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Record cold ices up local coves



Ray Cote straddles his boat (left) and the boat that took him there on Monday, 1/8, in the cove at Hoppy's Landing. Capt. Cote went to check his boat, as he does daily, when he saw that the boat from Taylor Cultured Seafood, captained by Toby Adams-Cook, turned around because of the thick ice. Capt. Cote asked for a ride to check out his boat, and since Capt. Adams-Cook was already launched, but going nowhere fast, he ferried Mr. Cote out to his boat. See page 12. *Photo by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

BRRR...it's cold out there, still. As I write this, they (yes, the all-knowing "they" of the weather world) are insisting that it will be balmy, balmy, balmy by the time this week's little miracle actually rolls off the press (yes, it does that, for real).

I believe them. I do...I do believe, I do believe, I DO believe.

If it gets as warm as they say, then it will feel like spring to anyone who went outside in that horrible mess we had last week or this week's continuing cold.

And so, our cover story. What a hoot!

Those fishing guys are balmy...in the head.

I missed the part where they were chopping away at the ice to get through it. But a reader (see page 12) got a couple of pictures for me. Thank you Richard Hokanson. I did manage to get a few good shots of my own. See page 12 for that and some other weather related news.

The Fairhaven Historical Society is tickled pink with the success of their 2017 Holiday House Tour. See pages 18 & 19 for a rundown of the houses featured.

We have some meeting coverage for you, too. See page 4 for Selectboard and page 10 for ZBA.

The Wood School has a couple of fun little pieces in this week. School staff and Fairhaven firefighters mixed it up in a dodgeball game last month to benefit Toys for Tots. It looks like they had a lot of fun doing it, too. See page 6 for that.

On the opposite page, you'll find more Wood School news. The students have been assigned the task of wondering. Yup, wondering. I love it. They have been wondering about all sorts of stuff, and then setting out to figure out the answers to their wonderings. See page 7 for a sample of what they've come up with so far.

Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Our friends across the river in New Bedford are holding a celebration of his life and work. See page 3 for that. With all the racits, bigoted bullSH** getting tossed around these days, I think it would do all of us some good to reflect on the philosophy of MLK. He wasn't perfect, but he tried for a higher ideal. We should all do that, I think.

There's other news in here, of course, and we're working on all kinds of other stuff. Sometimes it takes a lot of time to put together, if it's going to be done right.

Meanwhile, there are bills to pay.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

New Bedford to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.

Press Release

Mayor Jon Mitchell is pleased to join with the Greater New Bedford Area Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee in welcoming the public to attend the "Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Remembrance Celebration." The celebration will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2018 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church at 71 Eighth Street in New Bedford.

"This is an important annual event in New Bedford for our community to come together to celebrate Dr. King's legacy, and his message of peace, unity, and understanding," said Mayor Jon Mitchell. "It is a time for us to reflect on his message and further our endeavor to find common ground as Americans."

Dr. King was an integral part of the Civil Rights Movement which laid the foundation for the theory and practice of inclusion and diversity in American society and around the world. Though he was assassinated fifty years ago, in 1968, Dr. King's

dream lives on, touching the hearts and minds of people throughout the world.

The theme for New Bedford's 2018

The celebration will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2018 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church at 71 Eighth Street, New Bedford. Events are free and open to the public

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Remembrance Celebration is "Let Our Voice Lead the Change," and was selected by the committee as a tribute to the power of people to impact change and speak up against injustice through their respective

voices — be it as artists, community leaders, activists, or other roles.

The 2018 keynote speaker will be Rev. Cordell Polk, Pastor of the United House of Prayer for All People in New Bedford. Pastor Polk was raised in Atlanta, Georgia and his life experiences at a young age were greatly influenced by the life and work of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Other program highlights include musical selections by the Deliverance Gospel Choir, along with Zan Morrisey performing vocals and acoustic guitar, Candida Rose, and the chorus from James B. Congdon School in New Bedford.

The program will also include the announcement of the 2018 Annual Essay Contest winners — a special feature of the annual event for the last 11 years.

All are encouraged to attend the program. For more information contact Marci Pina-Christian or the Department of Community Services at 508-979-1464.

The Fairhaven Historical Society
Congratulates our very own Vice President

Albert F. Bernac

Fairhaven's 2017 "Man of the Year"

The *Standard-Times* award acknowledges the exemplary contributions one individual can make to their community.

Well Done, Al!

Selectboard tables Rogers School discussion

By Beth David
Editor

With board member Charles Murphy absent due to the death of his mother-in-law, Theresa Carreiro, of Ohio, the Fairhaven Selectboard voted to table the discussion on the Rogers School and its possible uses.

The board also announced the death of Fairhaven active firefighter Frank Cruz, who died on January 6 after a long illness. The board began the meeting with moment of silence for both the deceased.

The board needs to decide how to proceed with the maintenance of the building. Town Administrator Mark Rees summarized the history of the building since it was closed as a school. Consultants hired to study the building and community concluded that there were limited uses for the building, especially taking public sentiment into account.

The best solution is probably a public-private partnership that would allow the town and a partner, to apply for grants to restore the building, which will cost millions of dollars.

Meanwhile, "mothballing" the

building, is recommended, said Mr. Rees, with estimated costs of about \$252,000.

There are less expensive options, but the remaining board members, Selectboard chair Bob Espindola and Daniel Freitas, decided to hold off until Mr. Murphy could be present.

Susan Loo, a member of the Rogers School Study Committee, asked for clarification that any expenditure would have to be approved by Town Meeting. The board assured her that it would, indeed, need a TM vote.

The board did, however, vote to allow Mr. Rees to organize a public forum to discuss regulations for recreational marijuana establishments in town.

After a binding resolution passed statewide last year, the town cannot ban the so-called "pot shops" unless it holds another townwide vote.

By law, the town of Fairhaven would have to allow at least two shops in town, according to a formula set by the state based upon how many liquor stores a town has. The town can set maximum number of shops higher than that number.

Mr. Rees recommended that the board ask Town Meeting in May to pass a moratorium on the shops until the end of the year, so the town can have time to create regulations on their operation.

According to the law, if a town voted to approve the legalization of marijuana, which Fairhaven did, then the only way to ban them in town is to have another townwide vote.

Town Counsel Thomas Crotty recommended that the town hold a public forum to discuss those options.

Mr. Espindola explained that he felt comfortable voting on the issue without Mr. Murphy present because he is a member of the committee making the recommendation.

The board also briefly discussed the plans that Bristol County Agricultural High School has for a \$103 million expansion. Mr. Freitas is the board's representative and said he has been very impressed with what he has found there. The school is looking at upgrades that will include a new science center capable of holding several departments.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Firefighter

Frank Cruz dies

Fairhaven Firefighter Frank Cruz died on January 6 after a long illness. The active duty firefighter served the town of Fairhaven for more than 30 years. He will be remembered at a wake on Thursday, 1/11, from 4-8 p.m. at Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main St., Fairhaven. The Firefighters Association will perform a uniform walk-through at 6 p.m. There will be a gathering at the VFW after the wake.

Polar plunge

The Polar Plunge has been rescheduled for 1/28. See page 22.

Softball Clinics

The South Coast Girls Softball League is offering indoor softball clinics, running weekly on Fridays, 6-8 p.m., January 19 through March 16 at Wood School on Sconticut Neck Rd. The clinics are open to all girls ages 5-15. **Cost is \$10 per player per session, or \$50 per player for unlimited sessions.** (No session during February vacation or if there is no school) Email southcoastsoftball@gmail.com with questions or to reserve your spot.

Fairhaven

Protecting Society

Fairhaven Protecting Society is looking for new members. There will be an organizational **meeting on Mon. 1/15, at 6:30 p.m., at the Fairhaven Fire Department meeting room.** The Protecting Society was originally created in the mid-1800s to assist the fire department with preserving property at fire scenes. Today the role of the Protecting Society will be to preserve and protect the historic artifacts and apparatus of the town's fire service.

Book Group

A "heartbreakingly delicious" national bestseller, *The School of Essential Ingredients*, is about a chef, her students, and the evocative lessons that food teaches us about life. On **Thurs., 1/18, at 10:00 a.m.**, the Thursday Morning Book Group invites you to come and share your opinion about this book written by

Erica Bauermeister.

The meetings are held at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, in the library's auditorium accessible through the Walnut Street entrance. The book is available for you to read before the review, at the library or at SAILS, the library's website. To answer your questions please call Norma Markey at 508-993-3745.

You may discover that the students are each seeking a recipe for something beyond the kitchen.

Christmas Tree PU

Town of Fairhaven will pick up Christmas trees this week, 1/9 to 1/12.

Christmas tree pick up is one day after regular rubbish pick up day. Place trees at curbside by 7:00 am on day of pick up. Remove all ornaments and tinsel. **DO NOT PUT IN PLASTIC BAGS Missed trees may be dropped off at the gate at the Recycle Center, 5 Arsene Street.**

Story times

The Millicent Library, 45 Center Street, Fairhaven, announced Winter/Spring Storytime Schedule. You do not need to register for Storytimes. Programs are held downstairs in the Auditorium (Meeting Room.) Stories and songs last for 30 minutes and are followed by 15 minutes of play time. Please try to arrive on time. If no one arrives by 15 minutes after start time, the program will not be held.

Toddlers (ages 1-3) meet from 9:30-10:15 OR 10:30-11:15 on Tuesdays,

Babies (0-18 months) meet Fridays from 9:30-10:15!! Big Kids (ages 3-5) meet Fridays from 10:30-11:15. Siblings are always welcome! Toddlers and Babies enjoy play time after stories, while Big Kids enjoy play time with an occasional coloring sheet.

We'll begin on January 9th and run through June 8th, then take a three week break followed by a different schedule for Summer Reading time. There will be no sessions. There will be no Storytimes during February Vacation Week and April Vacation Week, as well as May 22nd and 25th.

Programs are held in the downstairs auditorium. The Millicent Library is handicapped accessible.

For further information, contact Jane Murphy at 508-992-5342 or at jmurphy@sailsinc.org

Nom Papers Avail.

Nomination papers for town elections are now available. The annual town elections will be held on Mon., 4/2/18.

Seats up for re-election are: Bob Espindola on Selectboard; Donna McKenna and Colin Veitch on School Committee; Lindsay Gordon on Board of Health; Colleen Sylvia, Commissioner of Trust Funds; Robert Hobson and Keith Silvia for Board of Public Works; John Farrell and Peter Nopper on Planning Board; Gregory Tutcik on Housing Authority; a vacant, unexpired term on HA; Mark Sylvia for Moderator; Brian Bowcock for Tree Warden.

One third of seats in all precincts for Town Meeting members will also be up for election.

Interested candidates have until Feb. 8 to request nomination papers. papers for town-wide seats require 50 certified signatures; papers for town meeting members require 10 certified signatures from your precinct.

All nomination papers must be returned by Mon., 2/12.

Tuesday, March 13, 2018, is the last day for town residents to register to vote in the town election. The clerk's office will be open until 8 p.m. that day. For more info, contact the Town

Snow parking ban

No vehicles shall be permitted to remain on the hydrant side of all streets in Fairhaven from December 1 to March 31 from midnight to 8:00 am and also during the time of any snowfall or snow removal operations. On streets with no hydrants, NO vehicles shall be permitted to remain either on the east side of streets running north and south or on the north side of streets running east and west.

The BPW is authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, to some convenient place, including a public garage, any vehicle interfering with the work of removing or plowing snow or ice from any way, and the cost of such removal with all storage charges resulting there from shall be paid by the owner of such vehicle.

The Fairhaven Police Department will strictly enforce this Parking Ban. Violators will be towed and/or ticketed. By Order of Fairhaven Board of Public Works.

Wood School and Firefighters mix it up with dodgeball

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Firefighters mixed it up with staff from the LL Wood School for a contest of agility and fun last month. The two groups created mixed teams to play a few dodgeball games to benefit Toys for Tots last month. After a few games, the Wood School staff challenged the firefighters to a game.

"It was very intimidating to have the FF throwing the balls at us!" wrote Kimberly Katz, first grade teacher at

Wood, in an email.

And, the Wood School staff won. "It was our first win in all the games that we have ever challenged them to," wrote Ms. Katz.

Families were asked to take a new, unwrapped toy with them to the game. For every toy donated, a raffle ticket was given for a chance to win lunch for a student and five friends, with the firefighters. Two

names were picked, so 12 students will have a pizza party with the firefighters.

"It was an amazing feeling and sight to see," wrote Ms. Katz. "We collected many many toys!"

The school has had two successful joint fund-raising events with firefighters this year. In November of 2107, they two groups competed in a kickball game and raised hundreds of dollars for the Help Save Foundation. The group raises funds to help disadvantaged children with food and access to education and other services. Visit <http://www.thehelpsavefoundation.org/>



Fairhaven firefighters and staff from the Wood School mix it up in a dodgeball game back in December to benefit Toys for Tots. Photos courtesy of David Lima, DLemma Photography.

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Wood School project makes students wonder about the world

By Beth David
Editor

Wood School students are wondering. They're wondering about everything around them. And their wonderings have gotten them to work trying to figure out stuff.

Amy Hartley-Matteson, principal of the LL Wood elementary school in Fairhaven said that this year's theme is "wonder." Instead of a book report this summer, students were tasked with choosing a topic or question that they wonder about and learning more about it.

"Now throughout the school year we are encouraging students to wonder about topics that interest them, research, create and teach others what they have learned," wrote Ms. Hartley-Matteson in an email. "This inquiry based approach to learning gets students engaged and excited about what they are learning because it's interest driven."

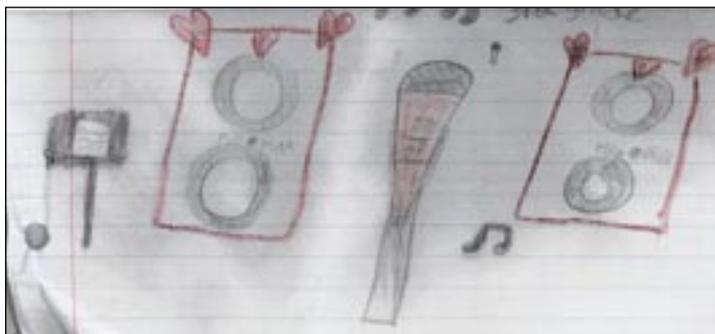
During a Genius Hour in Mrs.

Vasconcelos's first grade class, students were wondering about how horns grow on triceratops, how spikes grow on stegosaurus, does a T-rex eat anything except meat, and how long is a brachiosaurus' neck!

Kennedy Allain wondered why the ocean is salty and learned that gases from

volcanoes created some of the salt when the earth was young. Now, the minerals and salt from rocks and erosion from all the rivers that flow into it make the ocean salty.

Margaux Poyant and Olivia Faria wondered how microphones make their voices "way louder." They are



ABOVE: Margaux Poyand and Olivia Faria created this drawing to illustrate how a microphone makes their voices "way louder." BELOW, LEFT & RIGHT: Students in Mrs. Vasconcellos's third grade class wonder during their "Genius Hour," about all kinds of things, such as how horns grow on triceratops, how spikes grow on stegosaurus, does a T-rex eat anything except meat, and how long is a brachiosaurus' neck! Submitted photos.

still in the process of figuring it out, but know the speakers and electricity have something to do with it.

"So microphones can be made with all kinds of things but that will still be a wonder to us until we find out the answer," wrote the two third-graders. "And we will keep trying until we do."



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Miss NB Outstanding Teen

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MLK Day Events

See page 3 for MLK Jr. Day Events.

NB Harbor Mtg.

The next New Bedford Harbor Public Information Meeting will take place on Thurs., 1/18, at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 Williams St., NB, from 6-7:30 p.m. See ad on page 22 for more details.

Scanning Day

Sat., 1/13, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., NB. We invite you to bring your commercial fishing related photographs, both historic and contemporary, as well as documents such as settlement sheets, union books, or news clippings to be scanned.

We will scan your materials and record any information you share. You will leave with your originals along with a digital copy on a flash drive. We are working to create a digital archive of these materials which will be made available to researchers and the public. These documents will help us to tell the story of the fishing industry. If you cannot attend and wish to have your collection scanned, please call 508-993-8894 appointment. **Free and open to the public. Accessible.**

A Day in the Life...

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center's A Day in the Life speaker series continues with James "Jimmy" Dwyer, Jr. as he talks about life as a lumper and the changes he has seen in his almost 60 years on the waterfront on Thurs., 1/18, at 7 p.m., at the Fishing Heritage Ctr., 38 Bethel St., NB. **Accessible.** Jimmy began his career as a lumper at the age of 16 when his father asked him if he wanted to help unload 85,000 pounds of fish from the F/V Solveig J. He earned \$8 for a day's work. He was a longtime member of the Fish Lumpers Union, Local 1749. He also served as secretary, treasurer, and business agent for the union.

Lumpers have been a part of the

New Bedford waterfront for decades, providing a valuable service to the vessels. A lumper unloads the fishing vessel when it returns to port. They also clean and sanitize the holds before refilling with ice for the vessel's next trip.

Admission to A Day in the Life is **free for members; \$5 for non-members.** Free off-street parking available. The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center is dedicated to preserving and presenting the story of the commercial fishing industry past, present, and future through archives, exhibits, and programs. For more information, please email programs@fishingheritagecenter.org or call (508) 993-8894.

Anastasia

Anastasia by Marcelle Maurette and adapted by Guy Bolton, a drama recognizing the 100th year anniversary of the mystery surrounding the last surviving daughter of Czar Nicholas II of Russia will open on January 11, 2018, at Your Theatre Inc.

Directed by Your Theatre's Stephen R. Kay of Swansea the play runs Thursdays through Saturdays January 11-13 and 18-20, 2018 with matinees Sunday, January 14 and 21, 2018. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. for all performances except the 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinees.

The play is about a young Anna discovered as an amnesiac in a Berlin asylum by a former Cossack prince 'turned-taxi-driver'. Anna is swept into a scheme to exploit the 'heritage' of 10 million pounds being held in trust for any surviving heirs of the Romanoff dynasty. As the conspiracy prospers, Anna is coached to success but for one last test: the Imperial Grand Empress is alive and her acceptance is essential.

In a famous 'recognition scene' of breathless suspense, Anna meets her grandmother and must convince the dowager that she is the long-lost Royal Princess Anastasia.

Performances are held at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse located at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, in the St. Martin's Episcopal Church complex. Free off-street parking and entrance are on County Street.

Your Theatre, Inc. is grateful to our 71st Season Sponsor, Bank5, for their

sixth year of strong support for the arts and to Bristol County Savings Bank as a production supporter of Anastasia.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 for season subscribers (three show minimum), and \$13 for senior citizens, students, and military personnel. For further information call Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or send an email to info@yourtheatre.org. The theatre's web site is www.yourtheatre.org

Improv Workshop

Your Theatre, Inc. announces the opening of a four-week class exploring improvisational performance. The Improvisational Technique Workshops are to be conducted by Danielle Oliveira Gelehrter.

The series of four two-hour classes will commence at 7:00 pm Thursday February 8, 2018 and continue weekly ending on March 1, 2018. The last class will feature a showcase before a live audience by the workshop participants. All classes will be held in the YTI Playhouse located at 136 Rivet St. in New Bedford.

A maximum number of ten participants will be accepted. The class will be postponed if the minimum number of participants are not attained.

The fee for the course is \$100 non-members, \$90 for members, \$80 for subscribers. Please call 508-993-0772 to reserve your seat in the class.

This four week class will explore improvisational performance as a theatrical art form. Students will be encouraged to take risks in a supportive environment that fosters listening, creativity, fun, and acceptance. Topics of the workshop include the basics of improv, scene initiations, and open scene work.

Looking for Classmates

NBHS Class of '68 50th class reunion. Save the Dates: Fri. & Sat., 9/28 & 29, 2018. **Looking for classmates!**

Email John Thompson at johnwt1313@gmail.com with your email or residential address and any other classmates's email or addresses that you may know so that the committee can keep you up to date on this milestone reunion.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

About Local Birds

Come learn all about local birds during **Saturday at The Sawmill, 32 Mill Rd., Acushnet, on Sat., 1/13, at 11:00 a.m.** During this free family friendly program, you'll go on a short walk with Buzzards Bay Coalition educators to learn how to identify different bird species. Then families will get the chance to create their own bird feeder to bring home to their back yard.

In addition to the Make Your Own Bird Feeder program, The Sawmill's Hawes Family Learning Center will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., when you can explore the learning center and speak with Coalition educators about the park and its restoration.

To learn more and register for the family program, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/saturday-at-the-sawmill-make-your-own-bird-feeder-and-bird-walk-dec-09-2017/ or contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at (508) 999-6363 ext. 219.

This program is part of Discover Buzzards Bay, a resource to find unique and exciting ways to explore the outdoors, get some exercise and connect with nature. Use Discover Buzzards Bay to get outside and discover woods, wetlands and waterways from Fall River to Falmouth. To learn more, visit savebuzzardsbay.org/discover. Discover Buzzards Bay is sponsored by Southcoast Health. This program is also sponsored in part by a grant from the New Bedford Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Woman's Club Mtg.

The January meeting of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will be held on **Thurs., 1/18, at The Mattapoisett Congregational Church. We gather at 11:30 a.m.**, and have a luncheon and guest speaker. Come and join us.

This month James P. Stevens, CEO and Founder of The GiftsToGive Philanthropy Factory will talk about his organization. Gifts To Give is building a new currency for philanthropy by re-building a more caring community, focused on local child poverty, literacy, service to others and giving. At GiftsToGive thousands

of volunteers process millions of pounds of donated children's gear that is then recycled, re-purposed and gifted to local children in-need. Their primary mission is to give all South Coast young people, both the privileged and those in-need, an opportunity to practice Big Citizenship and Tangible Philanthropy through their gifts of time and treasure. Children come to understand through their "doing" the power of giving and service and that we all have gifts to give. Email, info@mattapoissettwomansclub.org.

New Year, Healthy You

Community Nurse Home Care presents: New Year Healthy You!

A multi week healthy living program with Barbara Canuel, Registered Dietician held at the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 South Main Street. Learn how to establish attainable measurable goals which will promote lifestyle and behavior modification. RSVP to 508-717-0714. Free.

Friday, January 12th, 10:00 a.m. How to Maintain Taste. Don't sacrifice delicious food by making your meals more healthy.

Friday, January 19th, 10:00 a.m. Get Moving. It's not a diet alone! Learn important physical activity guidelines.

Friday, January 26th, 10:00 a.m. Dear Diary. Learn how to establish attainable measurable goals which will promote lifestyle and behavior modification.

Wampanoag Families of Westport

Wampanoag Families of Westport presented by R. Andrew Pierce 10 AM **Saturday January 13 2018 at the Westport Free Public Library, 408 Old County Road, Westport**

R. Andrew Pierce will present research into the Wampanoag families of Westport and southeastern Massachusetts. 19th century New England genealogists largely ignored Native Americans, who despite centuries in the area, had been marginalized and forgotten. This missing history inspired Andrew Pierce and co-author Dr. Jerome Segel

to compile comprehensive genealogies of Wampanoag families. The resulting massive two volume set "Wampanoag Families of Martha's Vineyard" is a definitive work presenting over 20 years' research at dozens of archives using vital statistics, census, land, probate, court missionary, military and maritime records. **Suggested donation \$5.**

Cooking Demo

Beyond Chicken Soup: Cooking Demonstration. Start off the new year right by expanding your recipe collection! Come to the **Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., on Sun., 1/21, from 2-3 p.m.** and see a cooking demonstration by local chef and Johnson & Wales graduate Colby Rottler. Learn how to prepare three delicious but healthy and simple soups: butternut squash, tomato basil, and Italian wedding. Have a sample taste of each and bring home the recipes!

Please register for this event by calling 508-758-4171 emailing rsmith@sailsinc.org, or signing up in the library and provide the number of people attending and contact phone/email. Accessible.

Volunteer for 4-H

Adult volunteers are currently needed for a couple of hours each month to serve as club leaders for local 4-H clubs in Bristol and Norfolk Counties. The role of a 4-H volunteer leader is to provide skills from your own area of expertise while developing a meaningful relationship with youth. Especially needed are volunteers with skills in dog care and obedience, horse care, small animal care such as rabbits and poultry, and general science.

The goal of the 4-H program is to help youth, ages 5 to 18, become competent, caring adults through positive mentoring, learning how to take community action, and increasing their sense of self-esteem, responsibility, fairness, trust and decision making techniques. The 4-H office provides training and support.

Call the 4-H office, 508-668-9793 or by email at jfield@umext.umass.edu

4-H is an outreach education program of UMass. Amherst in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Visit www.mass4h.org.

Recipe of the Week

Eggnog Custard Cups

- 1 cup eggnog
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tbs cornstarch
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 4 egg yolks
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1/4 cup pistachios, chopped
- Two 1.9 oz. pkgs mini phyllo cups

In a med. saucepan, combine eggnog, milk, cornstarch and sugar. Cook 1 minute on med. heat until sugar dissolves. Cool slightly.

In bowl, whisk egg yolks until smooth, stir in 1/4 cup eggnog mixture. With wooden spoon, stir yolks into remaining eggnog mixture. Cook 2 mins on med. heat until thick, stirring. Remove from heat. Add vanilla and nutmeg.

Arrange phyllo cups on baking sheet. Pour eggnog mixture into cups. Refrigerate until set. Top with pistachios.

By Janet Malone

ZBA rejects Huttleston Avenue project

By Beth David
Editor

Appearing in front of the Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals for the fourth time, Judith Tubbs got a “no” vote at the 1/2 meeting for her proposed use of her property at 294 Huttleston Avenue (Route 6).

Ms. Tubbs was hoping to construct a two-building, eight-unit residential complex at the site. The property is the former site of Dan Good Auto Sales, which burned down in 2006.

The variances originally required for the project include short 70 feet of the 200 feet required frontage, short 72,233 sf of the required 100,000 sf, short 5’ of required 50-foot setback, short 42,233 sf of required 70,000 sf of contiguous upland, and 19% over maximum lot coverage.

The project was scaled down somewhat after objections from residents and skepticism from board members became obvious at previous meetings.

Ms. Tubbs told the board that there would be 18 parking spots, 12 in the lots and six under the buildings.

She also said the setbacks were lessened by the changes.

But it was still not enough for the board.

Even with an absent Joseph Borelli, the board member most outspoken against the project, the board voted unanimously against the project.

The property had been rezoned by Town Meeting from commercial to allow for the apartments.

Ms. Tubbs voiced dismay at the “no” vote, asking why the town allowed the zoning change if it would not allow the new use.

Building Inspector and enforcement officer Wayne Fostin said that the ZBA did not reject the use of the property, they rejected the variances for the short setbacks.

Ms. Tubbs can resubmit her proposal in two years, or can resubmit a different proposal that has significant changes from the rejected one.

The ZBA approved three other petitions on 1/2.

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ABOVE: The work skiff that is moored at Hoppy's Landing all year, looks about ready to succumb to the elements on Monday, 1/8. After a lot of snow that probably turned to ice from frigid cold, the little boat is riding kind of low in the water. Owned by Capt. Robert "Sacky" Sakwa, the boat did manage to survive the storm. Capt. Sakwa said he would pull it out of the water as soon as he could. The iced up water, from the shore and boat ramp out to the other side of the island, made it impossible for Capt. Sakwa to row his little dinghy out to get the skiff. BELOW LEFT & MIDDLE: The crew from Taylor Cultured Seafood tries to cut through the ice at Hoppy's Landing. They made it out a ways, but then the thicker ice stopped them cold. The oyster farm is on the other side of the causeway, but the ice was too thick to even try it there, according to Capt. Toby Adams-Cook. They had hoped to go around West Island and approach from the east, but a call from the Fairhaven Harbormaster, chiding them for the attempt and telling them the ice went all around the island, convinced the hardy souls to return to shore. *Photos courtesy of Richard Hokanson.* BELOW RIGHT: Crew members of Taylor Cultured Seafood with Capt. Toby Adams-Cook at the helm, load up the boat after a failed attempt to get through the ice and go around West Island (background) to reach the oyster farm on the south side of the island. The boat usually launches from Round Cove on the south side of the causeway, but the ice was too thick to even attempt it there. *Photo by Beth David.*



Fairhaven and Acushnet suffer water main breaks

By Beth David
Editor

The record cold the area suffered last week caused a some heating problems at both East Fairhaven and LL Wood schools, and caused at least three water main breaks. Home-owners, too, suffered from broken pipes, especially after power was out for several hours.

A water main break on Scotcut Neck Road in Fairhaven sent crews out in frigid cold on Monday, 1/8, at around 2 p.m. to repair the gushing water. Crews shut down water from 440 Scotcut Neck Road, near Jerusalem, to Sunset Beach Boulevard, and re-routed traffic while they repaired the pipe, which took several hours.

Public works superintendent Vincent Furtado said he activated the reverse 911 system for those affected by the water shutoff.

In Acushnet, Department of Public Works crews came off a nearly 24-hour plowing shift to face two water main breaks on Monday, one on Saucier Street and one on Pembroke avenue. Water was shut off on those streets and on South Main Street near those streets.

In Fairhaven, the East Fairhaven School had to send students home last Tuesday, 1/2, when a pipe froze and burst.

The Wood School also had a problem with the heat, when there was a mechanical issue with the

heating system early on Tuesday, 1/2.

According to principal Amy Hartley-Matteson a technician immediately attended to the problem and all classrooms and school spaces had heat by 8 a.m.

She said some classrooms were relocated for the morning to allow temperatures to recover. By 11:30 a.m. only one classroom was still displaced. By the end of the day, all classrooms were heated enough to hold classes.

The East Fairhaven School was built in 2007 and the Wood School was built in 2013.

School was cancelled on Thursday and Friday throughout the region due to the storm.

10 to compete for Miss NB Outstanding Teen this weekend

Press Release

On Saturday January 13, ten young women will compete to become the next Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen. The pageant takes place at 6:00 p.m. at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, 1121 Ashley Boulevard in New Bedford.

A local preliminary competition to the Miss Massachusetts' Outstanding Teen and Miss America's Outstanding Teen scholarship programs, the pageant emphasizes scholarship and service to the community. This year's winner will receive a \$500 educational scholarship, in addition to hundreds of dollars in additional prizes. Runners-up and special awards winners will also receive scholarship money and awards.

The pageant itself is a "little sister" program to the annual Miss New Bedford Pageant. Contestants compete in five stages of scored competition: a private six-minute interview, Talent, Physical Fitness, Evening Wear, and On-Stage Question. Contestants are expected to exude confidence and drive, demonstrate academic excellence, and show a commitment to service. Each contestant has chosen her own personal "platform," or cause, which she will promote and advance during her year, in addition to serving as a

role model for young girls in the Greater New Bedford area.

The reigning Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen is Jordan St. Onge, 16, from Fairhaven. During her year, Jordan made more than 115 appearances throughout the community.

Her year of service was devoted to raising awareness of lung cancer, inspired by her grandmother who developed lung cancer but never smoked. Jordan has educated the community on the dangers of second hand smoke, has engaged in various efforts of the American Lung Association, and has even spoken to legislators at the State House about related bills.

Jordan also represented New Bedford in the Miss Massachusetts' Outstanding Teen pageant where she placed as first runner-up.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children/seniors. At the door, all tickets for patrons of all ages will be a flat rate of \$20. You may reserve tickets by contacting tickets@missnewbedford.org or 508-971-9564.

This year's contestants are:

Marcie Araujo, a 13-year-old seventh grader at Normandin Middle School. She will perform an innovative ballet dance for her talent, and her platform is titled, "Elderly Veterans in Need."



Ten contestants will compete in the Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen Pageant on Saturday, 1/13. The pageant emphasizes scholarship and service to the community. The winner will receive a \$500 educational scholarship. CONTESTANTS, L-R: Marcie Araujo, Emma Boudreau, Destiny Capellan, Victoria Fernandes, Kieyana Fleming, Victoria Kalisz, Rachel Perry, Erin Scott, Alexandra Soares, Abigail Souza. Submitted photos by Andrew Gallager Studio

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Emma Boudreau, a 15-year-old sophomore at Apponequet Regional High School. She will tap dance for her talent, and her platform is titled, "Arrive Alive: Promoting Safe Driving Practices."

Destiny Capellan, a 15-year-old sophomore at City on a Hill Public Charter School. She will offer a poetry reading for her talent, and her platform focuses on anti-bullying efforts and bullying awareness.

Victoria Fernandes, a 14-year-old freshman at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. She will tap dance for her talent, and her platform focuses on "Pancreatic Cancer Research Funding."

Kieyana Fleming, a 14-year-old eighth grader at Normandin Middle School. She will play piano for her talent, and her platform is dedicated to raising awareness of brain tumors.

Victoria Kalisz, a 16-year-old sophomore at Fairhaven High School. She will sing for her talent, and her platform is titled, "Rise Up; Rise In Spite of Everything."

Rachel Perry, a 15-year-old sophomore at Old Rochester Regional High School. She will play the violin for her talent, and her platform is titled, "Healing Song: The Power of Music to Heal the Brain."

Erin Scott, a 15-year-old sophomore at Old Rochester Regional High School. She will sing for her talent, and her platform focuses on keeping music and art programs in schools.

Alexandra Soares, a 15-year-old sophomore at New Bedford High School. She will dance for her talent and her platform is titled, "Dance to Enhance: Creating a Better Version of Yourself Through the Performing Arts."

Abigail Souza, a 13-year-old eighth grader at All Saints Catholic School. She will sing for her talent, and her platform is titled, "Hypertension Awareness in Today's Youth: Educate, Diagnose, Conquer!"

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Special Activities

Computer Technology for Seniors

Monday, Jan.15th, Friday, Jan.19th 9:30-10:30 a.m. *Computer/Software, Windows 10*. Instructor Kraig Perry. Monday, Jan. 22nd and Friday, Jan. 26th 9:30-10:30 a.m. *Ins and outs of E-Mail*. Wednesday, Jan.31st 9:30-10:30 a.m. *Connect on Facebook*. Space is limited to 15 participants. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up at (508-979-4029).

AARP Drivers Safety Training

Fairhaven Council on Aging, Monday, February 5th, 12:00-4:30 p.m. **\$15.00 for AARP Members/\$20.00 for non Members**. Checks made to AARP Drivers Training.The training enables drivers to refresh their driving skills and understand how to adjust to age-related challenges such as hearing, vision, and reaction time. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up at (508-979-4029).

Healthy Cooking Classes

The Fairhaven COA will be hosting Healthy Cooking Classes provided by Coastline through a grant from Tufts. In this class you will learn new ways to prepare healthy food, participate

in the preparation of the foods and enjoy your finished meal. Program is also open to those who have previously attend. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center, 508-979-4029, Mondays 3:00-4:30 p.m. beginning January 8th.

General Loss and Grief Support Group

Third Tuesday of the month, 5:00-6:30 pm 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.

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Acushnet Selectboard reviews goals

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard reviewed their six month goals for the New Year at their first meeting of the new year on January 9. Chairperson Kevin Gaspar outlined a number of goals that they will be reviewing until the end of the fiscal year on June 30. Among them are five union contracts that need to be negotiated, he said, a Human Resource initiative, forty plus Selectboard policies that would need to be reviewed, a review of the marijuana regulations, and the cable contract expires in June.

Town Administrator Brian Noble reported that there was a new phone system up and running in the Town Hall. He said it went live the day after the most recent snow storm. The main phone number is the #0200 number that will route resident calls to where they want to end up.

Mr. Noble also stated that there was a direct connection to the school department, which for him is just dialing an extension, versus making a phone call.

"We are all learning the new system," he said.

Mr. Noble also told the Selectboard that they are actively pursuing collecting all monies due on open ambulance invoices. He said it has never been done before, and although he did not have the dollar amount owed to date, he did say that it is

probably "astronomical."

In another matter, the Selectboard accepted resignation letters from Louann Jenkinson, the Council on Aging Outreach Specialist, and COA board member Diana Defrias. The Board also approved the appointment of Gerard Bergeron as a full Board COA board member to replace Ms. Defrias. Mr. Bergeron had been an associate member and was voted a full member by the COA.

The Board also discussed how to make the Senior Center a "full

The Board also discussed how to make the Senior Center a "full compliance" shelter during storms.

compliance" shelter during storms. Mr. Noble stated that he will make it part of the Capital Plan.

In order for the building to be fully compliant, the building will need bathing facilities, Mr. Noble said in a follow-up interview.

He also said the aging generator has "experienced some reliability issues." It is also not large enough to run the whole building, including air conditioning and refrigeration.

As it is now, the building is compliant as a warming center, but not for overnight.

Mr. Noble said the town and the center have everything else they need to be

compliant, such as cots and kitchen facilities. The building already allows pets, which is now required by law.

Selectboard member Roger Cabral stated if they want to do that, they need to do it right.

COA Director Heather Sylvia was present to thank Mr. Noble for assisting with the Council on Aging Building Use Policy. The Board discussed the policy in its first reading and stated they would put it on the agenda in future meetings to discuss it with the public and receive comment.

The idea is to expand the use of the building, said Mr. Noble. Ideally, organizations would be able to use it for meetings and functions, and individuals would be able to rent it for functions.

In other business, Mr. Gaspar stated there was a memorandum from the Assessors office regarding two parcels that had been charged sewer betterment fees over the years, but have never received sewer.

"It was a mistake," Mr. Noble said. The residents paid the tax bill with the betterment fee but then realized over the years that they never got connected to sewer so they stopped paying the fee. The town is working to correct the error.

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Mattapoissett bike path making progress towards Marion

From Press Release Materials

As we approach the end of 2017 and the start of 2018, there is good news to report. We are working to complete the long awaited bike path and to make bicycling more popular in the region. More cycling and walking across our town, region and society creates safer and healthier conditions for everyone!

Construction of the long awaited off-road connection from the Village to Fairhaven should begin in the foreseeable future. In November 2017, Town Meeting supported the project with three important votes.

The outstanding details that needed to be coordinated between various divisions of MassDOT were addressed in the "final comment resolution meeting" held in November 2017. The approved MassDOT design schedule shows that bidding should occur in May 2018, leading to a construction contract before October 2018.

Now that we are very sure we will see the Bike Path to the Village, we are setting our sites on connecting to Marion.

The paved, multi-use path will extend an existing bike path in Fairhaven eastward, so that the central village of Mattapoissett will be connected to the town of Fairhaven and points west. This is an extraordinary mile of bike path! It will be scenic and spectacular, crossing the Mattapoissett River estuary, salt marshes, and the Town Beach at the head of Mattapoissett Harbor. It will reconnect neighborhoods and conservation areas with car-free biking and walking.

Known as the "Shining Tides" mile, the exceptional route is only possible because 150 years ago a railroad ran through this lush, environmentally sensitive area. The train stopped running in 1956. To put a bike path here is a rare opportunity, but due to the fragile location, design and construction are quite expensive.

To learn more visit <https://mattapoissettrail.com/> or <https://www.gofundme.com/Matt-Rail-Trail>

For 2018 we are calling on supporters to get involved in several areas, including the Marion Connection. A committee has formed

but still needs members for the design/construction oversight subcommittee and the fundraising subcommittee.

The Tour de Crème needs organizers for ride logistics and day-of-ride (Especially ride ambassadors and event set up) so that this family friendly event will fulfill its promise as a signature community awareness and fundraising event. The 2018 Tour de Crème will occur Sunday, May 20, 2018. This is the week before Memorial Day. We have sold out the two previous years, but due to safety and logistics we will keep our participant cap at 300 in 2018.

Supporters who don't ride and can't volunteer should consider being part of a fundraising challenge. People have a great time at this event and we look forward to increasing fundraising involvement with Tour de Crème participants. Fundraising at the grass roots level is needed to convince major donors and foundations to support local efforts.

We also are looking for a core group of parents to help develop a

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Rave reviews reverberate from Fairhaven Holiday House Tour

Submitted

The holidays may be over, but the joy of Fairhaven's Historical Society's 2017 Holiday House Tour is still being savored. For those wishing that the holiday spirit would linger year-round we offer a recap of the event, the unique properties showcased, and the positive impressions created.

As in the prior two years, the properties on the tour were not revealed until the day of the tour. And, for the 2017 Holiday House Tour the stars aligned with demand for tickets outstripping supply and a mad dash to print more brochures.

A total of five homes and two organizations were on the agenda for the three hours of viewing. With no time to waste, everyone made a bee-line to locations marked by bobbing balloons. Suddenly the town was alive with dashing crowds, holiday laughter, and seasonal décor that graced homes both inside and outside. A festive and infectious happiness encompassed the town for locals and visitors alike — some as far away as Boston descended on Fairhaven's streets.

"By all accounts the tour was a resounding success", said a very pleased Enrique (Ricky) Goytizoyo, president of the society. "It sets a new benchmark to surpass for the 2018 tour."

What follows recounts the ambiance created by present-day property owners as they graciously invited the community into their homes and work spaces. For a detailed description and history of the properties showcased look for the brochure posted on the Fairhaven Historical Society's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HistoricalSocietyFairhaven/>

Fairhaven Shipyard South Yard

Max and Karen Isaksen

One of the most impressive businesses, and perhaps the biggest in town, the Fairhaven Shipyard opened their doors to welcome the community. So many people were

delighted to breach the imposing stone building for an insider's tour of the inner workings that make the place hum. As a full-service shipyard, all manner of repairs on all size ships from massively large to wooden historical ships like the Mayflower II are undertaken. In addition to repair, restoration and ship building they are known far and wide as the masters of everything marine. A focal point in their office space is a huge compass mounted floor-to-ceiling which was lifted from what used to be a design embedded in the floor boards. Clearly



The majestic Nativity scene created by Luis Duffy encompasses the full width of the living room at 55 Green Street, which was a stop on the 2017 Fairhaven Holiday House Tour on December 10, 2017. *Submitted photo.*

the shipyard is going in the right direction.

82 Fort Street

The Jayson Residence

Nearby and also along the Acushnet River's shoreline, a treasure of a home was tucked away just waiting to work its magic on all who entered. Its outside beauty visible from the water was reflected by its interior with a full sweep of glass to take in the ever-changing water views. The decor was totally sophisticated yet decidedly comfortable and imbued with warm woods and bold nautical themes. This home is a stellar everyday retreat for boating aficionados. One where seafarers and land lovers can be continuously awed by the natural beauty outside or

hunker down for stormy weather with every cozy, creature comfort.

55 Green Street

Home of the Cabral Family

This important cape style home's big — really big — surprise was a majestic Nativity scene that encompassed the full width of the living room. More than a manger or a crèche, it encircled and showcased the entire town of Bethlehem with all the elaborate goings-on at the time of Jesus's birth. Luis Duffy's creation, which he assembles and embellishes every year, has evolved from a family tradition into a stunning masterpiece and nothing short of museum quality — truly a sight to behold.

52 Center Street

**Home of Marie and
Henry De Pina**

Charm and worldly sophistication are the words that describe the 1840's home of the De Pinas. Toiles, paisleys and American traditional accents mixed perfectly with the global elements reminiscent of the China Trade. The walls throughout the home were boldly colorful and layered with various coats of slightly different hues intentionally to enhance the depth of the richness of the final color. And underfoot were magnificent oriental carpets. The New

England charm continued throughout the landscaping with a rose arbor and white picket fence. This home was wonderfully inviting, homey and ... perfectly idyllic!

41 Union Street

Home of Howe Allen and Tim Evans

Modestly named "Fairview" by its owners, this home commands some of the most historic views in town. It is situated directly across from the south doors of the Unitarian Memorial Church and blessed by the openness of Lady Fairhaven Park to the east. The home once belonged to a piano teacher. Thus, it is fitting that the pride-of-place is dedicated to a melodious piano which Tim joyously played as visitors paraded through

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the home. They stopped to take in the next vision while marveling at the decor and musing about adopting the color and decorating schemes.

123 Green Street The Casey Residence

Befitting the owner's profession as a therapeutic masseuse, this home was an oasis of soothing neutral color that signaled a calm serenity throughout. At the same time, it was this very relaxed, stress-free environment that refreshed and paradoxically energized. It was mindfulness with mission which could be evidenced by friendly family support. The warmth was palpable both from the greeters and the glow of several original fireplaces.

In the kitchen, the owner's ebullient and affable father, Jim Casey, was on hand to point to the wonderful outdoor entertainment area as well as the immaculate basement restoration. Dressed to the nines in a top hat, vest and spit-polished shoes he was certainly a show stopper — wowing and welcoming everyone with his good-hearted nature and stylish attire.

32 Washington Street The Northeast Maritime Institute's College of Marine Science Angela and Eric Dawicki

Behind the soft butter yellow exterior this stately building was a beehive of energy and professionalism — a true credit to Fairhaven's history of entrepreneurial innovation. The owners captivated visitors' attention by recounting the extensive history of the building.



Visitors, in turn, were equally intrigued and impressed by the current operations the building housed.

As an accredited school for mariners, the school is training the next generation to confidently and capably take to the waterways of the world. It also provides continuing education for seasoned mariners. On the lower level are several state-of-the-art full bridge training simulators where operators can expertly navigate any port in the world. All manner of situations from foul weather to pirate attacks can be modeled and successfully managed. Both time-honored navigation techniques as well as the latest requisite technical know-how prepares students with a more circumspect understanding and solid educational advantage — ready to be applied in any real-world situations.

The building also houses the Joshua Slocum Reading Room. A high ceiling room with floor to ceiling bookcases that hold an extensive array of nautical books. The space, with its long table and ample seating also hosts meetings and outreach to all manner of community and world-wide initiatives.

Along one of the spacious corridors is an expansive glass showcase several shelves high that holds an amazing collection of shells — thousands actually — labeled



ABOVE: A steady stream of visitors moves briskly along the path outside the Academy Building exchanging their tickets for the brochure of homes and a map to find them at the 2017 Holiday House Tour sponsored by the Fairhaven Historical Society on December 10, 2017. BELOW: With maps and addresses in hand, visitors are off to find the seven properties in the three hours allotted for the 2017 Holiday House Tour sponsored by the Fairhaven Historical Society on December 10, 2017. Submitted photos.

from around the world. Above the cases large ship paintings grace the walls and hint at the history of ships suggesting the continuous march of progress navigating the world's seas.

Fairhaven residents have noticed that march of progress with the progression of college students traversing Northeast Maritime's various campus sites here and think how fortunate we are to continue the legacy of nautical education. Fairhaven, once the center of the crossroads of the world is now providing a new world of opportunity and expertise to students and the community through its "world class" Northeast Maritime Institute.

Thank you for allowing us into your homes

At the end of the day, Ricky expressed his gratitude to the generosity of all the residents that have opened their properties for the last three years to benefit the continuing work of the Fairhaven Historical Society.

"At the society," he said, "we aim to showcase all that is special about Fairhaven — preserving its historic past, participating in its dynamic present and preparing a solid foundation for future generations to build upon."

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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Fairhaven Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee Notice of Public Hearing

The Town will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be for the Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee and the Town's consultant, to hold the third and final public hearing to take input on the draft Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP).

If you are interested in the Open Space & Recreation needs for the future, you are urged to attend the hearing. The Draft 2017 OSRP is available on the Town web site at http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/FairhavenMA_OpenSpace/index. Those unable to attend the hearing may submit comments or questions to the Department of Planning & Economic Development at billr@fairhaven-ma.gov or call (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9. The Town will make reasonable accommodations for the disabled with prior notice to the Planning & Economic Development.

William D. Roth, Jr., Director, Planning & Economic Development Department
1/11/18

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on **January 23, 2018**, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearings will be to receive information and public comment on the following applications. 1) **Rezone** — The applicant, *Albert Roderiques* is seeking to rezone his property located at 273 Alden Road, Map 37A, Lot 538, containing 19,050 square feet, from Business District (B) to Single

Residence Districts (RA). 2) **Special Permit** for the installation of Small Cell Equipment-V#SC05 — located on Utility Pole #46/10 in the Town right-of-way on Center Street, adjacent to 46 Center Street. The applicant, *Celco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless*, is requesting a Special Permit, to use the existing 29.5-foot tall utility pole. The Small Cell Equipment will be located at a height of 8-feet, and the Antenna base will be located at a height of 19-feet and will have a top height of 24-feet.

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

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board
1/4/18 & 1/11/18

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The school expects enrollment to go from about 450 to about 650 in the next few years.

Mr. Freitas said he was surprised to learn that three-quarters of the school is female. He met some older alumni who said there were only nine girls in the school when they attended decades ago.

"The kids seem to really like it," said Mr. Freitas. "It's an interesting school."

Fairhaven sends about a dozen students a year to BCAHS.

The board also met in executive session to discuss pending litigation in the case of Jonathan Alves, the police officer who was terminated in March of 2016.

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consistent program of bike safety in Mattapoisett schools. It is becoming more and more established that safety on the roads is a concerted effort of better engineering, better and more education, and better laws and enforcement of them. Supporters who advocate within our schools will be helping to create a great start for learning the rules of the road and being a savvy cyclist even before the kids get behind the wheel of a car.

And finally, we'd like a few more committee members added to our core group of Directors to help keep things running smoothly at our Harbor Days booth, to represent us at the Town, at statewide and regional advocacy organizations, South Coast Bikeway Alliance; MassBike.

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The Fairhaven police department received a variance for a request to place a 50-foot pole at Hoppy's Landing to improve communications. The maximum is 40 feet, requiring the variance.

Sgt. Kevin Kobza told the board that radio communications can be spotty on Sconticut Neck, and especially at town beach. He said lifeguards have expressed concern because of the spotty reception.

The board also approved a special permit requested by Mario and Gino Cabral, 375 Alden Road, to run a Beauty Parlor as a home occupation. Neither petitioner was present, but the board approved the request without discussion.

Also not present was Stephen Peitruska, 12 Goulart Memorial Drive, seeking a variance for a 236 square feet over the 700-square-foot maximum for an accessory structure. The garage will be placed near Goulart Memorial Drive on the west side of the property.

Abutter Fernando Lemos, who lives across the street, told the board he did not oppose the garage, but was concerned that the trees that act as a buffer would be cut down. He said he did not want to have to look at a huge garage.

The board approved the variance with the stipulation that a row of trees remain between the garage and the street. ●●●

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Tues., 2/6/18, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board Of Public Works

Mon., 1/11, Arsene St., 6 p.m.
Executive Session/Personnel

Conservation Commission

Mon., 1/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 1/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 1/24, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 1/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Health

Tues., 1/16, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Planning Board

Thurs., 1/18, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 1/23, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

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Saturday	13	0518	1741	----	1247
Sunday	14	0600	1821	0016	1334
Monday	15	0638	1859	----	1414
Tuesday	16	0716	1939	0011	1326
Wednesday	17	0755	2020	0046	1338
Thursday	18	0836	2101	0127	1411*
Friday	19	0916	2142	0211	1446*
Saturday	20	0957	2224	0253*	1521*
Sunday	21	1040	2310	0333*	1557*
Monday	22	1128	----	0415*	1638*
Tuesday	23	0002	1222	0504*	1727*
Wednesday	24	0055	1316	0606	1827*
Thursday	25	0148	1411	0716	1930*
Friday	26	0245	1513	0821	2030*
Saturday	27	0350	1621	0930	2135*
Sunday	28	0453	1720	1043*	2241*
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Tuesday	30	0636	1901	----	1240*
Wednesday	31	0725	1953	0039*	1338*

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Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge rescheduled

Press Release

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What? Annual Ft. Phoenix Polar Plunge

When? January 28, 2018 at 10 a.m. SHARP!

Where? DCR's Ft. Phoenix State Beach Reservation

Why? Net proceeds benefit scholarships in memory of Fairhaven's domestic violence victims. Part of the Dollars for Scholars / Scholarship America Program (charity navigator 4-star charity rating).

HOW MUCH? As usual, the Plunge is a free event. For your safety, we are requiring that you register for the plunge. You can register on Plunge morning from 9-9:45 a.m.

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- Donations of twenty-five dollars or

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- Shirts will be available on a first come/ first served basis.
- Shirts may be purchased at the Plunge

What do I bring? Bring towels, blankets and warm clothes to change into after the plunge. We highly recommend water shoes or old sneakers to protect your feet from rocks and cold. There are some unavoidable rocks in the area so be careful!

What will be available? Changing tents, Port-a-Johns, warming fire, and refreshments will be on hand.

Questions? Email Kathy at lopeska@aol.com

Directions to the plunge:

From the north: Rt 24 S to Rt 140 S to Rt 195 E. Take the Washburn St exit off of 195. Bear right off of the exit. Take a right at the first stop sign. Take a right at the first light (Coggeshall St.). Go over the bridge and up the hill and take a right at the light onto Main St. Go straight through one light and continue until you have to turn left.

(New Bedford harbor will be right in front of you.) Take the next right onto Fort St. Go all the way to the end. That is Fort Phoenix. Park and look for the crowd.

From the west: Rt 195 E. Take the Washburn St exit off of 195. Bear right off of the exit. Take a right at the first stop sign. Take a right at the first light (Coggeshall St.). Go over the bridge and up the hill and take a right at the light onto Main St. Go straight through one light and continue until you have to turn left. (New Bedford harbor will be right in front of you.) Take the next right onto Fort St. Go all the way to the end. That is Fort Phoenix. Park and look for the crowd.

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EPA Public Information Meeting New Bedford Harbor Site Update

Thursday, January 18, 2018 • 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

National Parks Building • 33 William Street • New Bedford, MA 02740

US EPA will hold a public meeting to update the public on the status of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site in New Bedford, MA.

Each agenda item will involve a short presentation by the project manager or EPA contractor and will leave time for public questions and answers.

Presenters will attempt to answer questions right away, however certain questions require additional follow-up and we will work to do so following the meeting.

Agenda:

ZaNetta Purnell, EPA

Welcome and Introductions

6:00 p.m. – 6:05 p.m.

Dave Lederer, EPA

Summary of 2017 and Look Ahead to 2018;

Subtidal Update, Upper Harbor

6:05PM – 6:25PM

Dave Dickerson, EPA

Aerovox Interim Cap

Shoreline Cleanup Update, Upper and Lower Harbor

6:25 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Chris Smith, EPA

Subtidal Dredging Update, Lower Harbor

6:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Questions and Answers

7:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

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