks, baby sweaters, Norwegian Christmas decorations, and more! All handcrafted items.

Come for lunch! Our kitchen will feature Norwegian open-faced sandwiches and pastries, fresh lobster rolls, local scallops and chicken delicacies.

Spaghetti Supper

On Sun., 11/12, the Fairhaven High School Gridiron Club will hold its annual Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction Fundraiser at the Fairhaven Varsity Club, 9 Adams St., Fairhaven, from 4–8 p.m. Tickets, $7 and include dessert and beverage.

The FHS Gridiron Club raises money throughout the year to fund football related expenses. In the past they have provided new uniforms, equipment, a water filtration system and annual scholarships for every graduating senior that plays football.

We are also looking for donations for our Silent Auction table. If you are a local business owner, or know someone that is able to donate an item for our auction, please email fairhavenbluedevil@gmail.com or call 978-290-3501. For advance ticket purchase please call 978-290-3501. A limited amount of tickets will be available at the door. Thank you for your support!!!

Spaghetti Supper

The Fairhaven Lions Club will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on **Wed., 11/15, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at St Mary's Church 440 Main St. Fairhaven, MA**

Spaghetti (meat or meatless), bread, salad,beverage and dessert. **Tickets: $8.00.** For Tickets call 508-996-3420 or 508-542-2484

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Looking for Classmates

The committee for the **FHS Class of 1968 50th Reunion,** which will be held June 30, 2018, is searching for the addresses and/or contact information for a few classmates. We have not been able to make contact with Barbara A. (Sylvia) Carr, Robert Carr, Anne M. (Ferreira) Medeiros and Barbara A. Neve.

We would appreciate any help in locating these class members. Please forward any information (address, email or phone number) you may have to our class email: fhsclassof68@aol.com or call 508-994-8627 and leave a message with a contact number.

If you were a part of our class before graduation, please know that you are welcome to join us! If you would like to be informed of the details about next year's reunion please use the same means as above to provide your name, address, and email.

Foxwoods Trip

The Fairhaven Village Militia is adding a new evening bus trip to **Foxwoods Resort Casino on Sat., 11/11.** The bus will leave the parking lot of the **former Fairhaven Kmart promptly at 4:00 p.m.** and will travel straight through to the casino. The bus will arrive Foxwoods by 5:30 p.m. and depart there at 10:30 p.m. to arrive back in Fairhaven around midnight. **Tickets are $35.** You will receive $10.00 free slot play and free buffet or $10.00 off other restaurants. There will also be games and raffles on the bus during the trip.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Ellie Sylvaria at 508-441-7566 or by visiting Mike and Wayne's, 163 Huttleston Ave. **Hurry only 56 seats for this great event**

The militia will hold some raffles

An invitation to all veterans and those who support veterans

Please join the Fairhaven Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Show your support for our troops fighting in foreign lands, and those here at home.

All gave some, and some gave all.

Flag Raising

On Sat., 11/11, at Fort Phoenix, at 8 a.m. in memory of 19 Fairhaven residents still listed as Missing in Action in WWI, WWII, and the Korean War: Adrian Ganter, Robert T. Atsatt, Edward M. Benoit, George W. Breault, Walter Coyne, Theodore Ehrhardt, Walton K. Ellis, Carleton Fielding, Alfred W. Gault, Rasmus E. Hemnes, Manuel P. Moniz, Stanley Pope, Walter Rogers, Edward H. Robbins, Everett Thoits, Francis J. Tucker, Raymond Gallant, Augustine Perry, Luther S. Pierce.

At 8 a.m., flag raising and reveille by the Boy Scouts; at 4 p.m., flag lowering, taps, and cannon salute. St. Mary's Church Troop 52, First Congregational Church Troop 55

Veterans are asked to gather at Livesey Park behind Oxford School, 347 Main Street, Fairhaven, by 8:30 a.m. Parade steps off at 9 and marches along Main Street to Fairhaven High School for a short dedication and the raising of the big flag. **Veterans who cannot march should go to the Senior/Recreation Center by 7:45 a.m., where transportation will be provided. Coffee and donuts for all veterans at the Senior Center until the vans leave for the parade. The Lions Club will provide free coffee and donuts at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association building in Benoit Square at 8 a.m.** Homeowners along the route are asked to display the US Flag. Spectators are asked to line the route and go to the High School to show their support.

From George Brownell of Fairhaven, Vietnam War Veteran

Town Hall employees show some Halloween spirit

The Fairhaven Town Clerk's office disappeared this week, being temporarily replaced by Bedrock, made famous by Fred & Wilma Flintstone and their neighbors and good friends Barney & Betty Rubble. The famous families even took over for the town clerk and her assistant on Halloween Day. LEFT: Town Hall employees were temporarily replaced by a motley crew that included Fred and Wilma Flintstone, Betty Rubble, and some rather unsavory spiders and other beasts. Fortunately, a Young Marine also showed up. RIGHT, L-R: Betty Rubble and Wilma Flintstone take over for town clerk Eileen Lowney and her assistant Carolyn Hurley at Fairhaven Town Hall on Halloween Day, 10/31/17. *Photos by Beth David.*

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Health Insur. Enroll

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center will host a **health insurance enrollment** event in partnership with Fishing Partnership Support Services and the SouthCoast **Wellness Van on Fri., 11/3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** This event will provide a variety of health related services to those in the commercial fishing industry. The Center is conveniently located at 38 Bethel Street.

The SouthCoast Wellness Van will offer free vaccines for flu, tetanus, and pneumonia, free screenings for glucose, blood pressure, and cholesterol.

Fishing Partnership Navigators will provide assistance with health insurance renewals and enrollments.

Visit www.fishingpartnership.org or call (508) 991-3043.

Meat 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.

Bittersweet Bazaar

Grace Episcopal Church, corner of County and School Streets, New Bedford, will hold its 38th annual Bittersweet Bazaar on **Sat., 11/4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch served from 11 a.m.–2 p.m.** Proceeds benefit Grace's mission and community outreach programs. Silent auction, raffles, Chinese auction, grandma's attic, baked goods, jewelry, crafts, holiday table, SERRV, international table, church tours. ADA accesslbe via ramp on north side of Grace House.

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 or call 508-993-0772. You can also use the online portal at yourtheatre.org.

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.

Women on Target

The New Bedford Revolver & Rifle Club is sponsoring a Women on Target event on **Sun., 12/10, from noon–5 p.m., at our indoor range, 246 Bolton St., New Bedford.** This FREE event is open to any women who are interested in learning more about firearms and safety. This is not specifically a safety training course that is needed to apply for a license.

This class is limited to 45 participants and is already half full so register NOW at info@nbrrc.com, with your name and contact information. Visit www.nbrrc.com for more information about the club.

Short Plays Marath.

Culture*Park of New Bedford Presents the 15th Annual Short Plays Marathon on Sat., 11/11 in the New Bedford Whaling Museum Theater from 2:00pm to 10:30pm

The Marathon will feature staged readings of 26 new plays, presented by an ensemble of more than 50 local and regional actors and directors. The day is punctuated with audience/playwright talk-backs. Veteran's Day themed plays will be presented periodically throughout the day.

Culture*Park welcomes all to the Marathon, and encourages new attendees and seasoned audience member to try it out! The Marathon is a fun and interesting event full of new and provocative theatre.

Audience is the final ingredient in the collaboration of theatre and Culture*Park staff and collaborators invite the general public to join us. The 26 plays are short and range from comedic to drama to in-between, and audience may come and go throughout the day. Enjoy a play while sitting in the comfort of the New Bedford Whaling Museum Theatre, and then take a stroll in beautiful historic New Bedford.

Tickets are $20 for the full day/evening, $15, for afternoon or evening only. Full Day Senior and Student tickets are $15, half-day, $12. The entrance fee for Late Night Camp, beginning at 10pm, is $5. Tickets may be purchased at the door at any time during the event.

For more information and to make reservations call Culture*Park at 774-202-0588 or email culturepark.ed@earthlink.net or by contacting via Facebook. Visit our web site at www.culturepark.org for information about Culture*Park and a list of plays.

Poetry/Concert

An Evening of Poetry, Story, and Song with Moe Bowstern and Jon Campbell, Wed., 11/8, 7 p.m., at the Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford.

Tickets are $8/members and $10/non-members. Tickets can be purchased at the Center gift shop, on-line or at the door. For more information, call 508.993.8894. Not a member? Become one!

This concert is presented by the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center and the Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern Massachusetts. It is supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Indoor Yard Sale

Pilgrim United Church of Christ wil hold an **Indoor Yard/Rummage/Bake sale on Fri., 11/0, from 5–8 p.m. and Sat., 11/11, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m., at Pilgrim Church Home, 634 Purchase St. N.B.** Featuring bargains for all! Free admission Proceeds to benefit church programs. For more info, call Lora: 508-998-1718

Christmas Bazaar

St. John Neumann Women's Guild, 157 Middleboro Road, East Freetown. Mass., invites all to their annual Christmas Bazaar, held in their parish hall, on **Sat., 11/4, from 9 am to 4 pm.** Our ONE DAY bazaar will feature a wide variety of booths, sure to interest all your tastes! Some of what we have to offer are five assorted gift baskets valued at $150. Money raffles, an assortment of home baked goods, baked beans, Chinese Auction items valued at $50 each, Lottery Ticket raffles, Christmas Extravaganza Table, Antiques and Collectibles and Guest Vendors. We are also offering a HEARTY home made lunch. Wheelchair accessible. FREE ADMISSION! Take the Chace Road exit off Route 140.

Gala for Animals

The Humane Society & Shelter – SouthCoast, will host its 15th Annual fundraising gala on Sat., 11/4, at 31 Ventura Dr., Dartmouth,

The "Giving Shelter – Over 100 Years" Gala will include a performance by comedian Michael Petit as well as the live auction of several special items.

The Gala is the principal fundraiser for the Humane Society and provides much-needed support for animal welfare and educational programs. **Tickets are $85 each in advance, $100 at the door.** Call the Shelter at 509-995-6661 to reserve tickets.

Author Event

Join us for an author talk on **Sat., 11/4, at 12:30 p.m. in the community room at Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Rd. Maureen Boyle,** an award winning journalist, who has been a crime reporter in New England for decades and was the first reporter to cover the serial killings in New Bedford will talk about her first book, "Shallow Graves: The Hunt for the New Bedford Highway Serial Killer."\

Tick Talk

Ticks Are Here to Stay and Multiplying. Did you know that ticks are active the entire year? Have you read about the Lone Star Tick as well as the other ticks? **On Sat., 11/4, at 10:30 a.m. in the Mattapoisett Library Meeting Room, 7 Barstow St.,** Entomologist Blake Dinius, who was recently hired by Plymouth County, will talk about ticks in the South Coast. Mr. Dinius will discuss the facts on ticks, the diseases they carry and proven methods of protection.

This event issponsored by the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Mattapoisett Woman's Club. Accessible.

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.

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/2016/08/26/trail-running/

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

Snowflake Bazaar

Marian Manor's Annual Snowflake Bazaar Fundraiser!

Fri., 11/3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sat., 11/4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at

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Interfaith Remembrance

The Southcoast Visiting Nurse Association's Supportive Care Services is presenting the Interfaith Remembrance Service on **Wednesday, November 8 at 7 p.m. at Saint Bernard Church, 30 South Main Street, in Assonet.**

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. This event offers an opportunity to remember a loved one who has passed in the company of others who share a similar experience.

It is free and open to the public. An informal gathering with refreshments will follow the service.

Donations are gratefully accepted and may be made in memory of loved ones. For more information, call 508-973-3470.

Blood Drive

The Acushnet Board of Health will hold a Blood Drive on Wed., 11/8, from 1–6 p.m., at American Legion Post 265, 71 Hope Street, Acushnet.

Bells of Remembrance

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is proud to announce the First Annual ringing of the Bells of Remembrance in the Tri-Town area and beyond. **In honor of Veterans Day, this event will take place on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.** Area churches and organizations have, at this time, verbally consented to be part of this audible celebration of our veterans. The bells are set to ring for 1 full minute in the following places:

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church, Center School in Mattapoisett, The Marion Congregational Church, The Rochester Congregational Church, The Universalist Church in Fairhaven, The Fairhaven Congregational Church

Upon the ringing of the bells, it is a time to acknowledge and reflect on the role that veteran servicemen and women have, and have had, in protecting our country. It is a time to remember and reflect on our great fortune as Americans. If you are within earshot of one of these magnificent buildings on November 11th, take the minute to stop and reflect.

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is working to make this an annual tradition in the entire Southcoast area which includes 14 communities. This year is just the beginning and we are so grateful for the cooperation and support of this year's first participants!

If you know of any organization that would like to be part of this new tradition, please contact The Mattapoisett Woman's Club. Please contact Lori Bardwell at 508-758-2164 or Mary O'Keefe at 508-758-2801.

Recipe of the Week

Cold & FluBrew

Here is a simple tea that will address cold/allergy/flu symptoms while also boosting the immune system:

4 tablespoons Echinacea (dried)
Ginger root (2 inches cut into sections fresh or 2 tsp powder)
Clove (15-20 whole or 1 tsp powder)
Cinnamon (5 sticks or 3 tsps powder)
Rosehips (2 tablespoon dried)
Lemongrass (3 teaspoons dried)
Orange peel (1-2 tbsp fresh or dried)
Elderberries (2 tbsp dried).

Mix all with 4 cups of water, bring to a boil, reduce to simmer for 5-10 minutes. Drink hot or cold, however, hot will help soothe the throat!

From Utopia's Path Tea Shoppe and Apothecary, find them on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/utopias.path

Marine Resources Committee members voice frustration

By Beth David
Editor

Members of the Fairhaven Marine Resources Committee (MRC), including chairperson Frank Coelho, criticized Town Administrator Mark Rees and Selectboard member Daniel Freitas, who is the Selectboard's representative on the MRC, at its meeting last week. They also took a few shots at Harbormaster Timothy Cox and his son Todd, who has been filling in as Acting HM while the elder Mr. Cox has been recovering from surgery and is working part time on light duty.

Mr. Rees, Mr. Freitas, and both Coxes did not attend the meeting, prompting Mr. Coelho to call them out on it. He said he was "very disappointed" that people who should be there were not. He said they wanted to "hide."

"When I was in the service, we had a name for them," said Mr. Coelho. "We called them 'cowards.'"

The agenda for the MRC meeting on Thursday, 10/26, had the usual number of items on it, but Mr. Coelho said at the beginning that Mr. Rees had sent an email telling him that the MRC had no jurisdiction over some of the items.

All that was a sidebar, though, to the main issue, which was the decision by Mr. Rees and the Harbormaster's office to allow a boat owned by the Northeast Maritime Institute to tie up at Union Wharf in a spot that did not exist until NMI needed dockage.

The move caused controversy on the waterfront (see *Neighb News* issue of 10/19/17) with fishing boat owners and other commercial vessel owners who said they would have welcomed the opportunity to tie up in that spot.

A clearly frustrated Mr. Coelho read the entire trove of emails between him and Mr. Rees about the Navigator. Whenever he read a line about Mr. Rees offering to meet with him or the committee about it, Mr. Coelho made a point of looking up and asking if Mr. Rees was there anywhere, prompting some chuckles from the crowded East Room in Town

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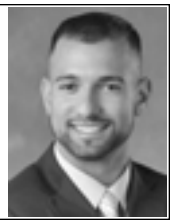

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Halloween Horribles Parade sneaks in before rain

By Beth David
Editor

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association managed to hold its annual Halloween Horribles parade on Sunday, 10/29, finishing up just as the rain started to come down. Due to the impending storm, organizers decided to start the parade at 3:45 instead of 5 p.m. The parade stepped off about 4 p.m.

Despite the change, hundreds showed up and filled Main Street, marching from Benoit Square to St. Mary's Church parking lot for prizes and treats.

Some folks complained on Facebook that they did not get the message, but organizers said they thought it was better than cancelling the parade completely.

The storm turned out to be a doozy, dropping lots of rain and knocking out power throughout the region.

Sunday's winners were...

Toddler to 4 year old

Most Horrible: 1st place, Evaluna Santago; Corbin Maciel; Brooks Seed

Most Original: Odin O'Callihan; 2nd place, Spencer D'Medeiros; 3rd place Brooklyn Ptaszenski

Most Beautiful: 1st place, Cora Stevens as Elsa; 2nd place, Trinity Stevens as a Flamingo; 3rd place, Olivia Katz as a butterfly

5-7 year old

Most Horrible: 1st place, Jace Lapointe; 2nd place, Taeda Terei; 3rd place, Madison Johnston;

Most Original: Elmire Arsenault; 2nd place, Bryel Almeida; 3rd place, Kaile Nichol

Most Beautiful: Brook Benoit, Princess; 2nd place, Willow Oldrick, Witch; 3rd place, Layla Bettencourt, Jellyfish

ARRR! These be the Arsenault clan and they grabbed a fair amount of loot, winning a stash of prizes for their wily ways. ARRR! *Photo by Beth David.*

8-12 year old

Most Original: 1st place, Sarah Langlois; 2nd place, Emma Langlois; 3rd place, Jackson Syvaria;

Most beautiful: 1st place, Kallyn Lapoint, Queen of Hearts; 2nd place, Emily Methoc, wind-up doll; 3rd place Anya Walker, Firegirl.

Most Horrible: 1st place, Justin Davila; Evan Kwiecien; Ben Xavier

Adult

Most Orignal: Debbie Camacho; most horrible, Bruce Wayne as Batman; most beautiful, Lynn Lapalme as a bumble bee.

Extra prize (because there were no 13 to 16 year-olds)

Most Beautiful, Kelly Arsenault, Pirate; 2nd place Courtney Souza, Panda; 3rd place, Tayla Souza, Tiger.

Most Original: Peter Arsenault, pirate; 2nd place, Sophia D; 3rd place, Alexy Perkins;

Most Horrible: Mark Rodericks; 2nd place, Aiden Botelho; 3rd place, Logan Burton

The parade, which has been held in North Fairhaven every year since 1950, is held the last Sunday of October in the evening. Visit www.FairhavenTours.com for details.

LEFT: Spencer D'Medeiros took 2nd place for Most Original in the toddler to 4 year old group as he got to ride his motorcycle down Main Street in Fairhaven for the annual Halloween Horribles Parade on Sunday, 10/29. MIDDLE-LEFT: Layla Bettencourt took 3rd place for most beautiful for her jellyfish costume in the 5-7 age group. MIDDLE-RIGHT: Jackson Syvaria took third place in the 8-12 year-old group for Most Original for his portrayal of Special Agent Tony DiNozzo from NCIS. RIGHT: Fire Girl Anya Walker took 3rd place in the Most Beautiful category for 8-12 year olds. *Photos by Beth David.*

Second annual Haunted Academy wows and scares

Despit cancelling Sunday because of the storm, the Fairhaven Visitors Center sent more than a few brave souls running a bit scared during the second annual Haunted Academy this weekend. The center handed out hundreds of free treats. The all volunteer crew built sets and decorated inside and outside. Actors played the roles of witches and butchers and insane asylum inmates. LEFT: The witch waits ominously for her next victims as her cauldronsteams at the Haunted Academy in Fairhaven on Saturday, 10/28/17. RIGHT: The human butcher at the Haunted Academy sharpens his blade on Saturday, 10/28. *Photos by Beth David.*

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"We haven't even started to deliberate on it yet," said Mr. Freitas.

"I will not be attending those meetings anymore," he said , meaning the Marine Resources Committee. "It's gotten so hostile."

He said it was the same thing for the Harbormaster and Mr. Rees.

"I'm sure Mr. Rees feels the same way and some of the girls in the office," said Mr. Freitas. "I'm not going to have it anymore."

He specifically mentioned an agenda item about moving rocks at Hoppy's Landing (see related story on page 10) being on the agenda for months.

"Every month we go back and forth on the rocks," said Mr Freitas. "It's an advisory board. We shouldn't even talk about Union Wharf. It has nothing to do with them...They're only an advisory board."

"I'm done," said Mr. Freitas "I'm not taking a beating on this anymore. And before [Mr. Coelho] speaks, I want an apology from him."

His committee report ended with that, and then selectboard member Charles Murphy had the dubious honor of going next to report on his various committee assignments.

In other business, Mr. Rees announced that Vicki Paquette, who works in the Collector's office, had been chosen to fill the position of Assistant Town Administrator, which opened up when Anne O'Brien was hired to become the town's new Human Resources Director.

For the time being, Ms. O'Brien is splitting her time as Assistant TA and HR Director, while Ms. Paquette is splitting her time between the collector's office and the TA job, until Ms. Paquette's position is filled.

The board also met with Lori Bardwell of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club, who asked if the town would participate in ringing bells on Veteran's Day, 11/11, for one minute at 11 a.m.

Ms. Bardwell has organized several towns in the region to do participate in the "Bells of Remembrance," for veterans. She said it is a tradition that got lost over the years, and her group is trying to bring it back.

The board voiced support for the idea and said they would look into how many bells there are in town that could participate.

The board also met with members of the Opioid Task Force, including New Bedford Police Chief Joseph Cordeiro, Fairhaven Police Chief Michael Myers, and Fairhaven Fire Chief Timothy Francis.

The Selectboard received an update on efforts to reduce opioid deaths and addictions in the region.

"The problem is beyond New Bedford," said Chief Cordeiro. "So it makes sense that we work together."

The group is working to share resources and tactics to fight the growing epidemic.

"People are dying out there," said Chief Cordeiro. "Our citizens are your citizens. Our kids are your kids."

The task force will also look into ways to help first responders handle the emotional toll that addiction calls can take on them.

In other business, the board:

- Reviewed and accepted a draft of the FY19 Policy Goals and Objectives.
- Reviewed and accepted public access policies in anticipation of a public access station (channel 95) going live soon.

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Fairhaven Recreation Youth Basketball League Registration: Nov. 4th & 11th from 8AM–2PM Cost:$10/ with play card $50 without Age is determined as of December 1, 2017 Divisions will be as follows with sufficient numbers; Pee Wee (Co-Ed) Ages 6–8 Junior (Co-Ed) Ages 9–12 Open to all Members! Please bring 2 proofs of residency and a copy of child's birth certificate to registration. Information on new evaluation schedule available at registration.

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11/15: South Shore Plaza

11/22: Providence Place, Whole Foods

Entertainment: 12:30–2:30 p.m.

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Special Activities

Grieving During the Holidays

Monday November 13, from 6:00-7:00 pm at Fairhaven Senior Center

The end-of-the year holidays can be some of the hardest days to go through during the first year after the death of a loved one. Balancing this already demanding time with the sadness we feel because of not being able to share this holiday time with our loved one, can feel overwhelming. This 1 hr workshop includes tips and ideas of ways to not only "make it through this holiday time" but also ways to honor the memory of our loved one and our own needs as well. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up at 508-979-4029.

Flu Shot Clinic for Seniors

At the Fairhaven Council on Aging, 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.

Veterans Day Parade

If you would like to participate in the Veterans Day Parade, but are unable to march the distance, the Fairhaven Senior Center will be participating in the parade by using our vans to accommodate those who can not march. We will be leaving the Fairhaven Senior Center at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, November 11th; we will return to the Senior Center about noon. Please call the center, 508-979-4029, by noon of Friday, Novenber 10th or be in the parking lot at 8:00 a.m. November 11th if you would like to Participate.

Self Improvement Classes For Adults

Monday, November 6th,13th ,and 20th 12:30 to 2:30 at the Fairhaven Senior Center. If you're experiencing challenges in: Memory, Self Expression, Speech Clarity, Independent Living, Social Connectedness. Presented by Lisa Yauch-Cadden and Kari Starr of Buzzards Bay Speech. Please call Lisa at 508-326-0353 to sign up or for more information.

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.

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BPW talks sewer betterment fees on Sunset Beach Road

By Mary Macedo
Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 10/30 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works met with residents James and Kathleen Wing regarding connecting to the town sewer on Sunset Beach Road and discussed the process of assessing sewer betterment fees.

Mr. Wing explained to the board that the installation of the sewer line with five stubs for residents to connect to will benefit other people on the street.

He said that two of the stubs would be for his own property and the other three are available for others on the street. Mr. Wing asked the board why the two betterment fees of $12,000 had to be paid by him and his wife if building the sewer connection would help benefit others on the street, and he is bearing the entire cost of that construction.

Board member Robert Hobson said that not paying the betterment fees is not an option. He said it is a town rule and if they let one person not pay then it will open the BPW up to more problems.

"It's not going to happen," Mr. Hobson said. "It's $12,000... if you don't want to pay it don't hook in."

Mr. Wing explained that it is $50,000 to install the sewer line and then another $24,000 for the sewer betterment fees.

He asked if he could at least get a break on the $24,000, since the project will help the town and the public works department.

"What is the betterment fee for," BPW Chairperson, Michael Ristuccia asked administrative assistant Kathy Tripp.

Ms. Tripp explained that the $12,000 betterment fee is the cost that each homeowner paid for the Sconticut Neck Road sewer project. The amount was determined by dividing the cost of the project by all the possible houses (including lots0 that could benefit from the sewer. It is that line that Mr. Wing's extension will tie into. Ms. Tripp said anyone who benefits from it is supposed to pay the fee.

She also explained that she felt that Mr. Wing is paying to connect, but he is also giving the benefits to other residents on his street.

Mr. Ristuccia explained that in order for Mr. Wing to sell one of his lots he has to bring the sewer down. By bringing the sewer down Mr. Wing is gaining a buildable lot. "Could I buy that lot for $74,000 no," Mr. Ristuccia said. "You're gaining."

She said that by helping other residents connect to the sewer he should get a break when it comes to the betterment fees. She suggested he pay the amount new homeowners pay to connect to the sewer, which is a $6,000 tie-in fee, not a betterment fee.

Mr. Hobson said that Mr. Wing should ask other residents to chip in. Mr. Wing explained that no one wants to and he does not want to go knock on residents' doors begging for money.

"I am not against you," Mr. Hobson said. "I'm against the process."

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"I don't know why the town won't bring it down for everyone," Mr. Hobson said.

"The board needs to look at the policy," board member Cameron Durant said.

Mr. Ristuccia suggested that the vote be tabled until another meeting, so the board can discuss the rules of the betterment policy.

"I feel like if we vote now it will be a 'no,'" Mr. Ristuccia said.

The board voted unanimously to table it.

In another matter the board approved of BRW Properties as a new driveway and sidewalk contractor. The company is owned and operated by board member Brian Wotton.

Mr. Wotton did not recuse himself from the discussion, but, rather, went to the other side of the table to advocate for having his company approved as a town contractor.

The board also selected two board members to assist with the interview process for a new Water Superintendent. BPW Superintendent, Vinny Furtado said that there are about six applicants so far.

Mr. Hobson made a motion to select Keith Silvia and Brian Wotton to help with the selection of interviewees, with Mr. Ristuccia as a substitute. Mr. Wotton and Mr. Silvia will help narrow it down to three candidates for interviews in front of the whole board.

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West Island Halloween sparks friendly competition...mostly

The West Island Improvement Association Community house was filled with some pretty shady characters on Saturday, 10/28, with the shadiest of all vying for prices. The friendly competition pitted some pretty scary looking characters against each other, but the Neighb News learned that underneath, they were all pretty mild-tempered sorts. First place went to Judy & Steve Bowling (LEFT), a pair of Vikings (is that Hagar the Horrible?); second place went to Dark Alice in Wonderland (MIDDLE), with Bernadette Rivard and Christopher Juliano; third place went to Linda Haselhurst as Donald Trump. *Photos courtesy of Donna Curelop.*

Fairhaven teens support "Brocktober" for boy with cancer

Two Fairhaven High School students, Senior Eliana DaCunha and Junior Lily Frank, recently teamed up to raise money in honor of Brock Taylor. Brock is a seven-year-old boy who lives in Maine and is battling a very aggressive brain cancer.

A serious Halloween lover, Brock has asked for Halloween cards, and people from all over the country have responded.

Eliana heard of the little boy and decided to dedicate a polo match to him. Lily made cookies and Eliana made baskets to sell. Their team, the Interscholastic Girls Newport Polo Club (junior team), played against Brown on Friday, 10/27. The score was even.

"Many thanks to Brown University polo for joining us for our Halloween scrimmage to Minnie and my team for helping me with the 'Brock'tober' fund-raiser," wrote Eliana on her Instagram page. "Great time & great polo for a great cause — thank you to everyone who came!!"

If you'd like to send cards to Brock, mail to Brock Taylor, 11 McKenney Drive, Biddeford, ME 04005. It does not matter that they'll be a little late. As all Neighb News readers know, Halloween is a state of mind.

Two Fairhaven High School students teamed up to dedicate their polo match to Brock Taylor, a seven-year-old Maine boy suffering from a very aggressive brain cancer. ABOVE: A scene from the match between the Interscholastic Girls Newport Polo Club, the junior team that FHS students Eliana DaCunha and Lily Frank play for, vs. Brown University on Friday, 10/27, the game that was dedicated to Brock Taylor. Brock has asked for Halloween cards, and people from all over the country have responded. *Photo courtesy of Valentina DaCunha.*

Acushnet holds annual Haunted Hayride

The Acushnet Department of Public Works teamed up with the Council on Aging to hold the annual Haunted Hayride on the Senior Center grounds this weekend. On Friday and Saturday the public enjoyed a free hayride, with free scares along the way. Ghouls and ghosts and zombies converged upon the trail to challenge those who dared to take the ride. There was free face painting, hot dogs and hot chocolate by the Salvation Army, candy and other goodies by the COA. LEFT: Eric from the Acushnet Department of Public Works and Miss Apple Peach, Hailey Brightman, hang with some children at the annual Haunted Hayride in Acushnet this weekend. RIGHT: Hailey Brightman, this year's Miss Apple Peach, keeps everyone smiling during the Haunted Hayride in Acushnet this weekend. *Submitted photos.*

Shred it event saves money and donates to food bank

Press Release

Waring-Sullivan Home at Fairlawn was honored to host a free Shred-It event on Saturday, September 30, 2017 which attracted approximately 70 vehicles bringing 3,000 pounds of paper for shredding. At the shredding event, participants were asked to bring in a canned or dry food item for the local food bank, M.O.L.I.F.E. (Murphy and Others, Living Interdependently for Future Endeavors, Inc.), which resulted in approximately 200 pounds of donated food.

"We were very pleased with the turnout for the event and are always happy to serve our community," said Bette Dunn, managing Funeral Director. "Our goal was to promote the importance of safely destroying personal and financial documents that could lead to estate fraud or identity theft and to help M.O.L.I.F.E. with food donations prior to the holiday season."

LEFT, L-R: Joe Costa; Charlie Murphy, M.O.L.I.F.E, President; Tiffany Simpson; Kara Rodrigues; Jim Barton; Carol Fateaux, M.O.L.I.F.E.case manager; and Ivan Brito, M.O.L.I.F.E. Chief Operating Officer; at the Shred-It event sponsored by the Waring-Sullivan Home at Fairlawn in Fairhaven, with food items donated by indviduals and businesses that benefited from free shredding on Saturday, 9/30. RIGHT, L-R: Dignity Memorial employees Bob Santos, Patty Marsan, Bette Dunn, Tiffany Simpson, Jim Barton, Kim Perry and Joe Costa are on hand at the Shred-It event held on 9/30/17 in Fairhaven. *Submitted photos.*

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Hall.

"Anybody see Mark here," he asked more than once. "Mark, is that you?"

Mr. Coelho contends that the rules and regulations governing Union Wharf make it clear it should be for working fishing boats, and, he said, there has been a waiting list for those spots for years.

Mr. Rees contends that the rules and regulations limiting dockage to fishing boats are for the lobster basin only, which is on the south side of Union Wharf. He contacted Town Counsel Thomas Crotty, who sent a letter backing up Mr. Rees's point of view, and also backing the authority of the Harbormaster and Mr. Rees to allow any vessel to dock at Union Wharf.

Some owners of working vessels that are not fishing boats said they would have asked for the spot if they had known non-fishing vessels could use Union Wharf, including Charles Mitchell, who owns the tugboat "Jaguar."

"This is all about a special person getting a special spot unbid," said MRC member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson, adding that the deal allows the NMI boat to have the same spot, reserved, for the same rate as the fishing boats which are not guaranteed a spot. When those boats return from a trip, they can only tie up if there is room .

"He gets the same spot," said Mr. Hobson. "Through politics. I don't know what this guy did for those people, but he did something."

Mr. Coelho echoed that sentiment.

"I really don't understand why this guy comes in and gets special treatment," said Mr. Coelho. "

MRC member Vincent Manfredi encouraged those in attendance to lobby the Selectboard.

"This Selectboard doesn't really want to deal with any of these issues," said Mr. Manfredi, adding that it has been clear for the last couple of years. "The public has to make the requests, because they are not listening to us very well. They need to see the public cares."

The MRC's status as an advisory board also came up time and time again, with Mr. Coelho stating that he understood the role of his committee. But if the point of the committee is to advise, then why will the Selectboard not let them advise, he asked.

He pointed to an email from Mr. Rees stating that the matter of the rocks obstructing the south point of Hoppy's Landing was "not appropriate" for the MRC as it dealt with "administrative matters."

Mr. Rees's email also states that he believed there was a need to "clarify the role of the Marine Resources Committee as an advisory board."

At some point, Mr. Coelho remarked that he was probably going to get "kicked off" this committee, too, recalling several years ago when a clash with the Selectboard led to the dissolving of the Hoppy's Landing Committee. Then the MRC was created.

Mr. Coelho also said he had acquired an invoice from the Harbor Development Commission, which administers Pope's Island Marina, where the NMI boats were docked until October 6.

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He said NMI owed New Bedford more than $10,000, and that was the "contract dispute" that Mr. Rees referred to in his letter informing the board that he had given permission for Navigator to dock at Union Wharf.

Mr. Coelho also pointed out that NMI was late in making property tax payments to the town.

Mr. Rees and Eric Dawicki, who owns NMI, said the current docking of the Navigator is temporary, but they are negotiating for a long term arrangement.

In his letter requesting the spot for Navigator Mr. Dawicki wrote: "We look forward to finalizing an agreement that benefits the town and provides a more diverse maritime economy on Union Wharf."

That "diverse maritime economy" is what scares the fishing boat owners, who feel they will get squeezed out bit by bit.

"What's to stop him from going to the basin side," asked Mr. Coelho. "Where's it [going to] stop?"

Mr. Coelho, who worked on the waterfront for most of his career, used Newport, RI, as a cautionary tale. He said Newport used to have a "pretty big fishing industry," but now it is all yachts and pleasure boats, with just a handful of fishing vessels left.

"Little by little, they pushed them out," he said, adding that he did not know if that was the agenda for Union Wharf or not.

He noted that the guys on the docks were told that two new fishing boat spots would be created when the new pier was installed.

""Now it's for a deadbeat," said Mr. Coelho.

"It's always been fishing boats," he said. "So what's changed now, I don't know."

Mr. Coelho tried to get the matter on the agenda for the Selectboard's 10/30 meeting, but he will have to wait until 11/7.

In another matter, the MRC voted to recommend the license renewal for Matthew Loo, who has an oyster farm in Jack's Cove

Mr. Loo gave the board specifications for 1.8 acres to be leased for his license. Mr. Coelho said he believed that the amount should be either 1.5 or two acres. He said he did not find any other town that leased by the 10th of an acre.

He also voiced his concerns about wether or not the harbormaster's department would be able to calculate the difference, pointing to a mixup with Taylor Cultured Seafood that was about 10 acres off.

Mr. Loo, however, stuck to his request, saying he only needed the 1.8 acres, not two. He said that he measured what he actually needs, no more, no less.

The board voted to recommend the two acres. The Selectboard is the licensing board, but the MRC makes the recommendation. It will be on a future Selectboard agenda to be voted on.

That discussion led to the issue of the moratorium on aquaculture farms. Mr. Loo suggested that an increase in the actual size of his farm would mean a violation of the moratorium, so he suggested that the board vote to recommend ending it.

After a bit of back and forth, a motion was made to recommend that the Selectboard end the moratorium on aquaculture farms. The motion, however, was not seconded and the matter was dropped. •••

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Board of Public Works
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Community Preservation
Wed., 11/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.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. 11/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee
Wed., 11/15, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard
Tues., 11/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Assessors
Thurs., 11/16, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

Cable Advisory Committee
Mon., 11/6, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.

Council on Aging
Wed., 11/8, Senior Ctr., 10 a.m.

Historical Commission
Tues., 11/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board
Thurs., 11/16, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m

Selectboard
Tues., 11/14, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

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Notes from the Visitors Center

by Chris Richard
Director of Tourism

November 2017

Greetings.

Yes, I know, there was no October column last month. There was a vacation break after the "summer" season ended, then a bunch of business that had to be attended to — the Manjiro Festival, Harvest Fun Day, and preparations for the Haunted Academy. Plus there was also some Old-Time Holiday planning going on.

Let's start with that. By now, non-profit and school groups that want table space in the Town Hall for the December 9 Town Hall Shops should have already made reservations, but there are a few regulars I have not heard from yet. I will follow up on that, but if your group needs a space get in touch soon.

Most of the details of the Old-Time Holiday weekend are in place. On Saturday, December 9, there will be activities at the Millicent Library, First Congregational Church, Unitarian Memorial Church, Our Lady's Haven, and the Town Hall. On Sunday the Historical Society will hold a Holiday House Tour and the Unitarian Church will have its Service of Lessons and Carols.

You can find more details on all of these events at the Office of Tourism website: http://fairhaventours.com/fairhaven-old-time-holiday/.

Let's get back to this month now.

On Saturday, November 11, the town holds its annual Veterans Day Parade. Veterans and other marching groups will meet alongside Oxford School in North Fairhaven. Veterans who cannot walk the distance of the parade can get a ride on a senior van if they get to the Senior Center by 8:00 a.m. The senior vans will leave the lot at 8:15 and go to Oxford School where the parade steps off at 9:00 a.m. The parade will head south on Main Street from Benoit Square to Fairhaven High School. There, a ceremony will be held with speeches, the raising of the "Big Flag," and a gun salute and cannon firing by the Fairhaven Village Militia.

Before the parade, there will be a flag raising ceremony at Fort Phoenix at 8:00 a.m. sponsored by Boy Scout troops 52 and 55. The ceremony will be in memory of nineteen Fairhaven men listed as missing in action in WWI, WWII, and the Korean War.

Want to work up an appetite for Thanksgiving dinner?

Take part in the annual Fairhaven Turkey Trot to raise money for local food pantries. This 5K race starts at 8:00 a.m. on the Green Street side of Cushman Park. Early registration online is $20 for adults and $10 for children 12 and under, until November 18. Registration goes up to $25 for adults through the morning of the event. After the race, you can thaw out and unwind with coffee, hot chocolate, and snacks at Rasputin's Tavern. The first 500 registrants get a T-shirt.

Greybeard Boggs be looking for help on Fridays at the Fort to educate folks on the life and times of pirates and privateers. You need to be able to say "ARRR" and "Matey" and some such stuff. *Visitors Center photo.*

For more information visit the website at https://www.fairhaven turkeytrot.com

As I write this, we've just finished the second annual Haunted Academy, which was very successful, even with losing one night to rain. Many people came out to be frightened on Friday and Saturday nights. We handed out hundreds of free treats, paid for from the Tourism Gift Account. Ethan Kakley and Chad Bourgeois helped me build the haunt and about a dozen and a half volunteers of all ages served as actors in the spooky scenes. Special thanks goes to Manny Souza not only for his help, but for being my inspiration in holding this event.

As we approach winter, planning is already underway for next year. There are a couple of goals for 2018 that I am already working on.

One is I would like to find a couple more volunteer actors to help enhance the Friday morning Pirates and Privateers presentations that are held at Fort Phoenix in the summer.

This past summer there were three members of the "cast" for the popular program: Greybeard, the gunner of the privateer ship Broome; Abby Black, the ship's doctor; and Andrew the powder monkey. With such a small group, there is no back up if someone can't be there on a particular week and there is not as much variety as there could be if different people were telling different stories.

It would be nice to be joined by at least one or two more adults. I have ideas about the parts these people could play. If someone were to volunteer, they would need to be able to get a proper set of clothing, which we can help with, and they would need to be outgoing and comfortable speaking to groups. The stories and history can be learned, but a bit of acting skill is pretty much required. The ability to improvise is very helpful. And since the program is as fun and entertaining as it is educational, a sense of humor is really handy.

If you are interested in volunteering as a "pirate" or a villager, email me at FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov and we can set up a meeting to talk about it more.

Another goal for 2018 is to do something new at the Visitors Center on Saturdays in the summer. It looks as though this "something" might be a weekly marketplace for arts, crafts, antiques and collectibles. There could be some food and entertainment thrown in for good measure. Vendors would most likely be able to sign up either for the full season or by the week. I'll be looking for names and contact information of people who might like to have booth space. Give me a call or send an email if you have any ideas or suggestions.

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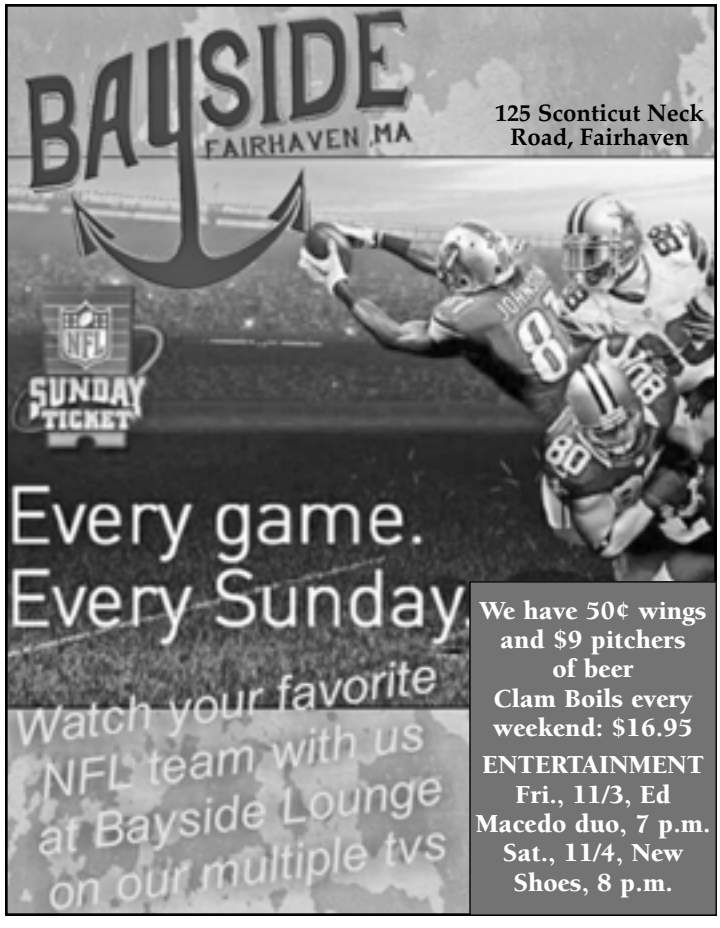

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