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## Snowstorm socks region



Several people and one not-so-helpful dog dig themselves out on Bonney Street in Fairhaven on Tuesday afternoon, 3/13, after a snow-packed nor'easter abated a bit. Snow was still coming down around 4 p.m., and it was still pretty windy, but the blizzard-like conditions were mostly over. Snow continued until around 7 p.m. on Tuesday. Warm temperatures on Wednesday melted snow in the streets, but the large piles from so much snow will linger for awhile. See page 19 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Oh this storm was lovely, but it really messed up my game.

I have two wonderful rants that dovetail nicely with each other. Unfortunately, I don't have time to actually write them up.

Alas, they will keep until next week.

We all got some sad news in the last few days. Cynthia "Cynn timer" McNaughten died last week, just a few weeks short of her 90th birthday, and she will be missed very much.

Cynn timer was one of the few people who could really engage about the obscure and the ridiculous and all other manner of the nuances of English grammar.

She would take out her red pen and mark up the errors, and go over each line, unabashedly.

It took a couple of years, but she finally figured out that my goofs are largely typos, and although some are truly cringeworthy, she tried to joke about them with me instead of...well, doing what she usually did.

When I first started the paper 13 years ago, it wasn't long before I learned that "Overtown" was New Bedford. As I recall from the reader who first told me about it, it was on the buses a few decades ago. So, I started using "Happenings in Overtown." Made sense to me. It was Cynn timer at, quite possibly, our first encounter, who told me it was not IN Overtown, it was just "Overtown."

She was good, she really was. I mean, who would even KNOW that?

She was a researcher who loved history and loved to talk about it, and remembered, it seemed, every single fact she ever uncovered.

She wasn't shy about making her opinion known, and she was, simply put, a lot of fun to talk to.

She would scoot up to the West Island Improvement Association breakfasts by herself, never shy about being alone, and never alone for long.

She had a no-nonsense attitude that got her into trouble sometimes, too.

We also lost Arthur Moniz recently. Arthur was a Fairhaven resident who was very well known for his paintings depicting local scenes. I did not know Arthur, but I certainly knew his work.

Both of these Fairhaven residents left their mark in our little corner of the world. Cynn timer's was more behind the scenes, with her research being used by others.

But both made valuable contributions and will be missed by more than their family and friends.

We have lots of good storm coverage in this week's issue. This was a bona fide blizzard in many communities around us, although Fairhaven and Acushnet didn't quite make it to that level. But, man, it sure felt that way.

Be sure to notice who our advertisers are as you thumb through looking for all those good snowstorm pictures, and tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*. See ya,

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our cover photograph caption in last week's issue, we made an error. Although Smith Street did get power back on Friday as we reported, it went out again when the second tree came down and was not fully restored until Tuesday, because tree was not cleared until Monday afternoon. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

# Selectboard supports project at Little Bay Conservation area

By Beth David  
Editor

The Selectboard received quite a bit of comment from the public on a proposed Eagle Scout project in Little Bay at its meeting on Monday, 3/12.

Alex Sylvaria told the board that he wanted to work on the old stone building near the parking lot at the end of Little Bay Road, which is also along the Little Bay extension of the bike path.

Mr. Sylvaria said he wanted to remove the roof, which has mostly collapsed, clean up the building and site, and add picnic tables and a bike rack. The Building Commissioner has deemed the structure sound, and the Board of Public Works has already approved the project. Mr. Sylvaria said he wanted to start this spring, but it depends on the Boy Scout council, which has to approve the project.

All three selectboard members voiced support for the project.

Mr. Sylvaria also said he would ask for various groups to donate portions of the project. He will consult with the Conservation Commission to make sure he plants only native species.

Sallie Lou Johnson spoke against the plan, telling the board that she was not

against the work itself, but simply felt that the vandalism in that spot has never been properly addressed. She said she felt that all his hard work would quickly be destroyed. She said there was graffiti, and that signs and other town property had been stolen or destroyed, and the parking lot and Little Bay Road have never been maintained.

She said Highway Department Superintendent John Charbonneau made it clear he had no intention of continuing to repair the fence.

Although there are "no dumping" signs, there is plenty of dumping going on she said.

"I'm not against this," said Ms. Johnson. "I'm just wondering how long it's going to last."

She said the vandalism has been terrible for 22 years.

"It's really sad," said Ms. Johnson, adding that the vandals come out of the woods, so no one sees them. "It just doesn't seem like it's a wise choice."

She said if they try to lock it up, it will just be a challenge to the vandals. If the police would patrol there more often, she said, it might help.

Frank Coelho said that enforcement might help, but there had to be follow-

through. He noted that police issued a ticket for dumping in the area that had never been paid.

"You can't fault the police. They did their job," said Mr. Coelho, but the ticket has been "sitting there" since 2012.

He said he supported the idea, and wanted the town to save the old stone building. He said he believed it was an historic building and the town could not afford to build one like it now.

Mr. Coelho is also chairperson of the Marine Resources Committee and said the MRC also supported the idea.

Board of Public Works chairperson Mike Ristuccia also spoke in favor of the project. He said his committee supported it and offered to help in any way they could.

He said the town could set up surveillance cameras.

"It only takes a few to get caught to stop it," said Mr. Ristuccia.

Selectboard member Daniel Freitas said he felt that when a problem property is cleaned up, people show respect for it. He said they could also ask the police department to step up enforcement.

Ms. Johnson said she believed that

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Join us for a meaningful service when we remember how Jesus met with his friends on the night before he died and celebrated Communion with them. Then listen and watch as we contemplate Jesus' passion and journey to the cross while candles are extinguished one by one.

**Good Friday • March 30 • Noon-3:00 PM**  
in the Sanctuary

**Personal Meditation/Prayer Time**

Our sanctuary will be open for anyone who wants to spend a portion of this time in meditation and prayer.

**Easter Sunday • April 1 • 10:00 AM**

Join with us to sing out "Christ is Risen" as we celebrate the resurrection in song, prayer, and scripture.

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young people are too smart and they would see the cameras.

"We don't know if it is young people," said Selectboard member Charles Murphy. "It could be middle-aged people."

"Okay, vandals," said Ms. Johnson.

"If we let the vandals win and we just do nothing, then who is the winner?" said Mr. Murphy

"I don't agree with you, sir," said Ms. Johnson, noting that the problem has been going on for 22 years

Selectboard chairperson Bob Espindola said that if Mr. Sylvaria was willing to put in the effort, then the board should support it. He said he agreed that "sprucing up" the property would help to dissuade people from vandalizing it.

"We can't let the vandals take over," said Mr. Coelho.

The board voted unanimously to support the project. Mr. Sylvaria will meet with them again before he starts to go over the details.

There was also a bit of discussion on the Town Clerk Study Committee's decision to recommend changing the Town Clerk from an elected to an appointed position.

Committee chairperson Ann Richard told the board that they had just decided that evening, within minutes of the Selectboard meeting, so they did not have a report prepared. She asked to be placed on a future agenda to discuss their findings.

Ms. Richard said her committee did a lot of research and she wanted to make sure it was all in a report they could look at before they discussed the vote, which was split at 5-3.

Mr. Freitas said his mind had not changed, that he was against the position being appointed because voters will lose their voice. He said if voters are not happy with the job a Town Clerk is doing, they can vote him or her out.

"We're not ready tonight," said Ms. Richard.

TC Committee member Bernard Rodericks told the board that he was sure there would also be a "minority report" for them to read.

When Mr. Coelho tried to give his opinion, he was stopped by Mr. Espindola who said the public would be able to comment at a future meeting.

"When you were sitting on this side, you said they never let you speak," said

Mr. Coelho, noting a campaign issue of Mr. Espindola's when he ran for office the first time.

The two spoke over each other for a bit, with Mr. Espindola saying the public would get a chance at the next meeting.

Mr. Freitas said it was "just an appointment" to find out what was going on.

The agenda item was under appointments with 15 minutes allotted for it.

Mr. Coelho did manage to get a complaint in about the online survey, though, saying one of the sections made no sense, before the board closed discussion and the TC Committee left.

The board was also supposed to hear from Matthew Loo about his proposed oyster farm in Shaw's Cove, which garnered strong opposition from abutters when it first went before the board. Mr. Loo withdrew his request due to a decision by the Marine Resources Committee to set up a designated area for aquaculture. Mr. Loo will be able to resubmit his application and will get preference.

Robert "Hoppy" Hobson was also scheduled to meet with the Selectboard to appeal a decision by the Harbor-

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## AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

### John Cooke talk

On Fri., 3/16. See ad on page 4

### 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.

### 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, and more.

**Please RSVP by Friday March 16, 2018 to:** Ann Lacasse-Elliott [alacasse-elliott@fairhavenps.net](mailto:alacasse-elliott@fairhavenps.net); Jacqueline Vernacchio [jvernacchio@fairhavenps.net](mailto:jvernacchio@fairhavenps.net); Angela Allaire [aallaire@fairhavenps.net](mailto: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.

### Addams Family

Fairhaven High School Drama presents the musical "The Addams Family" at the FHS Performing Arts Center, 12 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, **Thurs.-Sat., 3/22-24, at 7 p.m. and Sun., 3/25, at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$15/adults; \$12/students & seniors.** For tickets, visit the box office, open

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**Fri., 3/23 at 6:30 p.m.; Sat., 3/24, at 2:30 p.m., at HMS auditorium, 30 School St., Fairhaven. Accessible. Adults: \$8; children and students, \$5.** Doors open 30 minutes before show time. Directed by Hastings' own Annie Pegg and Monica Landis.

For information please call Monica Landis, 508-979-4063, Ext. 2037.

### 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 REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO WALK-INS NIGHT OF THE EVENT.** Fri., 3/23, Time 7:30pm **Cost \$5 per child Ages 10 and under Deadline to register is Tues., 3/20. Rain or Shine**

### Rotary News

The Rotary of Fairhaven welcomes anyone who is interested in learning more about Rotary & Service to attend our first "Brown Bag Project" **Thurs., 3/22, at 4:30 at the meeting room at The Millicent Library, 45 Center St.** Use Walnut St. entrance. This is a family community event, all are welcome.

#### Announcing Our New President

The Rotary of Fairhaven announces that Pattie Pacella just attended a 3 day Seminar in Framingham, MA with Rotary International, for her upcoming Presidency with the Rotary of Fairhaven beginning July 1, 2018. Three days of intense training on leading a successful Rotary club, she is looking forward to her new role and

hoping to inspire more Service in/around Fairhaven.

### Candidates Night

The West Island Improvement Association will hold its annual candidates' night on **Wed., 3/28, at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30) at the WIIA Community House, 41 Causeway Rd., Fairhaven.** Refreshments will be served. Come share your views and listen to the issues. Be sure to VOTE on Monday, 4/2!!

### Limerick contest

April is National Poetry Month, and the Friends of the Millicent Library are celebrating with a limerick contest. You don't have to be a poet or a Fairhaven resident to enter. If you can follow basic limerick rules, which you'll find on the back of the entry form, you're welcome to enter as often as you like.

Entries will be judged in age categories, with special categories for limericks based on current events and those about Fairhaven. The judges (who will not know the identities of the poets) are Janice Randall, Maggi Peirce, and Chris Richard. Children and young adults are especially encouraged to enter.

Entry forms are available at the Millicent Library, the Rec Center, the Senior Center, on the library website ([www.millicentlibrary.org](http://www.millicentlibrary.org)), or by email at [friendsofmillicentlibrary@gmail.org](mailto:friendsofmillicentlibrary@gmail.org). **Deadline is March 29.**

Prizes will be awarded at a party on April 14, 1 p.m., featuring music by ukulele artist Cal Wingate. Winners will read their limericks, and you're welcome to attend even if your muse didn't inspire you to enter.

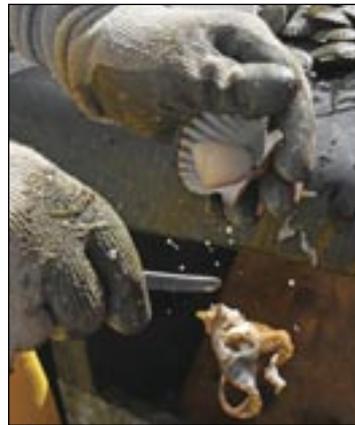
### SAVE THE DATE

#### NFIA Easter Egg Hunt

**Sat., 3/31, 9:00 a.m., Livesey Park, Glenhaven Ave., Fairhaven. FREE**

Annual Easter egg hunt with separate areas for children in different age groups. Find candy eggs in the park and playground and look for specially numbered wooden eggs that can be redeemed for prizes. Visit and take photos with the Easter Bunny. Raffles. Sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. For more info email [silverado504@msn.com](mailto:silverado504@msn.com) or call Jeff at 508-990-3534.

# Bay Scallops a special treat after storms



We may be giving out fishing secrets here, but, it's our job to tell the unflinching truth no matter how painful. Lots of people know that bay scallops often get washed up closer to shore after a big storm, especially after a big nor'easter in these parts. So last week, after the two nor'easters we had so close to together, Robert "Hoppy" Hobson caught his limit, although he was rather vague about exactly where he went to get them. Then he gathered up a couple of friends to shuck them. Anyone with a recreational shellfish permit (a license to dig quahogs) in Fairhaven is also allowed to get a bushel of bay scallops a week from November to March. ABOVE, L-R: On Sunday, 3/11, Russ, Al and Hoppy get to work shucking a bushel of bay scallops caught after a couple of nor'easters last week. Hoppy expected to get about eight pounds of meats after shucking. RIGHT: Al shows how he removes the dark membrane from around the scallop, revealing the tasty little morsel known as a "bay scallop." (YUM). *Photos by Beth David.*

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# Local author shares his story of addiction, recovery

By Beth David  
Editor

Allen Lentini is not shy about admitting that his life was in a rut. On the surface, it all looked good: His own successful business, a nice house, a good relationship with a woman.

But, something still wasn't right. He was drinking every night, a lot. Still, the drinking itself did not cause problems, he said.

"I was a happy drunk," said Mr. Lentini.

Then addiction took the life of his girlfriend Simone.

"I was going nowhere," said Mr. Lentini, just work, then home alone drinking. "Life was passing me by."

After Simone died, he decided he did not want to support an industry that killed his fiance.

So he cleaned up his act, turned to his religion to help him do it, then turned to helping others. He said his pastor asked him to lead discussions on how the bible could help people beat addiction, and he did. At some point, those lessons became the basis for his book, *The Bible's Answer to Addiction*.

When his pastor asked the

congregation how many people were affected by addiction, every single hand went up.

Addiction is a "plague upon the community," said Mr. Lentini. "This book is my way to engage the drug war."

Writing a book was never on his "bucket list," he said, and he wasn't sure he could do it. But, now that he did, he's working on another.

"It was a way to get those sorrows out of my own life and do something positive for others," he said.

He believes America is in a state of sorrow because of addiction with 70,000 drug related deaths a year. And he believes that accepting Christ is the best way out of the addiction life.

That is what he hopes people will get out of his book.

"I want them to see how Jesus Christ changed my life," he said. "How He gave me hope to get out of addiction, and He can do the same for them."

He said everyone should read the book, those who have addiction themselves, and those who know others who have an addiction.

"It will bring them hope," said Mr. Lentini. "To see there is a plan and a purpose for them beyond addiction."



Allen Lentini wrote "The Bible's Answer to Addiction," in hopes that others with an addiction problem will find hope. Photo by Beth David.

Mr. Lentini's next book is *God's Misfits*.

"I am one," he said. "I'm on top of the class. God uses all kinds of people and it's wonderful."

The 79-page paperback costs \$12.95 and is published by Christian Faith Publishing. It is available on Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com.

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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## 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

## 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](http://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.

## 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

## 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"

## Scholarships Avail.

The 2018 application process for 60 scholarships awarded by the Community Foundation of SE Mass. is open and available online at [www.cfsema.org](http://www.cfsema.org).

This year, the Community Foundation anticipates the award of \$460,000 in financial aid, and area students can apply online for these scholarships by clicking the "Scholarships" page on the Community Foundation website. Scholarships for students from throughout Southeastern Mass. are available for accepted high school seniors, as well as adults pursuing advanced degrees to enhance their professional careers. **The deadline for all applicants to complete sub-**

**mission requirements is April 1.**

Improving educational attainment in the region has been a top priority of Community Foundation grant-making. The Community Foundation's grant making has supported expanding early literacy programs, advocacy programs to increase educational attainment, support of STEM programs and adult education, as well as scholarships for students to pursue higher education.

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## Free Art Reception

Photographer Nicholas Whitman finds inspiration in the work of 19th century painter Albert Pinkham Ryder. Whitman, a former New Bedford Whaling Museum curator, will exhibit a selection of his recent photographic work adjacent to the Whaling Museum's Ryder painting, *Landscape*, c. 1870, this spring. The Museum hosts an opening reception for *After Ryder: Photographs by Nicholas Whitman* on **Thurs., 3/16 from 6 pm to 8 pm. The event is free and open to the public**. For more information or to register for the event visit [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org).

## Dock-U-Mentary

The Dock-U-Mentaries film series continues with *A Fish Story* on March 16th at 7:00 p.m. This film is part of a series of programs focused on Women in the Industry in celebration of Women's History month. Co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center. In the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, 33 William St., New Bedford. **FREE**

A FISH STORY is the tale of two Gloucester women who lead their communities in a battle for control of the ocean.

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## 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.

## Textile Talk

Come to a free lecture by textile conservator Kathryn Tarleton, co-founder of ConText Inc. Ms. Tarleton will explain what textile conservators do and share the fascinating "behind-the-scenes" work conservators do in order to preserve historic objects and prepare them for exhibition. At Mattapoissett Free Public Library, Sun. 3/18, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: Attendees can bring in one textile object and based on time available Ms. Tarleton will identify a sampling of objects as well as provide tips about how to best care for one's own textile and family heirlooms!!! **This free program is at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., Mattapoissett, on Sun., 3/18 from 2–3 pm.**

Please register for this event (reservations appreciated but walk-ins welcome) by calling 508-758-4171 or emailing [rsmith@sailsinc.org](mailto:rsmith@sailsinc.org) and provide the number of people attending and contact information. The Library is located at 7 Barstow Street and is handicapped accessible.

## Food Security Forum

The second annual food security forum will be conducted at **UMass Dartmouth's Claire T. Carney Library, Grand Reading Room on**

**Wed., 3/28, between 5 to 8 p.m. Register now.**

Kathryn Brodowski, MD, MPH, from the Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB) has created partnerships between GBFB, local hospitals and community health centers to connect those in need with healthy food and other critical resources, bridging the gap between hunger and health. The forum will examine the innovations for food security on the Southcoast, which has become an economic imperative. There will be panel discussions with local experts from Coastline Elderly Services, the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Southcoast Health, Community Nurse Home Care, and the Greater New Bedford Community Health Center.

The event is sponsored by Coastline, the 4C Collaborative, the Greater Boston Food Bank, Vibra Hospital, UMass Dartmouth, SEMAP, Southeastern Massachusetts Food Security Network and Tufts Health Plan Foundation. The forum will provide the opportunity to network with local health professionals, food security organizations and food producers. Register at <http://bit.ly/foodsecurityforum>

## Bird Club

*The Birds We'll Never See: A Look at Extinct Birds* **Thurs., 3/22 at 7 PM at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St. Accessible. Free.**

A brief look at the birds we'll never see, the reasons why they went extinct, and what it means today. Inspired by his son's interest in a drawing of the extinct Great Moa in the book *Gurney's Guide to Feathered Friends*, Justin Barrett began wondering what other birds we would never get to see. Join the Nasketucket Bird Club for this very special presentation at their monthly meeting.

## Health Fair

**At the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet, on Mon., 3/19, from 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Join us at the Acushnet Senior Community Center for a day of health education, screenings, fun filled activities and more. 20+ vendors and the Southcoast Mobile Health Van will be on site. Free, open to the public! Transportation is available for Acushnet residents, 508-998-0280.

## Stargazing Walk

Join the Astronomical Society of Southern New England and the Buzzards Bay Coalition for an evening stargazing walk at **The Bogs (138 Acushnet Rd., Mattapoissett) on Fri., 3/16 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. FREE**

Far away from the city lights, the 500-acre Mattapoissett River Reserve offers visitors a dark, expansive sky to view the stars. As you gaze through telescopes at the wonders of deep space, you'll look for planets, constellations and galaxies.

Please dress warmly in multiple layers and bring a flashlight. Telescopes will be provided.

To RSVP visit <http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/stargazing-walk-at-the-bogs-mar-16-2018/> or call 508-999-6363 ext. 219.

## Nature Walk

A family-friendly nature adventure during Saturday at **The Sawmill, 32 Mill Rd., Acushnet, on Sat., 3/17 at 11 a.m.** You'll use your five senses of sight, sound, smell, touch and even taste as you explore The Sawmill and experience nature like never before!

To learn more and register for this free family program, visit <http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/saturday-at-the-sawmill-exploring-nature-with-your-senses-mar-03-2018/> or contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at (508) 999-6363 ext. 219.

In addition to the family-friendly walk, 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.

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.

## Memory Cafe

The Acushnet Council on Aging hosts a **weekly Memory Café every Friday, 10:00–11:30 a.m. (activities), 11:30 a.m. (lunch) at the Senior Community Center, 59 1/2 South Main St., Acushnet.** Memory Café activities are always **free for participants, \$2.00/suggested, voluntary donation for lunch.** Call 508-998-0280.

## Recipe of the Week

### Cheesy Baked Pasta With Cauliflower

1 lb pasta, such as med. shell or tube  
1 14-ounce can cherry tomatoes  
8 ounces low-moisture whole-milk mozzarella, coarsely grated  
4 oz provolone or other mildly sharp cheese coarsely grated  
2 oz sharp cheddar, coarsely grated  
2 oz Parmesan, grated  
1½ cups heavy cream  
Freshly ground black pepper  
½ head of cauliflower, in ½" pieces  
Room-temp butter or cooking spray

Preheat oven to 350°. Cook pasta until about halfway cooked (it needs to be very firm at this stage so that it doesn't overcook when baked). Drain, reserving ½ cup pasta cooking liquid, and run under cold water to stop the cooking. Drain well.

Lightly crush cherry tomatoes with your hands in large bowl. Add mozzarella, provolone, cheddar, Parmesan, cream, and reserved ½ cup pasta cooking liquid and mix. Season generously with salt and pepper. Add cauliflower and cooked pasta and toss to coat. Butter a 3-qt. or 13x9x2" baking dish. Scrape in pasta mixture and spread out into an even layer. Cover dish tightly with foil and bake pasta until hot throughout and steaming when foil is lifted, 20-25 minutes.

Remove foil and increase oven to 425. Continue to bake until sauce is bubbling and top is browned and crunchy in spots, 25-30 mins. Cool slightly before serving.

*From Bonappetit.com*

## Remembering Bobby Bruso

### My Tribute to Bobby Bruso

Bobby Bruso left an indelible mark on the town of Fairhaven and its people. He instilled his very unique creative vision, serving as the Cable Access Director. In less than a year he rejuvenated the town with his forward-thinking take on technology. He started in February 2017. In late-December of that year, he was admitted into the hospital due to a sudden illness and passed away on February 13, 2018. He was 55.

I had known Bobby for close to three years. I was robbed of my closest friend, teammate, creative energy, and fiancé. I believe the town was robbed of an incredible individual, and a friend to many.

Being from France, I discovered how amazing life could be in this small American town through Bobby's passionate and positive outlook.

The Board of Selectmen decided on February 28 that a scholarship in honor of Bobby would be created, in recognition of his work and achievements. A heartwarming gesture of appreciation for the man who loved the town of Fairhaven so much.

Photographer, videographer, drone pilot, designer, marketer, artist... Bobby fitted many titles. He wasn't quite the sit-at-a-desk type. He was running around, driving around, even

flying around. He didn't go for too long without his drone or his cameras. He was always on the lookout for a story to tell, for

new ideas to come up with and for new projects to start. You could walk to Fort Phoenix and sure enough, you would see Bobby perched on top of a rock, taking pictures of a distant ship, of the ocean, or of a particularly mesmerizing sunset. You could go to a restaurant and hear Bobby strike up a conversation with the owner about the upcoming show they would do together. He was able to make friends and work connections anywhere and anytime.

He didn't seem like he would ever stop.

His sense of humor will go down as his most famous trait, along with his unforgettable joie-de-vivre. "Bobby

and I were the goofiest together," "He was such a funny guy," "He brought so much joy here," his friends and coworkers remember of him. He would hum Christmas carols all year long, at work, at home or in stores, spreading the cheer to strangers, too.

It is hard for me to fathom how much Bobby was able to do in Fairhaven in such a

short amount of time. He built a studio, set up an online platform to livestream meetings, created a website, covered all events, promoted the town...He did it all with passion, energy and dedication.

I know for a fact that his head was full of ideas and projects. He did not have the time to carry them all out — there were so many. But he knew where to go and where to take the town. If, as Selectman Murphy stated, his "legacy will continue," we can be reassured. No matter what, Bobby left an empty spot, one that will never be replaced. He is dearly missed.

*Clotilde Percheminier, France*



Bobby Bruso at work on 7/20/17. *Neighb News file photo by Beth David.*

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# Candidates answer questions from press panel

By Mary Macedo

## Neighb News Correspondent

On Wednesday, 3/7 Fairhaven candidates voiced their messages to the public at the candidates' night held at the Fairhaven Senior Center. It was covered by the Government Access Channel and will run on Channel 18 until the election on April 2.

Fairhaven Selectboard member, Charles Murphy emceed, allowing each candidate an opening statement, followed by questions from two panelists: Beth David, editor of the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News*, and Montana Samuels, editor of *The Acushnet/Fairhaven Advocate*.

Fairhaven has two contested races: Board of Health and Board of Public Works. In the other anticipated contested race, incumbent Tree Warden Brian Bowcock withdrew at the last minute.

For the Board of Health, first up was Barbara Acksen, a current Commissioner of Trust Funds and former Board of Health.

Ms. Acksen told voters that she has been working in the healthcare field for over 40 years and that she is passionate about healthcare, and experienced developing regulations.

She said would like to accomplish direction and education to the public about the BOH and what they do. Ms. Acksen said she would also work on regulating safety of food, garbage, sewage, air quality, and disease control.

Ms. Acksen explained that she would like to develop an opioid task

force in Fairhaven because it is an upcoming issue. Ms. Acksen said she was a part of the first task force in the 1970's in New Bedford.

Ms. Acksen has a PHD in Psychology, has her own practice, and has been a professor.

She said she would also like to work on recreational marijuana regulations and how to get people to comply with all the regulations.

An area, she said, that has been ignored and is currently being abused is the use of service animals.

Massage parlors are also an area that she said she felt was being neglected, and they have been used for human trafficking.

All that, she said, along with educating people about recycling, another area that is currently not being properly used, and is costing the town more than it should.

Ms. David asked a question from one of her readers about what the future of the board may look like. Ms. David said her readers are concerned about previous news reports of board members tipping off restaurants before they are inspected. She asked Ms. Acksen what she could do about it and what she would do to change the public's perception of the board.

Ms. Acksen said it was very disturbing to hear and that the public should be able to trust the board. One way to help would be by bringing the BOH to work with other boards.

Mr. Samuels asked Ms. Acksen asked about the knowledge to the public about marijuana and how she

plans to make sure the public is getting real facts on the issue.

Ms. Acksen said the biggest issue with marijuana use is that there is no education on it. She plans to put together a presentation to educate the public.

Ms. Acksen faces Michael Silvia, a former Selectboard member.

Mr. Silvia said that he was there hoping to return to public life. He

said he left the Selectboard when his mother was diagnosed with dementia.

The stress of his mother's diagnosis along with a lot of contentious meetings at the time, led him to decide to leave public life, he said. But he felt it was time to return.

Mr. Silvia said a big thing he would like to work on with the BOH is educating the public. Mr. Silvia said he wants the board to get the public to comply, no punish them. He said he wants consistency, fairness, and friendliness.

Mr. Silvia said that he wants to make sure the board makes decisions because "sometimes the worst decision is no decision."

He said the BOH is involved in practical things that affect people, like septic systems failing, and inspecting restaurants to keep people safe. He said the rules and regulations need to be used with common sense, though, to allow nonprofits to hold events involving food.

Ms. David also asked Mr. Silvia how he would handle a situation of a fellow board member tipping off restaurants before they are inspected. Mr. Silvia asked if these were just allegations or if there was actual proof. He said that the new health agent is a straight shooter and takes no bribes.

Ms. David explained that she was not asking about the health inspector and said nothing about bribes, but that she was referring to members of the elected board doing shady things and that it was not a wild allegation, and the situation has been reported on in the past.

Mr. Silvia said that he would address the situation if a fellow board member engaged in unethical behavior.

Mr. Samuels asked if Mr. Silvia had any experience with healthcare or the Board of Health.

"It's an elected board, so anyone can be elected," Mr. Silvia said.

He explained that neither he nor his opponent had experience with food science or sewage.

"I'm not going to stand here and pretend I know. But I know who to contact and who to rely on," said Mr. Silvia. "The key is supporting the professionals."



Fairhaven candidates wait for the program to begin on Wednesday, 3/7, at the candidates night held at the Fairhaven Senior Center. FRONT ROW, L-R: Selectboard member Bob Espindola, Moderator Mark Sylvia, Tree Warden candidate (unopposed) G. Bourne Knowles; BACK ROW, L-R: BPW candidate Al Martin, BPW incumbent Keith Silvia, Board of Health candidate Mike Silvia, Board of Health candidate Barbara Acksen. Also present at the event but not pictured was BPW incumbent Robert "Hoppy" Hobson. Photo by Beth David.

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The only other contested race for Board of Public Works has three people running for two seats.

Incumbent Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said that he has lived in the town for 75 years and has been on the Board of Public Works for nine years.

He said he has accomplished a lot with the BPW, such as the major work on Green Street, paving dirt roads, opening the recycling center, and hiring great employees.

Mr. Hobson said that there are a lot of upcoming projects for the BPW he would like to continue working on, including town employees not being paid enough, and helping the Sewer Department find money to upgrade the sewer treatment plant.

Ms. David asked about the anaerobic digester.

Mr. Hobson said that the digester was a waste of money from the beginning and has cost the town \$9-10 million. He said it still does not work properly and has not saved the town money.

"I'm not sure what is going to happen with it," he said.

Ms. David also asked if Mr. Hobson agreed that all activities should stop at Cooke Memorial Park even though the state said it is okay to use it.

Mr. Hobson said that Cooke Park is a quaint little place that should be utilized. He noted that he was in the minority on that vote.

"If it is a 4-1 vote the one vote is me," Mr. Hobson.

Mr. Samuels asked if Mr. Hobson plans to use more forward thinking, rather than reacting.

Mr. Hobson said he would like to fix things before they go wrong. He said the BPW tries to maintain what they have and look to the future.

The sewage treatment plant is going to be the major problem and a major money issue he said.

The other BPW incumbent, Keith Silvia, told voters that he has lived in Fairhaven for 34 years and has been on the BPW for 14 months. He said he has learned a lot in the last year.

Mr. Silvia said that the BPW has done a lot of great hiring and has currently been working on the big projects in the Sewer Department.

The Sewer Department needs \$5 million worth of immediate upgrades and \$25-30 million to reach the nitrogen levels required by the state.

Mr. Silvia said the BPW has increased the sewer rates by 35 cents, which gives the BPW \$150,000 more a year, but the town will need to do more to get the money they need. He said they are looking for grants

He said that he would like to be reelected to the board to follow through on all that and to keep the cost for residents as low as possible.

Ms. David also asked Mr. Silvia for his opinion on holding activities at Cooke Park.

Mr. Silvia said he voted to stop activities because not all the evidence is there and he would not want people playing on top of his family's graves. He explained that one of the groups is looking to raise

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[Tree Warden candidate  
G. Bourne Knowles] said  
he would like to focus on  
preserving and planting  
instead of simply cleaning up  
trees after it is too late.

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money to have an archeological dig, and he would like to see that to settle the argument.

The final candidate competing for a BPW seat was newcomer Albert Martin. He told voters he has lived in Fairhaven since 1979 and has been a town meeting member for more than 20 years and worked for the Highway Department for 23 years.

Mr. Martin said he believed that Mr. Hobson and Mr. Silvia were doing a great job on the BPW, but he would like to be on the board as well.

Ms. David asked Mr. Martin his opinion on Cooke Park.

Mr. Martin said that like Mr. Silvia he would not want people playing on his family's graves, but that he would like to see it get dug up to get to the bottom of it.

Mr. Samuels asked Mr. Martin if the BPW's money should be utilized for the sewer issues or to get to the bottom of the Cooke Park issue.

Mr. Martin said that he personally would like to know what is going on at

the park.

Ms. David asked why Mr. Martin is trying get on the BPW if he thought his opponents were doing a great job.

Mr. Martin said that no one knows his name or where he came from and he did not think the public was being enough informed, specifically in the process of roads and how they are repaired.

Three candidates running unopposed also addressed voters.

Bob Espindola is running for reelection to the Selectboard, and incumbent Mark Sylvia is running to retain his seat as Town Moderator.

G. Bourne Knowles also is running unopposed for Tree Warden, as incumbent Brian Bowcock withdrew.

A newcomer to politics, Mr. Knowles told voters he has lived and worked in Fairhaven for 30 years and has been a call firefighter for 28 years.

He said trees are his passion. He is a certified arborist, which requires ongoing education to keep certified, and he is a licensed pesticide applicator.

Mr. Knowles said he would like to focus on preserving and planting instead of simply cleaning up trees after it is too late. He wants to emphasize choosing the right trees to go in certain places in town.

He said that the job is to treat, protect, and preserve.

Mr. Knowles explained that there are specific species of trees that will thrive in the town. He explained that there are procedures that can make sure that trees do not overgrow their boundaries. There are types of trees that they should plant because they will thrive in this area rather than plant trees that could be hazardous.

Ms. David asked if Mr. Knowles if there could be a conflict of interest doing the same work for the town as he does for his day job at G. Bourne Knowles and Company.

He said if an issue occurs and one or the other has to go, he will choose the town.

School Committee incumbents Donna McKenna and Colin Veitch were unable to attend, because they attended the SC's budget meeting on the same night. They are both running unopposed.

The event is also available online at <https://www.fairhaventv.com> ●●●

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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

### Got Talent?

Third Annual Senior Talent Show, Sponsored by the Fairhaven Rotary Club, Sunday, April 29, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium. Do you have a special talent you would like to share? Come by the Fairhaven Senior Center to get an application to perform at this event. If you have any questions, call Melissa Kucharski at 508-330-4837 or Anne Silvia at 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.

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# Cannabis Control Commission approves regulations

## Press Release

On March 6, the Cannabis Control Commission voted and unanimously approved 935 CMR 500.00, the regulations for licensing and implementation of the adult-use cannabis industry in Massachusetts, ahead of its statutory deadline of March 15, 2018.

"Today's meeting was the culmination of months of dogged dedication to an open and collaborative process that embraced the diversity of thought, experience, and perspective of Massachusetts residents, in service of the people's will," said Cannabis Control Commission Chairman Steven J. Hoffman. "Each Commissioner was intentional, balanced, and respectful in the healthy push and pull that ultimately delivered an adult-use cannabis retail market that is appropriate for Massachusetts. It was a tenuous but necessary process to ensure that the Commonwealth's unique needs around safety, equity, and commerce were represented in the final regulations."

The unanimous vote arrived after a six-month process that included 10 listening sessions, nearly 500 public comments, and seven public hearings to deliberate on roughly 150 policies. The final regulations include nine license categories: cultivator, craft marijuana cooperative, microbusiness,

product manufacturer, independent testing laboratory, storefront retailer, third-party transporter, existing licensee transporter, and research facility, to meet the immediate needs of the industry.

### Key Regulation Outcomes:

1. First-in-the-nation requirement for Registered Marijuana Dispensaries (RMD) to maintain an adequate medical supply of marijuana products for patients that either equates to 35 percent of inventory, or the average, actual sales over the prior six months if co-located with an adult-use Marijuana Establishment.
2. Priority status for Economic Empowerment Applicants to support licensees from communities and areas disproportionately impacted by high rates of arrest, conviction, and incarceration related to marijuana crimes.
3. Universal symbols to indicate a marijuana product contains cannabis and is harmful to children;
4. Incorporated Executive Office of Energy and Environment Affairs' (EEA) recommendations to reduce cultivator energy use and limit emissions in the Commonwealth;
5. Flexible licensing and fee structure that promotes the inclusion of small and large-scale business ventures, encourages responsible production, and allows growth.

"I'm excited to reach this important milestone; however, there is significant work ahead to launch a safe, robust, and vibrant adult use cannabis industry," said Shawn Collins, Executive Director of the Cannabis Control Commission. "The Commissioners and I worked closely with our peers around the nation, sister-agencies, policy makers, and community members who provided invaluable feedback to ensure that the regulations reflected best practices and addressed concerns. We are now focused on continuing to build our staff and implementing this progressive and innovative marketplace that puts the health and safety of our citizens first."

The Commission will now incorporate language approved at the 3/6 meeting into the final regulations before filing them with the Secretary of State. Over the coming months, the Commission has a number of additional milestones to reach, including but not limited to:

*April 1, 2018:* Commence with accepting license applications

*June 1, 2018:* Earliest date on which the Commission may issue a license to operate a Marijuana Establishment

For more information, visit the Commission's website at [masscannabis-control.com](http://masscannabis-control.com) or follow the Commission on Twitter at @MA\_Cannabis.



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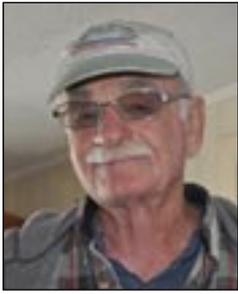


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# Candidate Statements: Fairhaven Board of Public Works



**Robert  
"Hoppy"  
Hobson**

I'm running for re-election because I love my town and I think it's important for people to be involved in politics.

It's like being a veteran, which I am. Do you want to take care of your country? Do you want to take care of your town?

One of the most important things we did while I was on the board was to hire our superintendent, Vinnie Furtado.

I also always tried to make sure we hired Fairhaven residents first and veterans. If they are qualified, I feel we should always give town residents and veterans preference.

There are a lot of upcoming projects that I would like to continue to work on, such as upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant, and more road work. The upgrades to the treatment plant will cost millions, and I'd like to be there to make sure we are spending the money right.

I would like us to be fixing things before they go wrong. I try to make sure we maintain the equipment we have and look to the future.

I was very instrumental in keeping the recycling center open throughout the winter, although I'd like to get it open more days.

Basically, I work very hard just to pay attention to protect the taxpayers from getting a raw deal.

We have a lot of new people in town making changes. We need to make sure they are good for the town. I've seen a lot of changes in Fairhaven in the last 70-something years. I don't like all of them. Someone has to be paying attention to make sure they are the right changes, and to protect the taxpayers.

For the future, I'd like to see a state-of-the-art recycling center in Fairhaven. If you want to tear sheet-rock off the wall, you have to go to ABC. Why can't we have our own place and you can pay the town? The leaves and grass disposal would still be free.

So I ask you to please vote for Robert D. Hobson on April 2.



**Albert Martin**

My name is Albert Martin. I am a candidate for the Board of Public Works (BPW). I am a veteran of the Army from 1969 to 1971. I have been a resident of Fairhaven for 39 years.

I have owned my home on Hawthorne Street for 24 years. I have been a Town Meeting member for over 20 years. I retired in 2016 after 23 years of service in the Fairhaven Highway Department.

The number one issue facing the town is not if anyone is buried at the Cooke Memorial Park, or if we have enough bike paths and on and on.

The number one issue is when will we see a catastrophic failure of our sewer treatment plant. We have been kicking the can down the road for over 20 years. This is an issue that must be addressed now, and it involves all town departments from the BPW to the Selectmen to the Board of Health and, most importantly, the Finance Committee.

On another note, I would like to see more information included with the Highway Department notification to residents, as to the steps involved in reconstruction of their streets.

Another thing I would like to pursue is the possibility of creating a revolving account within the Highway Department for equipment repairs and purchases.

We have a lot of material stockpiles at the landfill, such as loam from the Wood School, East Fairhaven School, the Cancer Center projects and from Road work projects, which can be screened and sold.

We also have a large pile of road excavation materials that can be screened to reclaim the gravel it contains, and can also be sold. Each year, we pay a contractor to screen some of this for use in town projects. Each year as we reconstruct town roads we add to their piles.

I would also like to continue the policy of paving one or two dirt roads every year. Those residents deserve to be able to open their windows in the summer and let in fresh air without letting in 20 pounds of dirt.

While I stated that I believe Mr. Hobson and Mr. Silvia are doing a good job, I do think I can do a better job based on my experience and inside knowledge of the department.

I respectfully ask for your vote on Monday, April 2.



**Keith  
Silvia**

My name is Keith Silvia and I am running for re-election to the Board of Public Works.

I have been a resident of the Town of Fairhaven for 34 years. My wife Anne and I raised our three children Dan, Meghan and Tom, and now our granddaughter, Evianna in this town.

I became interested in town politics when my own sewer and water rates increased wondering how this increase was going to be spent.

I have enjoyed being on the Board for the past fourteen months. Since I have been on the board I have a better understanding of where rate payer money is spent and have learned a lot about the responsibilities of the Board from the knowledge of the other Board members.

In the near future, the Town will be looking at some big changes, namely the expansion and upgrade of the sewer treatment plant and possibly the relocation of the current recycling center.

I am looking forward to being part of those upcoming decisions that the BPW will soon be facing keeping the rate payers wellbeing in mind.

I am a working man, willing to work for you.

I would appreciate your vote on April 2nd.

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# Third nor'easter packs a powerful punch, with snow this time

By Beth David  
Editor

The region got hit hard with another northeast storm this week, this one with snow, creating blizzard conditions. It was one of the worst snowstorms ever in March, and reached official blizzard status on most municipalities on Cape Cod and Southeastern Mass. Boston reached blizzard status, too, which requires least three hours of large amounts of snow or blowing snow, sustained winds of more than 35 miles per hour, and visibility less than 1/4 mile.

Some places north and west of Boston got 28" inches of snow. Closer to home, Fall River hit the jackpot with 18 inches according to the National Weather Service. Parts of Acushnet got 16", New Bedford and Dartmouth both got 14", and Fairhaven got 11.5". Wind gusted to 80 miles per hour in Falmouth, with 60-70 MPH closer to home.

Schools were closed for both Tuesday and Wednesday in most of the state. The storm hit in the early morning on Tuesday and continued throughout the day. Widespread power outages continued through press time on Wednesday, with more than 100,000 still out.

High winds continued on Wednesday, but the bright sun and milder temperatures caused a lot of melting as people continued to dig out.

Acushnet did not open its warming center for this storm, but Fairhaven did open its shelter at Hastings Middle School. No one used the shelter at HMS, and it closed down at 11 p.m. on Tuesday.

According to Deputy Fire Chief

Todd Correia, the department responded to 15 power line calls and two carbon monoxide calls. No injuries resulted from the CO2 calls. There were also a smoke scare call, one false alarm and a fire at Union



Young Jady of Fairhaven grows an icicle on his face as he enjoys a snow day after the blizzard of 2018 dumped more than 11 inches of snow in Fairhaven. *Photo courtesy of Courtney Donovan.*

Wharf.

"Power lines were our biggest calls of the day," said Lt. Correia.

A pole at Union Wharf snapped, sending three transformers into the water, dropping a live wire on the ground, and trapping someone on his lobster boat in the basin. The fisherman was able to get off his boat safely, and the area was cordoned off. That happened Tuesday evening, and the area was cleared at 9 p.m.

Unfortunately, Eversource was not able to get to the area right away, and the live wire eventually caused a fire on the dock. The department was

called around 5 a.m. on Wednesday.

No boats were damaged, said Lt. Correia, but the investigation revealed that the pole that went down had three transformers on it. Officials called the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection, and Eversource called in Clean Harbors to deal with any environmental issues. The town's Harbormaster was also on hand, and the Coast Guard was notified of the incident.

Eversource is providing a generator for boats in the lobster basin to use for bilge pumps, etc., until power can be restored to Union Wharf.

Lt. Correia noted that volunteers from the town's Emergency Management Agency helped at the shelter and by blocking streets.

*See related stories on pages 20 & 22.*



A man walks east on Washington Street in Fairhaven with that much-needed gallon of milk during the blizzard on Tuesday, 3/13/18. *Photo by Beth David.*



LEFT: A charred hole in the pier at Union Wharf in Fairhaven marks the spot where a pole with three transformers on it crashed on Tuesday afternoon, sending the transformers into the water. The live wire eventually caused the wood to catch fire. RIGHT: Fairhaven Harbormaster Timothy Cox (behind fence) watches as the pole and its three transformers are lifted out of the hole at Union Wharf on Wednesday, after a fire started from the live wire. *Fairhaven Fire Department photos by Ed Pepin.*

# Acushnet fire, PD kept pretty busy in the storm



Acushnet first responders were kept pretty busy during the last big storm that hit this Tuesday (see page 19 for story). The third nor'easter in two weeks was one of the largest March storms ever, dumping about a foot of snow in every town in Southeastern Mass. North and west of Boston, some places received more than two feet of snow. Boston and nearly every municipality on the Cape had a verifiable blizzard, meaning at least three hours of large amounts of snow or blowing snow, sustained winds of more than 35 miles per hour, and visibility less than 1/4 mile. Acushnet Fire & EMS also responded to two incidents involving carbon monoxide. "One incident resulted in a person being transported to the hospital, the other did not. In one incident the CO alarm alerted the occupants, in the other they did not... Please, check your CO alarms. If you don't have one call us. And please keep generators as far away from your home as possible," they wrote on Facebook. ABOVE LEFT: A tree damages a garage and house on Third Avenue in Acushnet on 3/13/18 after coming down in the storm. ABOVE RIGHT: A large tree gets toppled by the storm onto a house on Tuesday, 3/13/18 after coming down in the storm.

The storm caused delays for the ambulance, too, making a 30-minute ride out of a ride that is usually less than 10 minutes. RIGHT: "Introducing your Station 1 storm coverage crew. Please be smart and safe today," from Acushnet Fire & EMS. Photos from the Acushnet Fire & EMS Facebook page.





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### FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on March 27, 2018**, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following application for **Special Permit**. The applicant, *Bruce Bisbano & Assoc. Inc.*, is requesting approval for a change of use from a restaurant, Pizza Hut, to a bank, Citizen's Bank. In addition, the applicant proposes to remove 9 parking spaces and add a 24 hour drive up ATM and Night Drop on the north side of the building. The location is 21 Fairhaven Commons Way, Map 26, Lot 13.

A copy of the application is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9.

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master to remove him from the lobster basin at Union Wharf.

The letter was sent not longer after Mr. Hobson joined a chorus of voices from the waterfront complaining about perceived special treatment for Northeast Maritime Institute in getting a spot for its boat at Union Wharf and a mooring for the tall ship Fritha.

The letter revoked Mr. Hobson's permit at Union Wharf citing the percentage of time his slip was empty in the past year.

Mr. Hobson was prepared to fight the expulsion and told the *Neighb News* that he planned to attend the meeting with his attorney.

On the day of the meeting, he said he got a call with the assurance that he would not be removed from the basin. Mr. Hobson would not speculate as to why the town reversed its decision.

Town Administrator Mark Rees said that Mr. Hobson agreed to use the slip and comply with all other regulations for the basin, so his slip was restored to him. Mr. Rees did not give a reason for the last minute call to resolve the situation. He said was the Harbor-master's letter and he made the call.

### Fairhaven Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on March 26, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. In the Fairhaven Town Hall, Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

#### NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Request for Determination Applicant Christopher Ingrande Location 689 Sconticut Neck Road plot 42 Lot 14A Purpose construct a wall with 2' x 4' blocks fill and loam and construct pole barn within 100' of BVW and a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Buzzards Bay Coalition Location Shaw Road Plot 32/33 Lots 37/25 Purpose create walking trails on the Carvalho Farm.
- Request for Determination Acushnet River Safe Boating Club c/o Craig Guenette Location 80 Middle Street Plot11 Lot 10 Purpose repair of bulkhead.

*Jay Simmons, Chairman*  
3/15/18

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/3/18, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Board of Health

Wed., 3/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 3/26, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 3/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Finance Committee

Thurs., 3/15, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

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

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

### Marine Resources Comm

Thurs., 3/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 3/27 Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 3/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Agricultural Commission

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

### Board of Assessors

Wed., 3/21, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Public Safety Comm

Wed., 3/21, Town Hall, 10 a.m.

### Selectboard & School Com

Fri., 3/16, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

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

### Selectboard

Fri., 3/16, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

With School Committee

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

## TIDE TABLE

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

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Thursday	29	0705	1928	0105*	1333*

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
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## More storm photos



The third nor'easter in two weeks packed a powerful snow-punch on Tuesday, 3/13. (See page 19 for story and more photos.) ABOVE TOP & BOTTOM: Two lobster boats moored at Hoppy's Landing face in different directions due to whipping winds changing directions too fast for the boats to keep up during the storm on Tuesday, 3/13/18. The second photo shows the boats facing different directions within seconds of the first picture. *Photos by Beth David.*



ABOVE & LEFT: Dave, a custodian at Fairhaven Town Hall, is waist deep in snow as he clears the sidewalk in front of town hall on Tuesday, 3/13/18 (see page 19 for story). He said the heavy snow was too much for the snowblower. *Photos by Beth David.*



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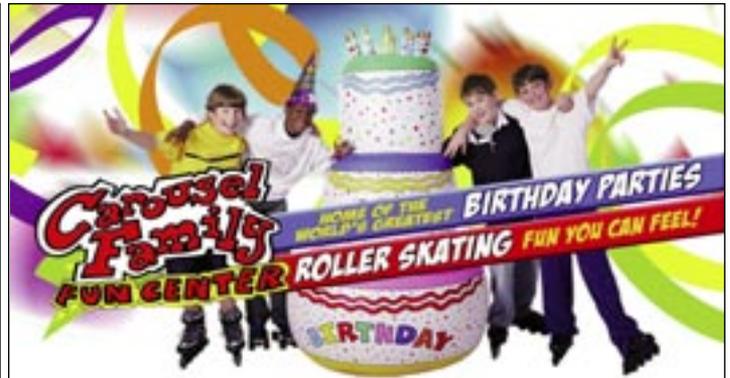
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