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

OBRIGADO!



It was "thank-you" and "obrigado" all around at the Fairhaven Selectboard meeting on Monday, 3/19/18, as board members and representatives from Lagoa, Portugal, met to sign the Friendship Pact sister-city agreement. LEFT: Lagoa, St. Michael Mayor, Cristina Calisto, holds the Friendship Pact with Fairhaven. L-R: Selectboard chairperson Bob Espindola, Selectboard members Daniel Freitas and Charles K. Murphy, Sr. See page 12 for story.

Photo by
Beth David.



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First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

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."

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

I know it's hard for us to agree on things these days. We can't even agree on the facts to argue about. Can we at least still agree that our country's greatness comes from our Constitution? The fact that we have a constitution that is the foundation of our laws, is a marvel. That we actually live by it, is also a marvel. Lots of countries have constitutions that are a joke. Not us.

We are a rule of law country. No one is supposed to be above the law. Now, we can argue that we have fallen short on that at times, but basically, we all have to live by the same rules.

The Europeans who got here first were mostly fleeing religious persecution. They wanted to practice the religion of their choice, and not have a religion forced upon them by the government. The revolution happened because the people who lived here were tired of being bullied by a faraway government with one man calling the shots.

So, after drafting our great constitution, which lays out the way the government works, the founders wrote the Bill of Rights, which is the first ten amendments to the constitution.

These rights are the foundation of individual freedom in this country and the foundation of our democracy. They have taken a beating over the decades, especially since the attacks of 9/11. Our personal freedoms are definitely in danger from government over-reach. But even scarier than that, is the threat from individuals who do not even understand what our constitution, with its Bill of Rights, is all about.

I got a call a couple of weeks ago from a man in his 70s complaining because I put the First Amendment on the cover of this paper. He said it was not "appropriate."

"Obviously, she's not too keen on organized religion," he said of the editor. "But I don't think that has a place in the paper at the bottom cuz that's really expressing her views."

He said it was "offensive to a lot of people."

"I mean, regardless of what her official religion is or whatever her personal beliefs are, I think she's really projecting it by," and then he read the First Amendment.

Then he said he'd like to see it deleted from the front page in the tone of a father telling a 12-year-old to remove a risqué poster from the wall.

Where do I begin? The First Amendment is offensive? The bedrock of our entire democracy is offensive? Religious freedom is offensive?

How is it that Americans do not even know what this country is supposed to be about? The First Amendment is not anti-religion. It's about as pro-religion as it gets. It prohibits government from establishing a religion, which gives religions and their followers the freedom to worship as they wish.

Our founders fled religious persecution. The very first words of the very first amendment were to limit the government from religious interference. Think about that, about how important that was to them.

This has nothing to do with being against organized religion. It has everything to do with stopping government from controlling which religions individual Americans can practice. How is it that you do not know that?

I cannot believe I have to explain this to people. And it scares me, a lot.

The funny part is that I didn't even think of religion when I started putting the First Amendment on the cover. I was thinking about free speech and a free press. Which fits in perfectly with another ridiculous encounter I had during the last storm, when I was taking pictures.

This is for the grouchy man on West Island who was snowblowing in a driveway: No, you do NOT have the "right" to tell me I cannot take your picture. You just don't.

If I can see you from public space, or from a private space that I have permission to be in, I can take your picture even if you are in your yard, and, yes, I can USE it in the newspaper or on social media or anywhere I want to. If you are in public, you do NOT have the right to trample on MY First Amendment rights.

My precious First Amendment is getting all beat up, lately for sure. But right now, it's still in place. And I will snap away at will.

Until next week then...see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Hastings Middle School presents "Transylmania"

Press Release

What is that over there?!?!
I see mummies and zombies and werewolves!

This weekend only, the Elizabeth Hastings Middle School Drama Club proudly presents *Transylmania!*

Frankenstein's daughter, Dracula's son, and even the child of the Phantom of the Opera attend this

school to learn how to live up to their parents' terrifying and legendary reign!

Monster High School isn't easy for anyone already, but wait until a group of human students stumble upon their town!

This play is a mix of spooky and silly and is the perfect event for the entire family to enjoy!

Directed by EHMS's own Annie Pegg and Monica Landis with assistance from Andrew Romano.

TWO SHOWS ONLY: This Friday at 6:30 and this Saturday at 2:30, tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. At HMS auditorium, 30 School St., Fairhaven. Accessible.

Don't miss out!

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



Students at the Elizabeth Hastings Middle School in Fairhaven rehearse *Transylmania*, a play billed as more silly than spooky, that will be performed at EHMS in Fairhaven this weekend. *Submitted photos.*



**First Congregational
Church, UCC**
34 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA
508-993-3368

Worship with us this Easter Season!

Palm Sunday • March 25 • 10:00 AM

A special service when we will remember Jesus' last days before his crucifixion.

Maundy Thursday • March 29

Soup Supper: 6:30 PM in Babbitt Hall
(use William Street entrance)

Tenebrae Service: 7:00 PM in Babbitt Hall

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.

BPW hears from residents about roadwork

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 2/5 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works met with a few residents about issues they have with the FY19 choices for road work. The board also discussed plans for the recycling center.

Vice Chair Brian Wotton chaired the meeting because because chairperson Mike Ristuccia was absent.

The board first met with Fairhaven resident Joan Joseph who lives on Sconticut Neck Road on the corner of Billy's Way.

The BPW recently voted to have Billy's Way paved in their FY19 road work funds, which will be voted on at town meeting. BPW Superintendent Vincent Furtado said that Billy's Way had been petitioned to be paved for the last four years and when the residents of the street petitioned again this year the BPW figured it was a good time to finally pave the road.

Ms. Joseph explained that the two residents that petitioned to have the road paved are only two people of at least five that live on Billy's Way. Ms. Joseph and two other Billy's Way residents are very much against the road being paved.

Ms. Joseph said they were not notified that Billy's Way was being voted to get paved and did not find out until the BPW voted to recommend the road.

She said she bought her land 31 years ago because she liked the dirt road with its beachy feel. Ms. Joseph said that the residents who bought their houses on a dirt road knew what they were getting into when they moved there.

She also said there really was no need for the road to be paved because there are no water drainage issues.

She explained that one of her main concerns about paving the road would be the speed of the drivers. Even now, on a dirt road, people speed down the street. She said that if the road were paved people would most likely speed even more.

Ms. Joseph explained that she wanted to ask the board if there is anyway the BPW could withdraw their vote for Billy's Way.

Board member Brian Wotton ex-

plained that the vote was just a recommendation for Town Meeting, so the road is not officially getting paved yet.

Board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson suggested that residents go to Town Meeting and speak on the issue; maybe the Town Meeting members will take their side.

Board member Cameron Durant explained that 75% of the residents on a road need to be in favor.

Mr. Wotton agreed with Mr. Durant saying that two houses on the street want it paved and three do not, which makes Ms. Joseph and the other residents against paving, the majority.

Administrative Assistant Kathy Tripp suggested the BPW send a letter to the Selectboard to see if they can withdraw the road because 75%

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Mr. Furtado said he believed he could pull the recommendation, but he is not sure which street the board would like to add in its place.

In another matter the board met with Fairhaven resident Ellen Ouellette of Billy's Way about dirty water. Ms. Ouellette brought a jar of brown water to the board to show them what had come out of her faucet.

Mr. Wotton explained that when a resident notices dirty water like that they should immediately call the town, which will then come and flush out the hydrants.

Mr. Wotton said residents should not open the faucet or use hot water because it will only allow more dirty water in.

He said that the water is treated in Mattapoisett, but the pipes in town are 100 years old and sometimes have a break, which can cause dirty water. The town does not have the money to replace all the pipes.

Mr. Furtado said that in July they plan to start a new flush program to flush the whole town.

In another matter Mr. Wotton said that they need to discuss plans about moving the recycling center to make room for the upcoming nitrogen permit upgrade that is needed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Wotton said that the Public Works property on Bridge Street seems like the only option of where the recycling center could be relocated.

Mr. Furtado said that the town currently has a study being conducted, which is looking at all the buildings in town, so he could ask them what a good destination for the recycling center would be.

Mr. Wotton said that they need to come up with a plan. He said the Town of Dartmouth has a \$100,000 tub grinder that grinds their debris into wood chips, which they sell. He told the board that Dartmouth makes a good profit from their recycling center, which is something the Fairhaven BPW should consider.

Mr. Hobson also mentioned that he believed the recycling center should be open year round for the last Saturdays of each month, which would be 12 Saturdays.

"I'm just looking out for the people who work all week," Mr. Hobson said.

Ms. Tripp suggested maybe just closing the recycling center for Saturdays during January and February.

Mr. Hobson agreed that that would be a good idea for next year.

In another matter, Mr. Durant suggested the board start a subcommittee to help find grants and funding for the Sewer Department upgrades and the nitrogen permit costs.

Mr. Wotton suggested two people from the board be on the subcommittee, one being Mr. Durant.

The board tabled the discussion for the next meeting when BPW Chairperson Mike Ristuccia would be present.

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Recycling FREE for brush this weekend

The Fairhaven Recycling Center will accept brush from any town resident with proof of residency, without need of a recycling center permit, on **Sat., 3/24, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. ONLY.** No other items will be accepted from those who do not have permits. The Recycling Center is at the end of Arsene Street, off Route 6.

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 every Mon. & Wed., from 6-8 p.m., or call 508-979-4051, Ext. 11022.

Book my Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice. Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lippa. Based on Characters created by Charles Addams.

Special arrangement with Elephant Eye Theatrical

Transylmania

The Elizabeth Hastings Drama Company proudly presents "Transylmania." Far more silly than spooky. Where the kids of all the classic monster movie villains go to learn the tricks of the trade.

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.

Hidden In Plain Sight

The Fairhaven High School PTO proudly presents an evening of awareness and parental learning.

Join us on Wed., 3/28, for Hidden in Plain Sight, at 6 p.m. in Room 007, Fairhaven High School.

Don't miss this incredible lecture presented by the Nurses to Prevent Opioid Abuse which includes the opportunity to tour a mock bedroom designed to open parental eyes, raise awareness, and provide you with

knowledge and support to notice and intervene potential substance abuse

Also featuring

If They Had Known at 7 p.m., in the Performing Arts Center.

"If They Had Known" is a 30-minute documentary that focuses on the risks of current party culture. It is not a film about addiction or substance abuse. It is a candid film spoken BY kids TO kids about the risks of recreationally mixing prescription drugs with alcohol. The film is an honest and emotional account of a real event. It is a valuable viewing experience, especially for young people who may find that it reflects some of their own experiences

Eat Mexican, Support the PTO

Help support the Fairhaven PTO on Wed., 3/28, at Frontera Grill in Fairhaven. Please email Sharon Tripp at sharontripp67@yahoo.com to receive a flyer that you can give to your server for 15% of your total bill to go to the Fairhaven PTO.

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!!

Calling ALL Seniors

Third Annual Rotary Senior Talent Showcase. Come show off your talent...we'd love to have you!

Sunday, April 29th 2-4:00pm at Fairhaven Town Hall

Please call Melissa for an application, 508-330-4837. All TALENTED SENIORS welcome

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), or by email at 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 DATES

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 or call Jeff at 508-990-3534.

Easter Sunrise Service

Sun., 4/1, at 6:00 a.m., Ft. Phoenix, south end of Fort St., Fairhaven

The Fort Phoenix parking lot will open at 5:00 a.m. so worshipers may gather for the annual Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the Interchurch Council of Greater New Bedford. The service takes place near the cannons and will begin at approximately 6:00 a.m. Accessible. For more information, email connie@iccgnb.org or call 508-993-6242.

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.

Winner of Lions Peace Poster announced; call for entries

Press Release

For the last 31 years, Lions Clubs around the world have proudly sponsored the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace.

The Fairhaven Lions Club proudly announces their Peace Poster winner for 2017: Olivia Zac. Olivia is in the 7th grade and attended St. Joseph's School in Fairhaven. The Theme of the 2016- 2017 Peace Poster was, "A Celebration of Peace."

Olivia not only won the local contest but was also judged the best in the Lions District 33S.

Congratulations, Olivia.

The theme of the 2018-2019 Peace Poster Contest is "Kindness Matters." Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15, and from a school or youth group are eligible to participate.

If you are interested in participating, contact Lion Bill Moniz at 508-996-3420.



L-R: Frances Docca (Olivia's grandmother), Olivia Zac, Bill Moniz and Bob Kenworthy pose with Olivia's winning entry in the Lions Club Peace Poster for 2017. The Lions are now accepting entries for the 2018 contest. *Submitted photo.*

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SILVIA
Board of
Health

Decisive **Informative**
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Paid for the Committee to Elect Mike Silvia



Wood School Wonderings

By Beth David
Editor

Students at the Leroy L. Wood Elementary School continue to wonder about the world around them. Then they are taking those wonderings to learn about the things that made them wonder. It is an "inquiry based approach to learning," that gets students engaged and excited about learning, according to principal Amy Hartley-Matteson.

The *Neighb News* will highlight some of those projects on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

This week, we are learning from Taylor Pacheco, Harper Mitchell, Elodie Cook and Skylar Bousquet when dinosaurs became extinct; from Audrina Raposa and Violet LaFountain how animals survive in the cold; and from Hannah Tynan why America is called "America."

By Taylor Pacheco, Harper Mitchell, Elodie Cook, Skylar Bousquet

When were dinosaurs extinct?

Dinosaurs went extinct about 65 million years ago (at the end of the cretaceous Period), after living on Earth for about 165 million years.

The cretaceous-Tertiary extinction event or the K-T event, is the name given to the die-off of the dinosaurs and other species that took place for some 65.5 million years ago. For many years, paleontologists believed this event was caused by climate and geological changes that interrupted the dinosaurs' food supply.

By Audrina Raposa, Violet LaFountain

How do animals survive in the cold?

During hibernation, their hearts slow down and their body temperature drops almost to freezing. They stay in this vegetative-like state until warmer temperatures return. Some of the larger animals you'll find on the Arctic tundra are

mush oxen. Their long, thick, dark hair surrounds them like a tent, keeping them warm.

By Hannah Tynan

Why America is called America?

America is named after Amerigo Vespucci

Amerigo Vespucci was an explorer from Europe



Hannah Tynan wondered why America is called "America." She discovered that it was named after Amerigo Vespucci, a European explorer. Artwork by Hannah Tynan.

**Some of
Dr. Acksen's
Concerns**

Developing an opioid task force
Regulation for recreational marijuana use
Recycling improvements
Guidelines for service and emotional support animals

Fairhaven Deserves a committed Healthcare Professional

**Vote
Dr. Barbara Acksen
Board Of Health**

Healthcare Professional 40 plus years
Ph.D Clinical Psychology
Practice in Fairhaven

**Vote Monday
April 2nd**

Native and resident of Fairhaven-Attended Fairhaven Public Schools-Town Meeting Member
Past member of the BOH-Trust Commission Member- President Fairhaven Improvement Assoc.
Past President of the Fairhaven Rotary Club-Past President Fairhaven Historical Society

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Barbara Acksen

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Bunny Shoot

Target contest for all ages. Perfect for kids to learn about firearms. No license required. Adult supervision. Food, fun and prizes (Easter baskets, not bunnies). All profits benefit Troop 3 for camp scholarships. **Sun., 3/25, noon–4 p.m., New Bedford Rifle and Revolver Club, 246 Bolton St., New Bedford. \$1/target, 3 shots/target.** Juvenile rifles provided.

Call Mike, 508-294-4082.

Greek Day NB

The SouthCoast Greek American Community will celebrate Greek Independence day on **Fri., 3/23, at 2 p.m. at New Bedford City Hall.** Remarks by the Mayor of New Bedford and raising of the Greek flag. All are invited to join us!

LGBT Movie Series

With two amazing films already, the New Bedford Winter LGBTQ Film Series promises another knock-out documentary with **“Two Spirits” on Sun., 3/25, from 2-5pm at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park located at 33 William Street, New Bedford, MA.** Network and visit resource tables by partner agencies before and after the film.

Lydia Nibley directs, co-produces, and co-writes a film that discusses the discrimination where two intersections meet: being native, and being two spirit. In it is a tale of a mother's despair after her child, Freddie “FC” Martinez, is murdered. Freddie was considered a nádleehí, someone who is born assigned male and has a feminine nature in the Navajo language.

Snoopy The Musical

Based on the comic strip “Peanuts” by Charles M. Schulz The Musical **SNOOPY!**, performed by the extremely talented Laurel Tree Players, will be performed **Fri. & Sat., 3/23 & 3/24 at 8 p.m.; and Sun., 3/25, at 2 p.m.** at Holy Family Holy Name, 92 Summer St., New Bedford, MA

Snoopy! is a 90-minute song-filled, heartwarming, and gag-packed treat for the entire family! Get a dog's eye view on life while you take to the skies atop Snoopy's doghouse and wait for the Great Pumpkin with Linus. *Snoopy!* contains over 15 toe-

tapping tunes performed by Charlie Brown, Lucy, Sally, Linus, Peppermint Patty, Marcie, Woodstock and one lovable beagle.

Tickets: Adults \$15.00, Children / Seniors \$12.00 Call 508-993-3547 .

No need to go to Boston or New York...come see a great show right here in New Bedford!

Call for Artists

The New Bedford Seaport Art Walk unites two of the city's nationally recognized cultural and commercial assets, its working waterfront and its working artists. It is the first large format outdoor public art installation along the waterfront in the city. Each summer, ten to twenty sculptures are temporarily installed along MacArthur Blvd, City Pier, State Pier, and the Seaport Cultural District downtown.

Artists are invited to submit proposals reflecting this year's theme: “Freedom and Equality”; honoring the bicentennial of Frederick Douglass and his history in New Bedford as his first free home after escaping slavery. Artists are asked to submit proposals reflecting the vision he and many New Bedford abolitionists held sacred: social justice, human rights, emancipation, and sanctuary. For details visit: <http://destinationnewbedford.org/wp-content/uploads/SPAW-2018-Call-for-Artists-rev.pdf>

Classic Sea Movies

Each season, The Second Half: Lifelong Learning Institute presents a new slate of afternoon lectures and activities in association with the New Bedford Whaling Museum. On Thursday afternoons this spring, The Second Half and the Whaling Museum will present a series of eight classic movies about the sea, sea creatures, and seafaring adventurers featuring big stars and some of the most famous titles in movie history.

The films will be screened in the **Museum's Cook Memorial Theater, 18 Johnny Cake Hill. Showtime is 2:30 pm. Tickets: \$10 for Museum members; \$15 for non-members.** Purchase online at whalingmuseum.org or call 508-997-0046 ext. 100. Visit whalingmuseum.org.

March 29, 2:30 p.m.: “The Whale” Narrated by Ryan Reynolds, “The

Whale” is the true story of a young killer whale, an orca nicknamed Luna, who makes friends with people after he gets separated from his family on the rugged west coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. As rambunctious and surprising as a visitor from another planet, Luna endears himself to humans with his determination to make contact, which leads to laughter, conflict and unexpected consequences.

April 5, 2:30 p.m.: “Mutiny on the Bounty” Charles Laughton portrays Captain Bligh, a seafaring monster ruling with the law of fear. Solidifying his status as Hollywood's #1 male star, Clark Gable is first officer Fletcher Christian, whose will to obey erodes under Bligh's tyranny. Franchot Tone plays idealistic midshipman Byam, torn by his allegiance to both. That all three portrayals are vividly memorable is accented by the fact that for the only time in Oscar history, three stars from the same film were Best Actor nominees.

Abolition Sympos.

A Call to Action: Abolition, Activism, and the Principled Life . April 7, 9 am – 3 pm, Cook Memorial Theater at the Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford. \$25 for Members (Whaling Museum, Rotch-Jones-Duff, or New Bedford Historical Society), \$35 for Non-members. For tickets and symposium details visit: www.rjdmuseum.org or whalingmuseum.org .

Brought to you by the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum, in partnership with the New Bedford Whaling Museum, the New Bedford Historical Society, and the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park

The constitution of the New Bedford Anti-Slavery Society was signed by more than 120 citizens of the town—men and women, black and white. William Rotch Jr. was the society's first president, but his efforts to abolish slavery in the United States had begun almost a half-century earlier. A Call to Action aims to place Rotch's life and activism in the contexts of his Quaker upbringing, the economic and political relations between North and South, and the lives of African Americans, both free and fugitive.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

School Vac. Program

Registrations are now being accepted for Showstoppers' 14th Annual School Vacation Performing Arts Program to be held April 16-20, 9-3 daily at the Congregational Church in Mattapoisett. This year, we are offering a Junior Program for elementary school students as well as a Senior Program for students in junior high and high school. A Broadway Musical Showcase will be presented to the public at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 20. \$175 per child includes performance CD, tee shirt, daily snacks and certificate of completion. Don't delay! Reserve your spot today! For more information or to register, call 508-758-4525 or email kzucco@comcast.net. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/showstoppers.us/>.

Five Mile Hike

Join the Buzzards Bay Coalition for a five-mile guided group hike through the **Mattapoisett River Reserve on Sat., 3/24, at 10 a.m. We'll meet at The Bogs (138 Acushnet Rd., Mattapoisett)** and explore the reserve's extensive trail network that connects to Tripps Mill and two newly opened properties, Tinkhamtown Woodlands and New Boston Trail.

Portions of the trail are very wet. Please wear water-resistant footwear with good traction for walking in snow, dress in layers, and bring water and a snack. The hike should last approximately three hours.

To RSVP for this free hike, visit <http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/mattapoisett-river-reserve-hike-mar-24-2018/> or contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at (508) 999-6363 ext. 219.

To learn more, visit [savebuzzardsbay.org/discover](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/discover). Discover Buzzards Bay is sponsored by Southcoast Health.

Humor Fundraiser

Award winning speaker and humorist Loretta Laroche, will perform at **White's of Westport, on Fri., 4/6, at 7 p.m.**, with proceeds benefiting consumer programs at Coastline Elderly Services, which covers the communities of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Gosnold, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford and Rochester.

Tickets are \$50 and the price includes hot and cold appetizers and a great show. To order tickets for Loretta LaRoche's event, please call Dawn O'Hara at 508-742-9180 or dohara@coastlinenb.org.

Memory Cafe Finds New Home

In an exciting partnership with the Acushnet Public Library, the **Council on Aging will now host their weekly Memory Café every Monday, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the library, 232 Middle Road.** This social group is designed for those with mild to moderate Alzheimer's or other dementia and their care partner, family or friend. Memory Café is free and open to the public, regardless of area of residence. For more information please call the Acushnet Council on Aging, 508-998-0280.

MOLIFE Gala

MOLIFE Inc. presents our Formal Gala Event on **Fri., 4/6, at White's of Westport from 6pm-Midnight.** Join us for a fun night with a Buffet Dinner and Dancing. There will be a silent auction, our Gift Card Wall and a wine toss! **Tickets are \$50.**

Join us for our VIP Event and meet Miss Massachusetts Jillian Zucco! Open bar and appetizers will be served. (VIP Event is a limited ticket Event). **Tickets for both VIP and Gala Events are \$100.**

Proceeds to benefit Scholarships to High School Seniors in the Greater New Bedford Area, and to the consumers of MOLIFE Inc.

For tickets and information visit our website www.molifeinc.com or contact our office at 508-992-5978.

Women on Target

The Fin, Fur, and Feather Club of Mattapoisett will host a full day course called Women on Target on May 19, 2018. This is an instructional shooting clinic designed to introduce women to the number one participatory sport in the country, namely, the shooting sports.

The day's schedule includes a morning session with instruction on gun safety and the Massachusetts Gun Laws. Lunch will be provided. In the afternoon, participants will be divided into small groups and

assigned to 4 areas including archery, trap shooting, pistol range, and rifle range. Club member volunteers will serve as instructors in these areas. Each student receives one to one instruction.

At the end of the day, students receive their certificates of course completion. This certificate is required when applying for licenses.

The class size will be limited and tends to fill quickly. Apply early to ensure a spot!

Applications are available by contacting Linda Meredith at lindam1002@comcast.net for an application. **Fee is \$75.**

Pastel Painting Workshop

On April 9th at 6pm, the Acushnet Public Library will host award-winning pastel artist Gregory John Maichack to present an adult hands-on workshop, **"Monet's Magic: Pastel Paint Monet's Wondrous Water Lilies."** This pastel painting workshop is designed for sheer beginners to experienced artists. Seats will fill quickly so please call 508-998-0270 to pre-register.

This project is supported in part by a grant from the Acushnet Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Imagine using the actual imagery that inspired Monet to paint his "Water Lily" paintings. In this new, highly researched two-hour workshop, participants create their own pastel painting, freely experimenting with hundreds of the artist's professional grade pastels, pastel pencils, and pastel paper, in this fun pastel painting workshop.

Gregory Maichack is a seasoned pro at teaching pastel techniques. He guides participants through drawing a close up of a water lily. Then participants are encouraged to make it their own using his water garden photos he took on site at Monet's home studio in Giverny, France, the site from which Monet painted his famous water lilies. Expressive and fun, you will quickly learn how easy and direct pastel painting is, and as always, participants will keep their pastel painting.

Visit www.GregoryMaichack.com.

Recipe of the Week

Portuguese Steamed Little necks

- 5 pounds littlenecks in shell, scrubbed
- 1 1/2 pounds chourico sliced into chunks
- 1 large onion, cut into thin wedges
- 14.5 ounce can diced tomatoes
- 2 cups white wine
- 1/4 cup olive oil

Wash clams well in a sink of cold water.

In a large stock pot with a tight fitting lid, place the cleaned clams. Add the sausage, onion, tomatoes and wine. Cover and set over high heat. Steam until all the clams open up. Be sure to shake the pan often to insure even heat.

Drizzle olive oil over the cooked clams. Evenly divide all the ingredients into warm soup plates. Divide the broth into side cups for dipping.

Serve with a small cup of melted butter for dipping clams, and don't forget a fresh loaf of warm, crusty bread.

From www.allrecipes.com

To share a recipe with your neighbors

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

“Lawful presence” required for license

Press Release

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles is reminding the public that on March 26, 2018, to get or renew any driver's license, ID card, or learner's permit, customers will need documentation showing United States citizenship or lawful presence as required by federal and state law.

Lawful presence means that a person is legally living in the United States according to federal immigration laws. All United States citizens and lawfully permanent residents have permanent lawful presence in the U.S. Non-U.S. individuals who are studying, working, or living temporarily in the U.S. may have temporary lawful presence that may vary in length.

On March 26, customers will have the choice between a REAL ID Driver's License or ID Card, or a Standard Massachusetts Driver's License or ID Card. REAL ID is a Federal Security Standard for IDs that was created in 2005 as a result of increased federal security measures after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

REAL ID will be available on March 26, 2018; however, people will not need a REAL ID until October of 2020. And if they have an active passport and don't mind carrying it, they will never need a REAL ID. After October of 2020, citizens will need either a passport or REAL ID Massachusetts Driver's License to fly in the United States, or to enter restricted areas of federal buildings. The Standard Massachusetts License or ID card will not be valid as a federal ID after October 2020.

Detailed information on which documents are required is available at www.mass.gov/id

Individuals applying for Registry

credentials are encouraged to start their applications online at mass.gov/rmv and answer a few questions to determine if they should choose a REAL ID driver's license or ID or a Standard Driver's license or ID, and exactly what identification documents are necessary for each. Customers who visit the RMV's website will be able to print online applications or have an application that can be displayed on a mobile phone. The website tells customers exactly what to bring to complete the transaction and also directs AAA members to the closest AAA offices for renewals. The online application includes a bar code that will be scanned to retrieve the customer's information in the system to save time in line. Renewal customers requesting a standard card may be able to perform their renewal successfully online, without coming in for the transaction in person.

Before March 26, 2018: Customers can process renewals as usual: online or in person at a RMV Service Center or AAA location, (if they are a member of AAA). The Registry encourages the public to renew early.

Lawful Presence Documentation

For U.S. citizens, a valid, unexpired U.S. passport is sufficient proof of lawful presence. U.S. citizens may also provide a certified copy of their U.S. birth certificate.

For permanent residents, a valid permanent resident card (green card) is sufficient proof of lawful presence.

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OBRIGADO!

Officials from Fairhaven and Lagoa Sister City sign agreement

By Beth David

Editor

Thank-you, thank-you, obrigado and obrigado, rang out in the banquet room at Fairhaven Town Hall as Selectboard members and officials from the town's newest sister city, Lagoa, St. Michael, Azores, met to sign the Friendship Pact, exchange small gifts, and enjoy pastries and refreshments on Monday, 3/19. The group also included representatives from Lagoa do Algarve, which is on the mainland.

Mayor Cristina Calisto, the first woman mayor of Lagoa-St. Michael, told the board and the crowd gathered that she was pleased to be there and excited for the ceremony.

She said the two towns will maintain close contact. She noted that the towns have a lot in common, most notably the shore. The two places also share a deep Portuguese heritage.

Ms. Calisto said she made a good friend in Selectboard member Charles Murphy, who traveled to Lagoa and is the board's representative on the sister-city committee.

Ms. Calisto said that she has felt very welcome on her trip.

"I thank you for the hospitality of your community," she said. "I am so glad to be here."

She told the crowd gathered and watching on cable access TV that she hoped they all could visit Lagoa.

"I will wait for you," said the mayor who brought her young daughter with her on the trip.

"We look forward to a very nice, long-lasting relationship," said Selectboard chairperson Bob Espindola.

Mr. Murphy addressed the guests in Portuguese, noting that he is 25% Portuguese.



"Obrigado," he said and noted that on his trip to Lagoa, Ms. Calisto showed much pride in her town, and the fact that she is the first woman mayor.

The two groups exchanged gifts, including a Fairhaven decorative plate with its iconic buildings; and a small ceramic cup. Mayor Calisto said the pottery was from a factory in Lagoa that has been operating for 500 years. The box of gifts included something to drink and music.

"Most important, you brought yourself," said Mr. Espindola.

Representatives of the two towns are looking forward to a variety of exchanges that will enhance both towns, including cultural exchanges, business opportunities, and student exchanges.

Maria Tomasia said student exchanges are very valuable. Their perception of the "old country" is of a place that does not exist. Portugal has a "natural beauty," she said, but is also very modern.

"They also get to live the culture," said Ms. Tomasia, adding it has been "extremely positive" over the years for both the Portuguese students and the American students.

In the Azores, she said, the perception of America is largely from movies, so when they visit, they are "totally blown away."

She said they learn not to limit themselves after they visit here.

"We are a global community," said Ms. Tomasia. "And I think that's going to continue."

The towns will also keep in touch by Facebook, with the Lagoa contingent asking for lots of photos to be posted, especially of the Feast of Our Lady of Angels every September.

"We're lucky to have such a strong tradition of Portuguese culture in Fairhaven," said Mr. Murphy. "The Portuguese culture is....awesome."

"We have many things in common," said Lagoa's Roberto Medeiros. "That's why you should go."

After the meeting, Anabela Simão, a councilor in Lagoa do Algarve, said



ABOVE, L-R: Cristina Calisto, the Mayor of Lagoa, St. Michael, Azores; Anabela Simão, a city councilor in Lagoa do Algarve (on the mainland); Fairhaven Selectboard member Charles Murphy; Selectboard chairperson Bob Espindola; Selectboard member Daniel Freitas; hold up the flag of Lagoa do Algarve given to the town at the Selectboard meeting on Monday, 3/19/18. BELOW: Mayor Calisto holds the decorative plate the town of Fairhaven gave to Lagoa, depicting iconic Fairhaven buildings. Photos by Beth David.

it was her first visit to the US. The group visited the other sister-cities in the area, including New Bedford, Dartmouth, Fall River, Taunton, and Rehobeth, in Mass., and Bristol, RI.

She said it was very different than what she expected. They get their perception of the US from the news, she said, and that is all negative.

"It's different," she said. "It's not a very good impression about security," that they get from news.

She said they felt very safe walking around.

"People are very friendly," she said, adding they could walk everywhere and feel secure.

She said she also could see that people have an "open heart" for the Portuguese culture.

Ms. Simão said the two areas have a lot in common economically, and both sides are looking forward to some exchanges that will be beneficial to both. Both places are good tourist destinations. Lagoa St. Michael has 56 beaches.

Maria Inêz, the mayor's daughter, said, with a little translation help from Ms. Tomasia, that she was fascinated with the snow. It was the first time she had seen snow. Unfortunately, she got here a day late and was not able to make a snow figure, but she did make snowballs.

Mayor Calisto said people on the trip were "very kind" and showed

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John Cooke history lesson does not settle burial question

By Beth David
Editor

Christopher Richard never pretended he could end the controversy about where John Cooke is buried.

He has plenty of material to debunk the theory that John Cooke was buried at Cooke Memorial Park, he even tracked down when the rumor started. But he also admits that no one knows where he is buried.

John Cooke was on the Mayflower, and those 34 families are among the most studied on the planet, definitely in the country, said Mr. Richard.

And in all the books and research, there is no way to figure out for sure where John Cooke was laid to rest.

At a special event on Friday, 3/16, in the Fairhaven Town Hall auditorium, and sponsored by the Fairhaven Historical Society, Mr. Richard gave a talk on the life of John Cooke, "Fairhaven Pilgrim: John Cooke, The Mayflower last surviving male passenger."

Mr. Richard, a local historian, is also the town's Director of Tourism.

In addition to following Mr. Cooke's chronology, from his arrival on the Mayflower at 13 years old, Mr. Richard traced his descendants and the land they owned locally, with a few fun stories thrown in for good measure.

Mr. Richard recited the names of the Cooke children, the people they married, and the children they had, and painted a picture of large families having larger families and spreading across the area. He made the connections of who was related to whom and how.

The names are familiar ones: Delano, Cushman, Warren, Hathaway, Wilcox, Taber, West (yes, that would be how West Island got its name).

"If you're connected to one pilgrim, you're probably connected to a lot more pilgrims," said Mr. Richard.

John and Sarah Cooke had five daughters, giving their heirs many names other than "Cooke."

The Cookes were not even supposed to be on the Mayflower, said Mr. Richard. But the boat they were supposed to take had a problem, so they switched.

Mr. Richard spoke about John Cooke's father, Francis, and other family members, the land they bought, the work they did, and the religious affiliations they had.

They left Europe for religious freedom, then a conflict with the church in Plymouth, where they first settled, ended with John Cooke moving to Dartmouth, which was the

whole New Bedford area in the 1600s.

John Cooke purchased 116,000 acres from Chief Massasoit in 1652, but did not settle here right away.

Eventually, the increasing "oppression" in Plymouth urged Mr. Cooke to move away to the wilderness of Acushna, as the Native Americans called it.

According to tax records, there were five owners of property at the time.

"So, if you see a plaque that says John Cooke was the first white settler here, it's probably not true," said Mr. Richard.

He explained that the heart of Mr. Cooke's homestead was close to where Benoit Square is now with the house being located at the intersection of Adams Street and Howland Road and went to about Route 195 to Glenhaven Avenue.*

He drew diagrams of the first roads, that started from Wampanoag walking paths, and slowly filled them in as different parcels



Jeff Lucas (RIGHT) lends hand so Chris Richard can point out the spot where legend has it that John Cooke is buried in what is now Cooke Memorial Park. Mr. Richard said the photo shows that the spot was used for other purposes over the years, besides being a burial ground in the 1700s.***
Photo by Beth David.

were bought and people moved in, creating roads to get to their homes.

There were about 30 houses in 1675 when King Philip's War started, said Mr. Richard. And they were all burned down. Mr. Cooke moved back to Plymouth for a time.

Mr. Richard made many connections to the heirs of John Cooke and the historical sites we know today, such as the Taber chimney at the Bates house on Main Street. Mr. Cooke's daughter married a Taber. Mr. Richard said there is no doubt that John Cooke stood in front of the chimney.

As for where John Cooke is buried, Mr. Richard said he believed that he was buried on his own land in a spot that is now behind the Century House in Acushnet. He comes to that belief by reading descriptions in the will and other documents, including finding a nickname of "Howard's Neck" for the place, and it was a burial ground. John Cooke described that place in his will, said Mr. Richard. It does not prove he was buried

there, however.**

However, the description is not that precise.

But Mr. Cooke never owned the parcel that includes Cooke Park, which is at the end of Pilgrim Avenue at Cherry Street in North Fairhaven.

Mr. Richard also had a picture of Cooke Park before it was a park, and it has barns and other structures on it, despite being a burial ground previously.***

Books published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants say that John Cooke's burial place is unknown.

He said he started research so he could promote the site for tourism, but then discovered: "We were about the only ones in the whole world that believed John Cooke was buried in that park," he said.

He traced that belief to a lecture given by Franklin Dexter to the Fairhaven Improvement Association in 1988. Mr.

Dexter told the FIA that Cooke was buried there.

"All of a sudden, everyone in the world went crazy," said Mr. Richard. "We don't know why he said it. There was no evidence."

A month later, he said, using minutes from the FIA records, he discovered the FIA proposed placing a plaque at the site.

He said "no one knows" if Professor Dexter had any evidence, or what he based his belief on.

But then there were articles in the newspapers, and now there is a plaque there.

So, the short answer to where John Cooke is buried is: "We don't

know," said Mr. Richard.

He also said that as tourism director he sees many visitors, Mayflower descendant aficionados from all over the world.

"They realize it's just a legend," he said.

Several people asked questions and commented, including Cathy Delano who asked about Cooke Park and the push to designate it a cemetery. The Board of Public Works has already banned organized events there, due to the controversy.

Mr. Richard showed the photo again, with a barn on the property. He noted the Mass. Historical Commission said the park could still be used.

Mr. Richard also made it a point to tell those gathered that the family bible of Bartholomew West, John Cooke's grandson, was stolen by the British in the raid of 1778. It is on display in Bodmin, England.

"They still won't give it back," said Mr. Richard, musing that if people went in a

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Basketball Court Scheduled Closings

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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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Acushnet Selectboard has spirited discussion on TM articles

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

Tensions ran high at the Acushnet Selectboard meeting on Tuesday, 3/20, when Selectboard members had their first draft review of the 54 articles on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

The board first had a discussion on Article 17, which asks the Town to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, Section 41B to require that all Town payroll be made through Direct Deposit.

Chairperson Kevin Gaspar stated that he would like to get rid of the article altogether.

Selectboard member Roger Cabral disagreed.

"Direct deposit is the way one gets paid in 2018," he said "It makes it more efficient for everyone."

Mr. Noble stated that there was some pushback from employees, and because there were at least 54 articles he really did not need to present this one at this time at this meeting.

The board did not vote on the article.

The Selectboard also discussed Article 19 to see if the Town would impose a local sales tax on the sale of restaurant meals within the Town at a rate of .75% gross sales receipts.

Mr. Noble stated it would be .07 cents on the dollar, with annual revenue of approximately \$68,000. Mr. Noble stated it was invented for a revenue source for OPEB, or Other Post Employment Benefits, which are benefits that government agencies provide to their retired employees.)

Among the most tense conversation was Article 20, about the OPEB Liability. Mr. Gaspar stated he would like his colleagues to consider

amending the article to reduce the OPEB benefits to 50/50 vs. 60/40. He said that there have been past mistakes and the liability on OPEB for the town of Acushnet is certainly one of them.

Mr. Cioper stated that he did not think retirees should fund "past mistakes."

Mr. Gaspar read from an article by Geoffrey Beckwith, executive director and CEO of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, in November 2017 that reiterated his own opinions regarding OPEB.

"The problem is communities are already strapped for cash," read Mr. Gaspar. "The only way out is reform. We need to have meaningful reform that will provide savings not in 15-20 years but immediately,"

Mr. Gaspar stated it was his opinion that something needs to be done immediately and the Town has a huge liability that does not seem to be going away. He recommended a 50/50 split with retirees on the insurance to at least put a dent in the liability for the future.

Mr. Cabral stated that he felt there were two issues that are not the same. He said that the liability is certainly there, and they could start putting money aside to fund the existing obligation. Mr. Cabral said the second issue is that 60/40 is not that generous with healthcare, and what Mr. Gaspar is referring to are two very distinct issues.

Mr. Gaspar said, the "Government would come down with new bullshit."

He said he had done a lot of research on OPEB in the last few years.

"I have so much crap that I've done in research," he said holding up a file folder full of paper.

He added that the financial crisis is

going to come and should be a shared burden.

Mr. Cioper said that the article is written to stabilize the liability.

Mr. Gaspar said, "the notion that we are going to be downgraded is B.S., the downgrades are coming anyway."

Mr. Cabral said he would be pleased to look at the competitive analysis of other Towns and how they share the health care costs with their retirees, however it was distinctively two different subjects.

Mr. Gaspar ended the conversation with, "the black market is going to come."

The board did not vote on the article.

In another tension filled discussion, Mr. Cabral reviewed an article he put forth to change the Town Clerk to an appointed position, versus elected.

Mr. Cabral stated that the article was put forth to protect the Town Clerk office and was in no shape or form a strike against the current Town Clerk, Pamela Labonte.

Mr. Cabral stated that now that the Town Clerk position is full-time and carries a salary of \$70,000 that he would like to see it appointed and not at the will of someone who wants to win a political popularity contest.

"I just want to see the right person be appointed to the job. I think it protects Ms. Labonte as well," said Mr. Cabral.

Mr. Cioper disagreed, saying he did not think that it was about politics.

"I don't want to take the vote away from the voters," he said. "I do not favor taking the voters rights away."

Mr. Cabral reiterated that the Town

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Candidate Statements: Fairhaven Board of Health



I am Dr. Barbara Acksen, candidate for the Board of Health. I previously served on the Board and found the work compelling, and wish to serve once again. As a healthcare professional for over 40 years, I am passionate and committed to the important work of the Board to safeguard the town's health and environment. We have a small health department; so much

of this is done by regulation and education, all in the service of prevention and protection.

Many new issues will be coming before the Board, including development of an opioid task force, regulations for recreational marijuana, human trafficking and service animals, as well as educating the public about proper recycling. I feel that my combination of education, experience and skills will be a good fit in serving the Board.

I grew up in Fairhaven and attended the public schools. I have a PhD in Psychology and maintain a practice of psychology/neuro-psychology in town. I serve as Chair for the area's Community Health Network Association, Greater New Bedford Allies for Health and Wellness, Inc. This Coalition, made up of health and human service workers, government officials and others, works in partnership with the Department of Public Health to improve the quality of health in the nine surrounding communities.

In my practice I work with people of all ages, children to seniors. I know how to listen to people's concerns. I consult to hospitals, schools and organizations. I have served as a clinical administrator for numerous clinics both here and in the Boston area. As the clinical director of these facilities, I developed programs and established policies and procedures to serve the public. I ensured that all regulations were followed for a variety of governmental agencies including the Department of Public Health. These clinics serviced behavioral health and addiction services as well as services to the elderly and the developmentally disabled. Development of regulations and enforcement are important functions to the Board of Health.

Another important role of the Board is education of the public. I've worked as a professor and research scientist. I have taught in both graduate and undergraduate settings and conducted research studies in academic settings as well as clinics and communities. Evaluating research and educating the public are central to the Board of Health's mission of education and prevention.

I love our town and have long been committed to serving it. I currently serve as the President of the Fairhaven Improvement Association, Chair of the Cable Advisory Committee and Trust Commission and member of the Roger's School Committee.

The Board currently has no health care provider on it. I would fill that void. As a member of the Board of Health I will work to inform you about health and safety issues, enforce regulations designed to protect your health, advocate for the concerns of all neighborhoods and provide a respectful hearing to all citizens and businesses who come before the Board. I care deeply about our community and will work diligently on your behalf.

I ask for your vote on April 2nd.



After stepping away for a few years, I hope to reenter public life in Fairhaven by seeking election to the Board of Health. For over twenty years I have had the pleasure of serving the people of Fairhaven in a number of government and civic offices: Selectman, Finance Committee member, past President of both the Fairhaven Improvement Association and the

North Fairhaven Improvement Association. Currently, I serve as a Trustee of the Millicent Library and as Vice President of the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society and Museum. A proud member of the Fairhaven High School Class of 73, I also hold degrees from Providence College and Columbia University.

However, it was a series of events several years before my involvement in Town civic life that shapes my candidacy for the Board of Health. My family's two room cottage was destroyed by Hurricane Bob. Owned by my mother at the time, I helped her run through a gauntlet of town boards and officials in order to get permission to rebuild. In the most simple of terms, I want a Board of Health that will treat citizens in their time of need in the same way I wanted my mother and myself treated in our time of need. I want a Board of Health that is informative — that tells people what they need to know. I want a Board that is fair and consistent in their actions. I want a Board that, while it upholds the laws and regulations, also shows compassion and understanding to those who come before it. Finally, I want a Board that is decisive because, very often, no decision is the worst decision of all. Guided by these simple principles all town boards will do very well in serving our citizens.

While I have mentioned general principles, there is one particular policy position I feel passionate about: NO TRASH FEES. Under the Town's contract with SEMASS, the waste-to-energy facility, the Town has made millions of dollars over the years from the sale of excess tonnage to private haulers. Under these circumstances, no Town official can morally justify asking people to pay for the removal of trash.

In conclusion, I humbly seek permission from the good voters of Fairhaven to be given the opportunity to return to public life in the Town that I love. Thank you.

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The advertisement features a photograph of the museum building with an American flag and a white star on the facade. The text provides contact information and social media links.

FHS Cheerleaders win New Englands



The Fairhaven High School cheerleading squad is all smiles at Fairhaven High School after winning first place in their division at the Council of New England Secondary School Principals' Association cheerleading competition on Saturday, 3/17, held in Manchester, NH. The squad took first place in Division IV competing against all New England states. The Fairhaven police and fire departments escorted the squad bus back to the high school on Saturday. *Photo by Beth David.*

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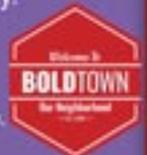
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Administrator position, and the Finance Director position are professional appointments that are not elected.

"We want the right person for the job," he said. "I believe that the Town Clerk is a professional position and all the other professional positions in Town are appointed not elected."

"I think we need to do it before it's too late," Mr. Cabral said.

Mr. Gaspar said he believed that Mr. Cabral was making more politics out of it than necessary. He said he agreed with Mr. Cioper and did not want to take the rights of voters away.

"We have a safeguard in place," Mr. Gaspar said. "All you need to do, Mr. Cabral, is read from the Town Charter, page 100, that reads they can recall an elected position.

"I'm totally 100% against this," Mr. Gaspar said.

With that comment, Mr. Gaspar made a motion to table the article,

with Mr. Cioper seconding the motion. Mr. Cabral continued to make his argument and was interrupted by Mr. Gaspar who said he made a motion to table. Mr. Noble then said there is still discussion after a motion.

"This is to protect the Town Clerk position and not a slam against the current Town Clerk," Mr. Cabral said.

Since the motion was made and seconded, the vote to table passed 2-0 with Mr. Cabral abstaining.

The board did not vote on all the articles. They will discuss them again before voting on their recommendations.

In other business, the Selectboard reviewed the Annual Town Election Warrant. Mr. Noble advised the board that the Town Election was going to be held on Monday, April 2nd from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. He said among the election for Town officials there would also be the question on the recreational marijuana.

"Again, if you vote YES you do not

want recreational marijuana in the Town of Acushnet, and if you vote NO, you are okay with recreational marijuana in Town," said Mr. Noble.

At the end of the meeting, the Selectboard gave Mr. Noble his performance review.

Mr. Gaspar stated he was confident in Mr. Noble's desire to achieve, "but please slow down," he said.

Mr. Gaspar stated the Town was "blessed" to have both Mr. Noble and Julie Hebert, the Town Accountant on board.

Mr. Cioper said he gave Mr. Noble very high marks on the performance review and felt he was an over-achiever. He also said that he felt Mr. Noble was bringing the Town forward fast and felt that he was leading them in a positive direction.

Mr. Cabral reiterated what his two colleagues said, stating that he was very happy with Mr. Noble's job performance.

"I'm happy to have you in Acushnet," Mr. Cabral said.

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"great hospitality."

She attended the Portuguese dinner at Cotali Mar Restaurant in New Bedford on Saturday, 3/17, with more than 250 people. She said she tried to connect with as many people as she could.

"We want to maintain contact in [the areas of] education, exchange of culture, and economy," she said.

Mr. Murphy agreed that there are many similarities between Fairhaven

and Lagoa.

He said people are "kind, very generous and really engaged in conversation, wanting to know about Fairhaven."

He said the food was "outstanding," the black-sand beaches were "amazing," and the culture was progressive. The fish, whether served in a home or at a restaurant, was always fresh, he said.

"It felt like I was home," said Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Espindola said he felt the agreement presented an "exciting opportunity," and would like to see an increase in tourism come out of it.

Wayne Oliveira, the chairperson of the sister city committee, agreed that tourism was a given, but he also hoped the fishing industry could benefit from the relationship.

"I look forward to seeing [Lagoa] someday," said Mr. Oliveira.

The Portuguese contingent was scheduled to leave on Tuesday.



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

Board of Public Works

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Tues., 3/27, Town Hall, 3 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

Finance Committee

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

Tues., 3/27, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

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

Planning Board

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

Selectboard

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

Acushnet Meetings

Agricultural Commission

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

Board of Assessors

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

Planning Commission

Thurs., 3/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 4/3, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petition(s):

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Petitioner: Dale Richter & Kim Daniels, RE: 22 Laurel Street, Plot 3, Lot 47, Book 2149 and Page 200. 198-18: Short 6.5' of required 10' side yard within an RA District.
- Petitioner: William J. Alphonse, RE: 1 Mina Street, Plot 37A, Lots 612-615, Book 6787 and Page 246. 198-18: Short 8,256 sq. ft. of required 15,000 sq. ft. and 11' short on West side and 20' short on south side of required 100' frontage, all within an RA District.
- Petitioner: Tina Newman, RE: 78 Narragansett Boulevard, Plot 30A, Lot 198. 198-23 – B-4: Special Permit required for Home Occupation as a contractor.

RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Petitioner: Patrick J. Carr, RE: 86 Middle Street, Plot 11, Lot 6E-7, Book 4268 and Page 127. 198-19: Special Permit required for fence above 6'.
- Paul & Karen Goodhue, RE: 1 Hidden Drive, Plot 39, Lot 27, Book 3300 and Page 247. 198-16: Special Permit required for an in-law apartment in an RR District.
- Petitioner: Scott Carvalho, RE: 54 Oliver Street, Plot 37B, Lot 044, Book 11608 and Page 186. 198-18: Short 4' of required 10' side yard; 198-22 A: 20' over max of 700 sq. ft. for an accessory building.

*Peter DeTerra, Chairman
3/33/18, 3/29/18*

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M.** on **April 10, 2018**, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

This is a request by applicant, Scott Snow, for the purpose of consideration of a Repetitive Petition application, for new construction of a dwelling unit on a non-conforming lot whose grandfather rights have expired, located at 3 Sedgewick Road (Map 29B, Lots 479-482) and Reservation Rd (Map 29B, Lots 476-478) in the Rural Residence (RR) zoning district.

The procedure for a Repetitive Petition calls for the Planning Board to hold a public hearing on the petition and to make a determination that the petition before it has specific and material changes in the conditions upon which the previous unfavorable action was based.

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.

*Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board
3/22/18 & 3/29/18*

Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Finance Committee Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, to hold the following public hearing(s).

PUBLIC HEARING

• **Case # 2018.04.03A** – Ms. Anita Davis, of 1528 Main Street, Acushnet is Requesting a Special Permit in order to add an accessory apartment to the property. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (1) Uses allowed by Special Permit, Accessory Apartment and Section 3.4 Special Permit Requirements "A" and "B" Accessory Apartments. This request is being made to provide additional living space with bedroom on an accessible level for personal use.

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"I'm not abdicating theft," said Mr. Richard. "It would be returning stolen property."

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Car accident on neck sends one to hospital



A white 2006 Mercedes Benz needs to be towed after it was involved in a car crash on Scoticut Neck Road near Reservation Road on Wednesday, 3/19/18. Lt. Brian Messier of the Fairhaven Fire Department works to disconnect the battery so air bags will not deploy and there will be no electrical problems while the car is towed. A black 2002 Toyota Camry was turning into a driveway when it got hit in the side by the Mercedes. There were no serious injuries, but one person was transported to the hospital, according to Fire Chief Timothy Francis. *Photos by James Mahaney.*



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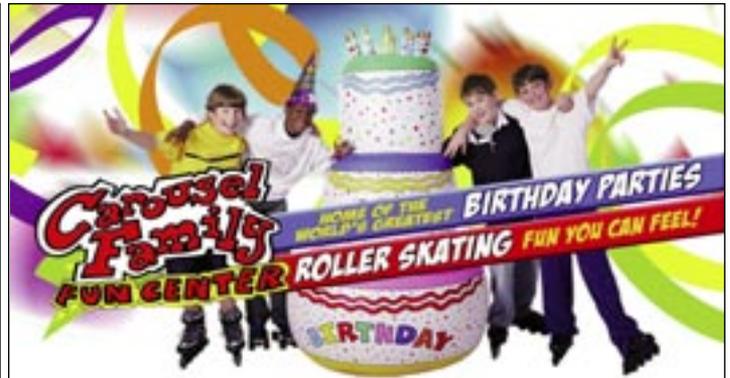
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