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

Nor'easter wreaks havoc across region



An Eversource crew works on restoring power after a huge tree knocked out power lines on Smith Street on Sciticut Neck in Fairhaven on Friday, 3/2. Another tree then fell in front of this one, also on 3/2. It took the town until Monday, 3/5, to clear the road, although power was restored on 3/2. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*

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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Judge Murray Gurfein, Pentagon Papers case, June 17, 1971:

"The security of the Nation is not at the ramparts alone. Security also lies in the value of our free institutions. A cantankerous press, an obstinate press, a ubiquitous press must be suffered by those in authority in order to preserve the even greater values of freedom of expression and the right of the people to know."



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Here we go again. Thank God for the last minute or nothing would ever get done.

We change the clocks this weekend. YIPPEE!! At 2 a.m. this Sunday it will suddenly become 3 a.m. The loss of that hour of sleep is worth it, though, because our daylight hours will stretch past 6 p.m.

I know there's been talk about getting rid of Daylight Savings Time, but I remember when we tried it in the 70s. President Jimmy Carter thought it would save energy. It ended up sending kids out waiting for the school bus in the dark and everyone had a hissy fit.

As much as I like the all-natural way in most things, I really love that extra hour of sunlight just popping up all of a sudden.

In any case, that decision is way beyond my pay grade, so I'll just enjoy the change.

The new storm has started already, even though we are still cleaning up from the last one. See pages 6, 12, 13, and 19 for some storm pics.

Thank you to the readers who called and let me know about trees down in their neighborhoods, and to those who sent me photos. I could not use them all, though. Sorry. But....my readers are the BEST.

I got out there with the camera on at least two days. This storm was just not giving up. That wind just kept pounding for three days. And even then it wasn't calm.

Now, we've got another one bearing down on us and a lot of trees that are weakened by the last one.

Stay safe out there, folks.

On another note...

Seabreeze Mini Mart sold a \$1 million scratch ticket. How cool is THAT? See page 10 for the story. The person who bought it is remaining anonymous, but that isn't stopping many in our little burg from insisting that they know who it is.

Well, I confess: I do not know who it is.

We have some meeting coverage for you this week. The FY19 recommended budget is online (see page 4). We've got lots of projects that need to get done in town. Kind of like at my house, except they have a bunch of money to do it.

The Zoning Board of Appeals had to nix two hearings because not enough members were present (see page 16). Really, people. That board meets once a month and it's the shortest meeting of all the boards I've ever covered. You can't make one meeting a month? Then you should resign and give someone who cares a chance to serve. We'll be doing a story soon on who has been showing up and who has not been showing up to those meetings.

Honestly, once a month?

Geesh.

Well, time to move to the next thing. Until next week then...
See ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Fish stories highlighted for Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month, and the Fishing Heritage Center and the are presenting three events to honor women in the fishing industry.

Mothers, Daughters, Wives

As part of our Women's History month exploration of Women in the Industry, we present Mothers, Daughters, Wives: Songs, Poems & Stories from Women in Fishing Families on Thursday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m., at the FHC, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford, as part of AHA night. Poet Charlotte Enoksen, singer Joanne Doherty, and Debra Kelsey will share their stories about the unique dynamics within fishing families and the role women have played in supporting those who work the sea, both at home and as advocates. This program is part of the Center's look at Women in the Industry during Women's History Month.

Fishing is part of the lives of so many families in our community yet many of us don't know what life is like for these families. The long hours, uncertain schedules, and time away from family impacts both crew and

those they leave on shore. Family life adjusts to the comings and goings of the fishermen. Charlotte Enoksen remembers her mother's advice was: "You do not talk to him about anything important the first day he's in or the day before he leaves. You have three days to deal with real life, but the other days he's transitioning." These women will offer a glimpse into the life of a fishing family.

Admission is free.

A Day in the Life of Crista Bank

As a part of our Women's History month exploration of Women in the Industry, we continue our A Day in the Life speaker series on Thursday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the FHC, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford, with SMAST fisheries scientist Crista Bank. Ms. Bank will share her story and discuss the cooperative research she is currently conducting with the commercial fishing industry.

Crista received her bachelor's degree in Marine Biology from UMass Dartmouth and spent the first part of her career teaching marine science at outdoor experiential education

programs in New England, Southern California, and the Florida Keys. She transitioned to working on board traditional sailing vessels and traveled from the Indian Ocean, around the Cape of Good Hope, across the Atlantic, and eventually landed in New Bedford working on the Schooner Ernestina where she earned her 100 ton Captain's license.

She continued her science career first as a fisheries observer, and then as a fisheries biologist at the School for Marine Science and Technology (SMAST) working on collaborative research projects with commercial fishermen studying cod, monkfish, and halibut. She received her Master's degree in Fisheries Oceanography from SMAST in 2016 and continues to collaborate with commercial fishermen from New England to North Carolina.

Admission to A Day in the Life is **free for members; \$5 for non-members.**

Dock-U-Mentary

The third program in our exploration of Women in the Industry is the documentary film *A Fish Story* on

FISH STORIES: cont'd on page 19

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The Friends of Millicent Library's Limerick contest is catching on.

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*If you haven't yet finished your entry,
Remember, the rhyme's elementary.*

Just pick up a pencil

Or other utensil

To create the poem of the century!

Enter as often as you like — all ages are welcome.

Deadline: March 29

Prizes will be awarded April 14



Entry form, rules and
helpful hints available at:

The Millicent Library
45 Center St., Fairhaven
friendsofmillicentlibrary@gmail.com
www.millicentlibrary.org

Selectboard reviews FY19 budget numbers

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Town Administrator Mark Rees submitted a recommended budget of \$48.9 million for Fiscal Year 2019 to the Selectboard, a 2.11% increase from last year's budget.

Mr. Rees said the only major change is the addition of a full time Conservation Agent/Sustainability Officer. The annual salary of the position will be \$75,000 when fully funded. For this year, \$50,000 has been budgeted because the position will not be filled until the fall when Building Inspector/Conservation Agent Wayne Fostin retires.

Free cash for FY19 was certified at \$4,194,238. The budget puts \$1,957,420 in reserve; uses about \$1 million for FY19 projects, and puts about \$840,000 into the capital stabilization fund, which is used for one-time capital projects, such as vehicles and large maintenance projects.

The budget meets the Selectboard's strategic goals, including maintaining a general stabilization fund of at least 5% of the general fund

operating budget. The balance of the stabilization fund as of 12/31/17 was \$2,950,272 or 6% of the FY19 recommended budget.

The recommended budget is structurally balanced, meaning it does not use one-time money for ongoing expenses.

Revenues include an increase of more than \$210,000 in state aid; local receipts and wind turbine revenue are also increasing this year, to the tune of nearly \$1.5 million, or 3.16% over last year. The budget projects that the wind turbines will result in \$100,000 in electricity revenue for FY19, a conservative estimate. In FY17, the WTs provided \$118,287 in electricity revenue or the town; so far in FY18, which ends in June, the turbines have generated \$98,318 in revenue as of 1/28/18, leading to a projection of \$168,545 for FY18 total.

The Police Department asked for an additional police officer and more hours for their custodian, which were not included in the recommended budget. The Fire Department asked for two additional firefighters/EMTs, which were also not included.

The PD budget increased by 4.2%, mostly because of salary increases negotiated by the union.

In his request for the additional officer Police Chief Michael Myers said that last year the department promoted an officer but did not fill the patrol position. The department left one School Resource Officer position vacant, putting additional pressure on the one SRO left, wrote the chief.

The Fire Department budget includes a 4.5% increase mostly due to collective bargaining agreement, but also includes some other costs in this year's budget, including \$32,000 for equipment.

The School Department budget is funded at the requested level of \$22,379,839, a \$604,143 increase, or 2.77% over last year's budget of \$21,775,696

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects include \$143,191 for the second year of lease payments for a 963 Loader in the public works department. After that payment, the town will own the vehicle.

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THE FAIRHAVEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Presents

FAIRHAVEN PILGRIM: JOHN COOKE

THE MAYFLOWER LAST SURVIVING MALE PASSENGER

by CHRISTOPHER RICHARD

Fairhaven Director of Tourism



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Change clocks



Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend YIPPEE!!!! Time will jump forward one hour beginning on Sunday, 3/11 at 2 a.m. So be sure to change your clocks, one hour forward, when you go to bed on Saturday. It's later than you think!

SPED Transition Fair

The Special Education and Transition Services Fair will be held on Tuesday Evening 3/27, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at Fairhaven High School

The Special Education Department of Fairhaven High School will provide and host an informational fair designed to clarify the needs of students with disabilities to improve their post-high school outcomes in the area of education.

All students who currently attend Fairhaven High School who have an active IEP as well as their families, guardians, teachers, administrators, service providers and others who enrich their lives are encouraged to attend.

Representatives from various colleges and agencies will be in attendance to explain the role of the Office of Disabilities at the colleges and to delineate the services that agencies offer for students. This includes UMASS, Northeast Maritime, the Department of Developmental Services, Job Corp., and the Mass. Rehabilitation Commission, just to name a few!

Please RSVP by Friday March 16, 2018 to: Ann Lacasse-Elliott alacasse-elliott@fairhavenps.net; Jacqueline Vernacchio jvernacchio@fairhavenps.net; Angela Allaire aallaire@fairhavenps.net; or call the school and ask to be connected to one of the teachers listed. Fairhaven High School: 508-979-4052

ALL students and their families are strongly encouraged to attend and benefit from this event.

Preschool Program

Fairhaven Public Schools is now accepting applications for its integrated Preschool Programs located at: East Fairhaven and LeRoy L Wood Elementary Schools

Applications and additional information can be found on the District's website at <http://www.fairhavenps.org>, or call 508-979-4000 Extension 117.

Millicent Book Club

On Thurs., 3/15, the Thursday morning book group invites you to come and share your opinion on the book "Alligator Candy" by David Kushner at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. The meetings are held at 10 a.m. in the Library's meeting room accessible through the Walnut Street entrance. The book is available at the Millicent Library or through the Library's web site, SAILS. Please call Norma Markey at (508) 993-3745.

Scholarship Apps

The Fairhaven Mothers' Club invites applications for two scholarships, each for \$1,000. The Fairhaven Mothers' Club Scholarship is for graduating high school seniors planning to study in any field. The Trowbridge/Whitfield Memorial Scholarship is for students planning to study in a medical field. Applicants must be residents of Fairhaven.

Applications are available from high school counselors and are due April 15, 2018.

The Fairhaven Mothers' Club raises funds for scholarships and for assistance to families in need from donations, from sales at the Old Time Holiday Fair, and from its annual spring party, to be held on April 17, 11 to 3, at Oxford Terrace.

No Irish Need Apply

Join us on Thurs., 3/15, at 4 p.m. for a special presentation at the Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave.

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, Chris Daley, local historian, author and lecturer, will present "No Irish Need Apply," a 90 minute slide lecture which examines the many facets of the early Irish experience in Boston.

The presentation begins in 1718

with the first arrival of Scottish-Irish immigrants, Pope's Day, the burning of the Ursuline Convent in 1834 in Charlestown, the Broad Street Riot in 1837 and the "Great Potato Famine,"

Discussion will also include Irish political leaders including Patrick Collins, Hugh O'Brien, Martin Lomasney, Patrick Kennedy and the "old Rascal King James Michael Curley."

Come early and enjoy refreshments with an Irish flair! Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to reserve your seat at 508-979-4029. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency.

John Cooke Lecture

Fairhaven's Pilgrim: John Cooke, Fairhaven Historical Society Lecture, **Fri., 3/16,, 7:00 p.m., Fairhaven Town Hall auditorium, 40 Center St., Fairhaven**

At the invitation of the Fairhaven Historical Society, Fairhaven's tourism director Chris Richard will speak about the Mayflower's last surviving male passenger John Cooke, the only Pilgrim to move to the Old Dartmouth territory. Cooke's homestead was located in what is now North Fairhaven. There will be a question and answer period following the lecture. Donation suggested. Accessible. For more information, email historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com.

FALPT Annual Mtg

The Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust, 2018 Annual Members Meeting, will be held on **Mon., 3/19, at 6:30 p.m., Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, in the downstairs auditorium.** Use Walnut Street entrance. Accessible.

15th annual Flashlight Egg Hunt

Join us for the 15th annual Flashlight Egg Hunt! Children will search for their eggs on the Recreation Center grounds, take pictures with the Easter Bunny and receive a special treat. Don't forget to bring your flashlight! **NO LATE**

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Got a little bit of weather, eh?



The construction fence gives in to punishing winds on Friday, 3/2, in the Plaza Way parking lot in Fairhaven, where construction continues on the new Big Lots store next door to the new Tractor Supply which just opened up in the old KMart space. The nor'easter packed a powerful wallop and socked the region with high winds, lots of rain, and big wave action. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David.

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WHOOEEEEEE!!!!



Bill Gallant of Lakeville, took advantage of high winds to go kite boarding at the beach on Causeway Road, West Island on Monday, 3/5/18, at around 3:30 p.m. The high winds and big gusts nearly turned out to be too much for Mr. Gallant, who had to switch to a smaller kite. Even then, the small kite (pictured here), pulled him off his feet right from the ground. But he was persistent, fixed the lines, grabbed his board, and headed into the cold water. The wind was clocking in at more than 20 MPH, although that reading came from elsewhere in Fairhaven and was probably low. It seemed to be closer to 30 MPH, with recorded gusts of up to 60 on that day. The temperature was in the low 30's, but the high winds made it feel much colder than that. Gale warnings were issued by the National Weather Service for Buzzards Bay. A gale force wind is 35 to 50 mph. ABOVE & BELOW: Bill Gallant of Lakeville flies high in the air while kite boarding at the Causeway Road beach on West Island on Monday, 3/5/18, with winds at least 20 MPH, gusts up to 60 MPH, air temperatures dipping well below freezing with the wind chill factor, and water temperature around 40 degrees.



Elder Abuse

Elder Abuse Prevention Presentation, Fri., 3/16, at 1:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Home, 359 Summer St., New Bedford By Bristol County District Attorney Tom Quinn. Committed to Preventing and Prosecuting Elder Financial Abuse

Come hear this important message on identity fraud, financial exploitation and scams, how to prevent them and where to report them if they occur.

Hosted by Sacred Heart Home & Our Lady's Haven. **RSVP by: Wed., 3/14**, to Bridget Sherrod 508-996-6751 ext. 121; or Lisa Grillo 508-999-4561 ext 3112. Light Refreshments served

Manjiro Story Ballet

Travel in time to 1841 as the New Bedford Youth Ballet performs "**Courage, Perseverance, and Trust: The Manjiro Story**," for its annual spring fundraiser on **Sun., 3/11**. At the New Bedford Ballet Community Theatre, 2343 Purchase St. in New Bedford. The first seating will be at 1:00 p.m. with a performance at 1:30 p.m., and the second seating will be at 2:30 p.m. with a performance at 3 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$12 for senior citizens and students and \$7 for children.

For more information, call the New Bedford Ballet at 508-993-1387 or visit www.newbedfordballet.org.

Choreographed by artistic director Rebecca Waskiel-Marchesseault, and set to traditional Japanese music, featuring Taiko Drum Ensemble, Joji Hirota and the Taiko Drummers, and Yamato Ensemble, this original historical ballet is based on the extraordinary life of Manjiro Nakahama.

As a poor, uneducated, shipwrecked Japanese boy, Manjiro was rescued by the whaling ship John Howland and taken to Fairhaven, Mass., by Captain William Whitfield, where he overcame significant cultural barriers while receiving a formal education.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit New Bedford Ballet's arts education and dance scholarship programs. There will be refreshments, including desserts and beverages. Local youth musicians will provide pre-show music.

Supported by grants from the

Mass. Cultural Council, the NBYB will also perform The Manjiro Story, for elementary school children and at the Whaling Museum and for the PACE Head Start Program.

The NBYB is a company of the New Bedford Ballet Foundation, Inc. Established in 1987, the foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote and present classical ballets, grant scholarships and educate the community about ballet. This production is sponsored by Colonial Shutterworks, Riccardi's Restaurant, Sid Wainer & Son, and PACE Head Start.

Public Skate

From Fri., 3/16 to Sun., 3/18, FMC Ice Sports will be hosting a weekend long St. Patrick's Day Public Skate event at **Hetland Arena, 310 Hathaway Blvd., New Bedford**. Have a shamrocking time at this special public skate, where you will have the chance to win prizes and giveaways. The times for the themed skate are listed below:

Fri., 3/16: 8-9:50 p.m.

Sun., 3/18: 2:10-4 p.m.

General admission is **\$5 per person and rental skates are available for an additional \$5 on a first-come, first-served basis**. For more information on this and other upcoming events, please visit the rink's official website, www.fmcicesports.com or call 1-888-74-SKATE.

Hetland Arena is a Commonwealth of Mass. public ice skating facility, overseen by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and managed by FMC Ice Sports.

Classic Movie Night

After successful movie showings during presentations in the summer and winter, the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center will continue the Mayor's Classic Movie Series, with **FREE** showings in March and April.

Two classic favorites will be shown on Saturday afternoons.

• **The Wizard of Oz: Saturday, March 10, at 2:00 p.m.**

• **Casablanca: Sat., April 28, at 2:00 p.m.**

The series continues to add another attraction to downtown New Bedford and offers the opportunity for moviegoers to see these fan favorites in a movie theater.

The public is invited to enjoy the following films, free of charge, at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase Street in New Bedford.

Bike Summit

The South Coast Bikeway Alliance (SCBA) is pleased to announce their **8th Annual Bike Summit will be held Thurs., 3/22 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Fort Taber Community Center, 1000A S Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford**. This year's summit focuses on "Closing the Gaps" and hopes to bring awareness to the numerous pathway projects, large and small, within the South Coast communities. Come learn how our neighbors to the north are collaborating to plan and fund trail connections across municipal boundaries and how we can advance our regional South Coast Bikeway projects.

All who bike, hike, walk or run are invited to join the SCBA for an interesting and informative evening as they celebrate recently completed South Coast Bikeway pathways in New Bedford and Fall River and share the latest news for planned projects in Dartmouth, UMass Dartmouth, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Wareham. Learn about the potential to link New Bedford and Fall River with a 3.5 mile greenway in the largely rural areas north of I-195.

A welcoming reception with exhibitors begins at 5:30 p.m. The speakers program begins at 6:00 p.m. and concludes at 7:30 p.m. All who have an interest in pathways for recreation, alternative transportation, promotion of tourism and economic development on the South Coast are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event. Light refreshments will be offered. Pre registration is appreciated. Visit <http://www.southcoastbikeway.com> and click on "events calendar"

Lagoa Sister City

Gathering of "Lagoenses" Lagoa's Sister Cities in the USA, on **Sat., 3/17. Social hour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6. Featuring a Portuguese dinner at Cotali Mar, 1178 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford; performance by David Loureiro. Ticket, \$35, includes choice of Fish or Chicken, soup, dessert and soft drinks. Call Maria, 508-997-7928 for tickets**

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Rummage sale!

Clothes, shoes, accessories, toys, bikes, household items, linens, knick-knacks, holiday & much more. Check out the "Boutique" in the conference room for new & special items. **Friday, March 16, 1-7 p.m. & Saturday, March 17, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Julie Billiard Church Hall, 494 Slocum Rd., Dartmouth, MA.**

Come find hidden treasures!

Bird Club Mtg.

The Paskamansett Bird Club's March meeting will take place at **7:30 p.m. Wed., 3/14, at the Community Hall of Friends Meeting, 739 Horse-neck Rd., in So. Dartmouth.** Free, open to the public, and accessible. Shaun Carey will speak about the birds of Tanzania.

East Africa evokes images of vast grasslands teeming with exotic animals. Enormous herds of wildebeests, zebras, antelopes, and gazelles graze under the watchful eyes of Africa's great predators. It is nature at its most wild.

Wildlife photographer Shawn Carey will take the audience on an adventure into the heart of Tanzania. Using a safari vehicle, we will drive into the country's spectacular national parks and see the "Big Five"—African Elephant, Black Rhino, Cape Buffalo, Lion, and Leopard—in all their glory. If you've ever dreamed of visiting East Africa and its incredible wildlife, this is a journey you'll never forget. And it may just have you planning your own African adventure.

Over the last 15 years, Shawn Carey's photos have appeared in publications around the country. He has been presenting programs and teaching workshops for local and national camera clubs, birding organizations, and at birding events since 1994.

Author Event

The Acushnet Public Library Welcomes "Invisible Courage" author Filomena Tripp. **Join us for an author talk on Mon., 3/19, at 6 pm. This free event will take place in the Library Community Room at 232 Middle RD, Acushnet, MA 02743.**

Born in 1955 in São Miguel, Azores with undeveloped arms and one undeveloped leg, struggle is all she

has ever known. A midlife catastrophe nearly destroyed her spirit and at the same time challenged her to find something wonderful about her life and more importantly, herself. Filomena reminds us to look deeply within and rediscover what has been hidden.

Invisible Courage is a moving testament to the power and resilience of the human spirit.

Books will be available for purchase and signing. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library.

Free Irish Music

Golden Lane: An Afternoon of Irish Traditional Music Just in time for St. Patrick's Day! Come to the **Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., on Sun., 3/11 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm** for a free performance by the Irish music group Golden Lane. Accessible.

The group is based in SE MA and features lively Irish traditional dance music (jigs, reels, etc.) as well as songs in English and Gaelic. The group encourages questions from the audience. Performers play on the fiddle, uilleann pipes, bodhrán (drum), whistle, and banjo.

Please register for this event (reservations appreciated but walk-ins welcome) by calling 508-758-4171 or emailing rsmith@sailsinc.org and provide the number of people attending and contact information.

Woman's Club

Have you heard of Memory Cafes? Do you know there are more than 63 Cafes in Massachusetts? Do you know there is one in our local community? So what is a memory Cafe?

Christine Voss, a Mattapoisett Woman's Club member as well as a volunteer at the Waterfront Memory Cafe in Marion, will answer that question during her presentation at the Mattapoisett Woman's club luncheon on Thurs., 3/15 at 11:00 a.m. at Reynard Hall located in the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett. If you are interested in this month's program about Memory Cafes or would like to become a member of our club, please join us.

If you have a loved one, neighbor or friend who is experiencing early or

moderate memory loss, this is a presentation you do not want to miss. The information you will hear will make a positive difference in the lives of people living with memory loss.

For more information, visit www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org or call Christine Voss at 508-758-3348 .

Beach Hikes

Wild, Wild Woodcock Walks: Sat., 3/10 5:15-6:30; Sat., 3/17 6:30-7:45

In late winter when the flower of the skunk cabbage begins to grow out of the Red Maple swamp, the American Woodcock returns to our forests and the adjacent field lands where they can be heard after sunset. A short-distance migrant arriving from their winter homes in the southeast United States, no bird is better to ring in the breeding season than the "Timberdoodle". Join us as we hear the bizarre peep of the woodcock and witness the woodcock's aerial display this March. Two Saturday evening walks are planned, each program meets at a different trailhead and time. On Saturday March 10 this a short jaunt and will start at Stone Barn Farm, 786 East Horseneck Rd, Dartmouth at 5:15. The following Saturday, March 17th, ring in St. Patrick's Day with a hike through the fields and up the Quansett Trail starting from the Field Station, 1280 Horseneck Rd, Westport starting at 6:30. **Both Programs are \$12 for Mass Audubon members and \$15 for non-members.** Registration is required. Call 508-636-2437

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Recipe of the Week

Linguine with Garlicky Kale and White Beans

8 oz. linguine
3 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
1/4 cup chopped fresh garlic
1/2 cup water
8 oz. chopped kale
15 oz. unsalted cannellini beans,
rinsed and drained
3/4 tsp black pepper, divided
1/2 tsp salt

Cook pasta according to package directions, omitting salt and fat. Drain in a colander over bowl, reserving 1/4 cup cooking liquid.

Heat oil and garlic in a large skillet over med. heat. When garlicky begins to sizzle, add 1/2 cup water and kale; cover and cook 5 minutes or until kale is tender, stirring occasionally. Add beans, 1/2 tsp pepper, and salt; cook for 1 minute or until thoroughly heated, stirring occasionally.

Add pasta and reserved 1/4 cup cooking liquid to pan; toss to coat. Sprinkle remaining 1/4 tsp pepper over pasta. Serve immediately.

This dish gets its flavor from loads of chopped, fresh garlic. Serve with toasted baguette slices and white wine.

From Cooking Light

Seabreeze sells \$1 million scratch ticket

By Beth David
Editor

Seabreeze Mini Mart and Coin Laundry on Main Street in Fairhaven sold a one-million-dollar scratch ticket last week.

Owner Golam Chowdhury said he found out while checking the Mass Lottery website, and that he had not yet been officially notified by the Lottery.

"I am very excited," said Mr. Chowdhury, adding he had just been joking with his wife about that very possibility. "We hoped someone would pick a number and make news in town. And now it is the news."

According to the Mass Lottery website, the ticket was the 19th million-dollar prize for the "Cashword" game. The prize was claimed by CD & CM Trust of Fairhaven, represented by attorney Heather Lynham of Fairhaven.

"No, I'm not rich," said Ms. Lynham in a phone interview.

She said she collected the prize on behalf of clients and would not give any information about them. She would not even say if they were Fairhaven residents.

"I can't give any details about the parties involved because their desire was to remain anonymous," said Ms. Lynham. "That's all I'm allowed to tell."

She laughed about the insistence by some that she bought the ticket,

and laughed even more at some social media posts by people who said they know her personally and know she claimed the prize for herself.

Ms. Lynham said the last time she bought a scratch ticket was months ago as a gift. The last time she bought one for herself was 15 years ago.

"It's nothing more than somebody coming and saying they won it, and would you do it for me so no one will know it's them," she said. "And I said, 'yes.'"

Then the Mass Lottery posted it and the phone calls started, she said.

She said the Lottery required a picture of someone holding a ticket and a check, so she let them take her picture.

The ticket in the picture is not the real one, it is an enlarged version of the same game.

According to the website, the winners opted for the cash option and received a one-time payment of \$650,000 (less tax withholdings).

Seabreeze will receive a \$10,000 bonus for selling the ticket.

One more \$1 million instant prize is still available in the \$10 "\$2,000,000 50X Cashword" instant game.

Seabreeze is located at 235 Main Street. Formerly Chris' Variety, the store and laundry were completely renovated by Mr. Chowdhury when he bought the store in 2011. They opened in October of 2012.

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Power nor'easter wreaks havoc, widespread power outages

By Beth David
Editor

A powerful northeast storm knocked out power for hundreds of thousands in Massachusetts last week. Striking on Thursday night and lasting well into the weekend, winter storm Riley, knocked down huge trees, took off roofs, and knocked down power poles all over New England. Extra large "moon tides" added to the drama, with waters of the Atlantic breaching seawalls everywhere. Locally, the West Island causeway saw some very deep flooding at the usually spot, the bottom of Causeway Road. Water

splashed over the causeway, impairing visibility, but most people drove through it anyway.

Wind gusts of 69 MPH were recorded on West Island, up to 89 MPH on Nantucket. Debris and floating docks were tossed around by wind and waves for three days.

The rain was heavy, dumping nearly three inches of rain locally on Thursday. Widespread power outages and big rains caused a lot of local flooding in basements and around town. The local fire departments were busy pumping out basements throughout the storm. Acushnet fire reported fielding dozens of calls during the storm to pump out basements.

According to the Acushnet Fire and EMS Facebook page, "Beginning Friday 3/2/18 at 1:30 p.m. through Sunday 3/4/18 at 11 p.m. the department responded to 86 requests for assistance. House fire, several carbon monoxide detectors, ambulance runs, pole fires and more flooded basements than we have ever seen!"

Acushnet opened the Senior Center as a warming center and stayed open all night on Saturday until 3 p.m. on Sunday. COA Director Heather Sylvia said that 15 to 20



people took advantage of the center to charge electronics and warm up. She said two people stayed overnight. By Sunday, they had one family left without power or anywhere to go. They went to a hotel, she said, then found out they had their power restored on Sunday evening.

On Smith Street in Fairhaven, neighbors were forced to drive across a lawn and "paper street" to get out. Two large trees fell across the Smith Street on Friday, 3/2, right near Scoticut Neck Road, blocking every single house on Smith Street.

According to residents, the road was not opened up until Monday afternoon. Eversource was on scene on Friday with line workers up in the air in high winds working on the poles. But the town's Tree Warden seemed to have difficulty with the

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TOP LEFT: The center of Fairhaven was not spared the wrath of the storm, taking down a large branch of this tree on the corner of Cottage and Laurel Streets. TOP RIGHT: Even with the worst of the storm over, flotsam continues to collect and get battered against the rocks at Earl's Marina in Fairhaven on Saturday, 3/3. The storm hit on Thursday evening, but packed its biggest punch on Friday, and lingered until Tuesday. LEFT: A floating dock gets washed up into a yard on Goulart Memorial Drive in Fairhaven during the storm on Saturday, 3/3. Jack's Cove Marina is completely washed out in the background. RIGHT: This stand of cedar trees at the corner of Winsegansett Avenue and Scoticut Neck Road came down in one fell swoop during the storm on Friday, 3/2. *Photos by Beth David.*

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task, with town public works workers and the Tree Warden Brian Bowcock, not able to free the street for three days.

As of press time on Wednesday most customers had their power restored, including all Cape Cod towns having fewer than 100 customers without power in each municipality. Closer to home, Marion hit the jackpot with 533 customers still without power on Wednesday, six days after the storm hit.

In Fairhaven all Eversource customers had power restored according to the outage map. Dartmouth still had eight without power; Wareham had four without power; Acushnet,

Rochester and Westport each had two customers waiting for power to be restored; Mattapoisett and New Bedford had one each.

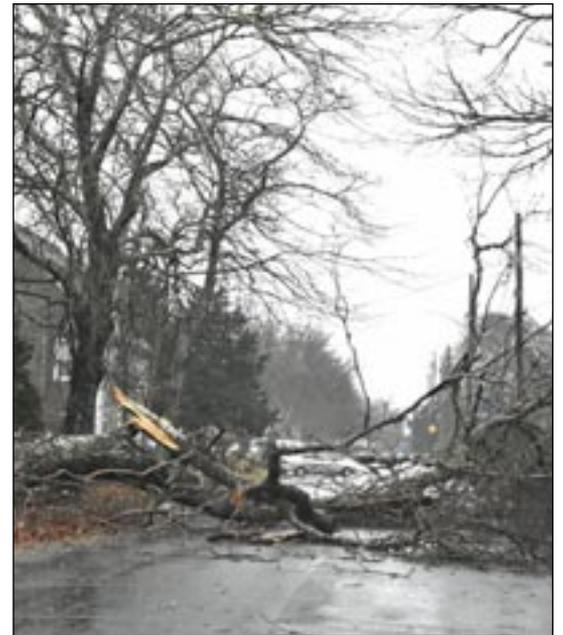
To check on outages, visit www.eversource.com and click on "Outages and Storms" at the top of the page.

The region was bracing for another nor'easter at press time, expected to hit on Wednesday night. Although predicted to be less severe than the last one, the wet ground and wind from the previous storm have left many trees vulnerable. ●●●

You're gonna need a bigger pump



Acushnet Fire & EMS posted this picture on Facebook with the comment: "This is serious basement flooding."



LEFT: The speed limit sign at the bottom of Causeway Road gets flipped by the high winds on Friday, 3/2, as the road gets washed out by the tide. MIDDLE: A children's playhouse on Balsam Street on West Island gets toppled by the wind. Photos courtesy of Marianne Brodo RIGHT: This tree on Ebony came down early in the storm on Friday, 3/2. Photo by Beth David.



"The town at its best! All cleaned up! Thank You!" wrote Kim Sylvia in an email on Saturday, 3/3, that accompanied these photos of a large tree that came down in the storm on Sycamore Street in Fairhaven. Photos courtesy of Kim Sylvia.

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Babysitting Class

This is a comprehensive 3-hour course for 11-14 year olds. Topics will include first aid, choke saving techniques, mealtime, bedtime, diapering, discipline, contracts and ethics. Pizza will be provided. Ages: 11-14 Date: March 12 Instructor: Beth Oleson Time: 5:30PM- 8PM Cost: \$50 Members \$55. Non members

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Special Activities

No Irish Need Apply

Thurs., 3/15 at 4:00 p.m. In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, Chris Daley, local historian, author and lecturer, will present "No Irish Need Apply," a 90-minute slide lecture which examines the many facets of the early Irish experience in Boston. Come early. Refreshments, with an Irish flair, will be served. Please call the Senior Center to reserve your seat, 508-979-4029

Legal Clinic

Attorney Suzanne Sequin is regularly available for a free private 15 minute consultation with seniors. Call Senior Center to make an appointment at 508-979-4029.

Free Food

Do You Qualify For Free Food From The Greater Boston Food Banks?

Fairhaven seniors, 60 and older and qualify financially, may be able to receive free non perishable groceries once a month. To see if you qualify and for more information, call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 and ask for Anne Silvia.

Bereavement Educational Support Group

Pathways through Grief will be held on Mondays for six weeks, March

19th through April 23th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center. This educational Program will help adult participants to gain skills to cope with challenges of grieving.

If interested in attending, please contact Bereavement Coordinator John Rider at 508-324-1900 extension 104. This program will be offered at no cost and will be limited to no more than 12 participants.

Easter Dinner

Fairhaven Seniors are invited to join us for Easter Dinner on Easter Sunday April 1st at the Fairhaven Senior Center from 11:30-1:00 p.m. Menu will include baked ham, cheese potatoes, glazed carrots and rolls. Assorted pies will be donated by Our Lady's Haven. Transportation can be provided. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 to reserve your seat.

IT Lessons

The Fairhaven IT Department will be holding classes for seniors interested in learning how to use an iPad, Smartphone, Chromebook, Tablet, Laptop and Facebook. Learn to be a smart shopper on the internet or learn to organize your phone videos and pictures. FREE. Call 408-979-4025

Ongoing Programs

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ZBA continues half the hearings due to lack of members

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals was forced to continue two of its four meetings on Tuesday, 3/6, due to the absence of board members. The board needs five members for a quorum, and four positive votes for a petition to pass. And although there were five members present, two had conflicts and would have been forced to recuse themselves, leaving only four members for those two petitions.

Absent from the meeting were: members Joseph Borelli, Francis J. Cox, Jr., and associate members Jaime DeSousa, and Alberto B. Silva.

Present were: Chairperson Peter DeTerra, who had a conflict with one hearing because he is a neighbor; Ruy daSilva, who had a conflict because his business is an abutter to the petitioner; Peg Cook; Daryl Manchester; Kenneth Kendall.

Another public hearing was also continued because the petitioner was not present.

The one hearing that was heard was also continued.

Richard Tavares appeared in front of the board looking for a special permit to finish off a basement to create an in-law apartment at his house at 33 Charity Stevens Lane.

Mr. Tavares had plans to finish off a basement and add a kitchen area and bath so his father-in-law can move in.

Board member Peg Cook read a letter from health agent Mary Freire-Kellogg advising against the addition. In the letter, Ms. Freire-Kellogg said that the septic system was designed for a three-bedroom residence, and the house already has three bedrooms.

Mr. Tavares said the system was not even a year old. He asked what would happen if he had more children, or if he eliminated the bathroom or the bedroom.

Mr. DeTerra explained that the law goes by bedrooms, not bathrooms or the number of people living in a house. The calculations are based on two people per bedroom, estimates of how much water is used, etc.

The addition of the in-law apartment would add a bedroom, explained Mr. DeTerra, because it

adds living space.

Mr. Tavares would have to make his septic system larger.

Mr. Tavares said they were just trying to help out his father-in-law who "fell on bad times."

They have owned the home for eight months.

In the end the board voted to continue the hearing for two months, to give Mr. Tavares time to get an engineer to look at the system and give an estimate on expanding it for the extra bedroom. The board also told Mr. Tavares that he could withdraw the petition at any time and would then be able to resubmit it at any time. If the board votes against it, he would have to wait two years to resubmit.

The hearing for Paul and Karen Goodhue, looking for a Special Permit for an in-law apartment at 1 Hidden Drive, was continued because Mr. DeTerra is a neighbor and he would have been required to recuse himself, leaving the board with only four members.

The continued hearing for Patrick

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Acushnet Selectboard reviews drafts of Town Meeting articles

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard reviewed draft proposals for the 54 articles slated for the Town Meeting warrant. Among the articles are a snow and ice deficit article, an article by the housing authority for siding and an alarm, and an article to make the Town Clerk position appointed versus elected.

Chairperson Kevin Gaspar asked who submitted the warrant for the Town Clerk and Mr. Noble replied, "Selectman [Roger] Cabral."

"Interesting," was Mr. Gaspar's response.

Mr. Noble continued that a lot of communities are now taking that approach. He then continued with reviewing the articles and stated for now they are rough draft numbers and the Board does not have to be married to the numbers.

Mr. Gaspar said he would like to see department heads condense their articles with real numbers so the Board can review a more solid number at a future meeting.

The Planning Director, Henry Young, was also in attendance to be heard on a letter he sent on behalf of the Planning Board to ask for Town Counsel in an appeal situation that the Board is in.

Mr. Gaspar started by saying because they were in litigation he did not want to divulge much about the planning board issue; however he did say that the Planning Board approved a subdivision that included Town Water and Sewer, which is really up to the Selectboard to decide.

"An appeal was filed," Mr. Gaspar said, "And that's the situation we are in now."

Mr. Gaspar said it was not the intention of the Selectboard to sue Planning Board members individually.

"That's never happened while I've been here, and if that's what you're worried about, I don't see that happening," he said.

Mr. Gaspar also said that he believed the Selectboard should get their town attorney to review the letter before they make the decision to give the Planning Board right to seek legal counsel.

Mr. Cabral asked that Mr. Gaspar

allow Mr. Young to comment.

"Absolutely," Mr. Gaspar said, "when I'm finished."

Mr. Young stated that he was speaking on behalf of the Planning Board and that were asking for legal representation to defend their actions. Mr. Young did state they had to reply to the appeal by March 25, 2018.

Mr. Cabral said it was very unfortunate where the two boards are at this time and he felt that the Selectboard needed to seek their own Town Counsel and make a decision to resolve or allow counsel to the Planning Board at their request.

Mr. Gaspar said it was a lesson for all department heads and that no department head has a right to act on behalf of the Selectboard as they are

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the Water and Sewer Commissioners of the Town.

"Do you understand?" Mr. Gaspar asked of Mr. Young.

"Yes, sir," Mr. Young said.

Mr. Gaspar said he felt it was a communication problem that got them all in the situation they were in.

Mr. Cabral interrupted to say that he felt that Mr. Gaspar started off by saying he did not want to discuss the situation too much because of litigation, and he felt they were discussing too much detail. Mr. Cabral said he felt that it was inappropriate that the Planning Board could not get counsel's advice and he would hope the Boards could resolve the situation without attorneys.

"Too late," Mr. Gaspar said.

In other business, the Selectboard heard from Heather Sylvia on her FY19 budget for the Council on Aging.

Ms. Sylvia said it was basically housekeeping needs. She explained

their janitor was hired at 35 hours, but the budget never reflected the total amount needed to fund those 35 hours. She said the van driver, who was hired for 19 1/2 hours, was also not properly funded.

Town Administrator Brian Noble stated that they have always worked those hours, the budget just reflected less because they were hired mid-year.

The Selectboard also heard from EMA Director Jerry Bergeron who explained the COA's warrant article request for \$125,000. He stated that the COA was looking to bring the building up to compliance to become a full shelter versus a warming center as it is presently.

Mr. Bergeron explained it would require adding showers compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and a generator that can handle the whole building.

Mr. Cabral asked for more detail on what the specific costs would be for the bathrooms versus the generator.

Lastly, Town Clerk Pamela LaBonte advised the Selectboard that ALL Acushnet Voting Polls have been moved to Acushnet Elementary School in the gymnasium, in the back. Ms.

LaBonte also asked for a one-day permit to allow the use of "feather flags" on voting day to help with drawing attention to the polls. She explained that "feather flags" were a violation of the Town's Zoning Bylaws.

The Selectboard approved the request.

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Picking up the pieces



LEFT: A worker from West Island Seafood/Taylor Cultured Seafood picks up a piece of their operation on Tuesday, 3/6, that got tossed up against the West Island Causeway from the powerful northeast storm that hit last week (see page 12). RIGHT: The guys pick up a tire that also got washed ashore, just to be good neighbors. Photos by Beth David.

FISH STORIES: cont'd from page 3

Friday March 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Theater, 33 William St.

A *Fish Story* is the tale of two women who lead their communities in a battle for control of the ocean. Angela Sanfilippo of Gloucester, Mass., and Shareen Davis of Chatham, Mass. were born into fishing families and married men who continue to make a living from the sea. Fishing defines who they are and has sustained their communities for generations. But their way of life is threatened when a powerful coalition of national environmental groups file a lawsuit that could put hundreds of fishermen out of business. Three hundred years of fishing tradition and the health of the ocean hang in the balance.

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of the environment collide.

Produced and directed by Courtney Hayes and Tim Gallagher, this film premiered in January 2007. Shareen Davis and her daughter, Morgan Eldredge, will participate in a post-film discussion and address the changes the commercial fishing industry has undergone over the last decade.

This program is free and open to the public.

Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center.

To learn more about the park: call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, or visit www.nps.gov/nebe. To learn more about the FHC, call 508-993-8894 or visit www.fishingheritagecenter.org



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Notes from the Visitors Center

by Chris Richard

Director of Tour

March 2018

Greetings.

Now that March is here, things are really picking up as far as plans for the upcoming season. Before going into that, I'll recap a couple of things I mentioned last month.

First, I'll be giving a lecture on Fairhaven's Pilgrim John Cooke at the Town Hall on Friday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m. This is sponsored by the Fairhaven Historical Society. A donation at the door is suggested. If you're interested in learning what we know and what we don't know about John Cooke — one of the region's earliest settlers from Europe, and the longest surviving male passenger of the Mayflower voyage — come to the Town Hall on March 16. The auditorium is handicap accessible.

I also mentioned last month that I have started promoting the Office of Tourism's new Huttleston Marketplace, which will take place on the lawn of the Visitors Center every Saturday this summer. Booth space is available either by the week at \$20 a week or for the whole 12-week season for \$150, which brings the price down to just \$12.50 a week, an unbeatable deal, really. Besides the categories for vendors I mentioned last month, I have added "local authors." So far I have a number of crafters signed up, a Fairhaven farmer (Widemarsh Farm) with fresh produce, a local author, and some folks with antiques and collectibles. You can find the list of vendors, information, and application forms on the tourism website at <http://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace/>.

This month I have started lining up programs for the fourth season of Monday Morning Fun, which will take place in July and August at the Visitors Center. If you haven't heard about it, is a series of programs aimed at children 5 to 12 and their parents and guardians.

On each of the eight Monday Mornings there will be lawn games, water sprinklers, face painting, etc. from 9:00 to about 11:30. Along with

those activities there is a different fun and/or entertaining guest program each Monday at 10:00. This year's season will begin Monday, July 2, with a visit from the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center with a program called "All About Scallops." I've also arranged for disc jockey Ken Souza to return with musical fun on July 16. Other plans are in the works, including new programs and returning favorites.

I've been putting together a list of summer events to submit to one of the local newspapers for its special summer edition. In the process of doing that I got the dates for the FHS Alumni Association's tours of Fairhaven High School. Once again Alumni Association president Bob Foster will guide these free tours of the "Castle on the Hill." On the day of the Homecoming Day Fair there will

tickets may be purchased, noting whether advance reservations are needed; Name of Sponsoring Organization, Contact telephone number (to be published) for additional information (listings will not be accepted unless they include a contact phone number); Handicap accessibility; Email address (to be published) for more information; Website url or Facebook or Twitter url.

Those event listings get submitted to local and regional media, are posted on the Office of Tourism website, and sometimes appear in paid advertising. I also share them on Facebook. There is no charge for this service. You just have to mail or email the listings to me. I do not take information on events over the phone because errors can creep in that way. I must have them in writing.

If you drop off the listings in person, you can also visit the museum. In fact, you can come and visit the Historical Society's museum even if you're not dropping off something. Any time the Office of Tourism is open, the museum is open. I understand the Society will be mounting an exhibit about West Island for the summer season. Right now last year's exhibit of photos related to Captain Joshua Slocum is still up. And lots of other interesting artifacts, artwork, and photos

from Fairhaven past.

Beth David just phoned to say she needs this column right away because she needs to get the paper finished up early this week so she can go to one of the candidates nights. So, I'll wrap this up. If it's not long enough to fill the page, Beth can pull out a pithy quote to fill space. . .

As always, please feel free to pass along your comments or suggestions. You can contact me via email at FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov, by calling 508-979-4085, or by stopping by the Visitors Center, 141 Main Street. The hours of the Office of Tourism are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with a half-hour break around noon. There are some reserved parking spaces in the high school lot closest to the Academy Building. ●●●

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be two tours, one starting at 10:00 a.m. and the other at noon. Then on the next three Fridays, July 6, July 13, and July 20, there will be tours at 10:00 a.m. only. Last year more than 350 people got to tour the high school on Bob's tours. Make a note of those dates if you or your friends want to go.

While I'm on the subject of that list, any groups that are sponsoring public events this summer should get their information to me as soon as possible. I need the following details for each listing: Name of Event; Day(s) and Date(s); Time; Location, including the street address; Description of event, which can include performers' names, menu, activities, etc. (If the event is a benefit/fund-raiser the beneficiary should be mentioned.); Admission price, if any (If admission is free, please state that.); How/where

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J. Carr seeking an after-the-fact Special Permit for a fence higher than six feet was continued because Mr. daSilva's business is an abutter, and he would have been required to recuse himself, leaving the board with only four members.

The board also continued a hearing for petitioner Scot Carvalho seeking to variances for an accessory building at 54 Oliver Street because no one was there to speak on the proposal.

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BUDGET: cont'd from page 4

CIP spending for this year also includes \$505,000 to upgrade to fiber optics for town departments; \$350,000 for roadwork; \$252,000 for the Rogers School building, which includes money to mothball the building and hire a consultant to help the town secure grants; \$283,000 for the Fairhaven High School Gymnasium Dehumidification Project; \$200,000 to replace the HVAC system in the Senior/Recreation center building;

Total CIP projects for this year total \$2,258,191, with \$1,054,191 coming from free cash and the rest from other sources, which include \$216,000 from the overlay surplus fund, \$275,000 in grants, and \$713,000 in borrowed funds.

The Selectboard will discuss the budget at its next meeting. Both the Selectboard and the Finance Committee will make their recommendations on the budget to Town Meeting, which ultimately has the final say in how money is spent.

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Conservation Commission

Mon., 3/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Mon., 3/12, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 3/8, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 3/22, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 3/29, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 3/13 Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Rogers School Study Comm

Mon., 3/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 3/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Town Clerk Study Comm.

Mon., 3/12, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Agricultural Commission

Thurs., 2/22, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Historical Commission

Tues., 3/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Room

Public Safety Comm

Wed., 3/14, Town Hall, 10 a.m.

Selectboard & School Com

Tues., 3/13, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

School budget meeting with FinCom, School Comm, town accountant

Selectboard

Tues., 3/20, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

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	March 2018	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	8	0024	1249	0536	1743
Friday	9	0117	1341	0647	1847
Saturday	10	0209	1436	1008	1952
Sunday	11	0406	1639	----	1206
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Monday	12	0510	1741	----	1250
Tuesday	13	0605	1829	0040	1326
Wednesday	14	0648	1909	0003	1320
Thursday	15	0726	1946	0034	1303
Friday	16	0804	2024	0109	1332
Saturday	17	0843	2105	0148	1408*
Sunday	18	0925	2146	0231*	1449*

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Tuesday, March 20, 2018	Last Name: A-J
Wednesday, March 21, 2018	Last Name: K-R
Thursday, March 22, 2018	Last Name: S-Z

Entrance age Kindergarten: Any child, resident of Fairhaven, who turns age five (5) on or before August 31, 2018 is eligible to register for Kindergarten.

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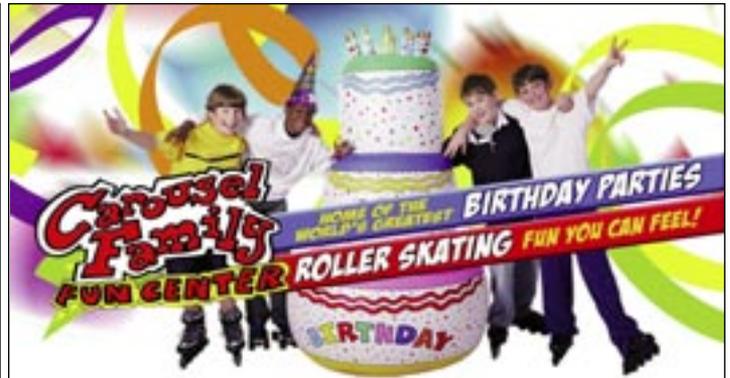
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