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

## And the winner is....? BPW race ends in tie.



Charlie Mitchell and Louise Barteau hold signs for Barbara Acksen for Board of Health in Fairhaven on election day, 4/2/18. The two met four years ago on election day, holding signs for candidates, and are still in a relationship today. This year's election in Fairhaven resulted in a tie for the Board of Public Works race. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David.



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Although voter turnouts in Fairhaven and Acushnet can only be described as “dismal” and “pathetic,” the Fairhaven election promises to provide a bit of entertainment for a few more weeks. We have a tie, folks. Yup, a bona fide tie in the Board of Public Works race. So, if you did not get out and vote, you clearly did not learn the lesson from 2013, when the Board of Health race went to court.

If you didn't learn then that every vote counts, you're probably hopeless, but I'll repeat it anyway: One vote could have made the difference this week.

There will be a recount, and if it is still a tie (most likely it will be), then the BPW and Selectboard will pick someone. Is that really how we want our board members to get in?

Turnout was 6.24% in Fairhaven and 5.25% in Acushnet. And to think that people actually died fighting for the right to vote.

These people decide all kinds of things that will affect your pocketbook and your day-to-day life in a small town. From sewer rates, to local taxes, to speed limits.

And please don't try to blame the snow, that storm was a little itty bitty nothing.

I was going to rant about the Sinclair Broadcasting thing. Y'know, anchors at news stations all around the country be forced to read a script...a SCRIPT, that is clearly an opinion piece. Geesh.

But, I think I'll leave it at that. It's getting late, and the deadline looms. I'll try to come up with something brilliant for next week.

Meanwhile, here's a random thought for the week: I used the expression, “sound like a broken record,” and realized that the young person I was talking to probably had no idea what I was talking about.

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# With just a tad more than 6% turnout, BPW race ends in tie

By Beth David  
Editor

In a big surprise, challenger and newcomer to politics, Albert N. Martin, Jr. tied with incumbent Robert "Hoppy" Hobson in Fairhaven's local election on Monday, 4/2, for the Board of Public Works. Each candidate received 338 votes. A total of 713 people voted, a 6.24% turnout, according to unofficial numbers. Results will be certified in a few days. The morning snow may have contributed to the low turnout, even though the snow was pretty much gone by mid afternoon.

Two seats were up for re-election in the BPW race, with both incumbents, Mr. Hobson and Keith Silvia, running to retain their seats.

Even Mr. Martin seemed a bit stunned by the news as he waited at Town Hall to get the results first hand. He also took advantage of the opportunity to speak to the voters directly via Government Access TV, a tradition in Fairhaven that goes back to the first year the medium existed in town. Mr. Hobson did not go to town hall on Monday night.

"It really surprised me," Mr. Martin told voters, that he "wound up" in a tie with a long time board member.

He said he was hoping that he would win out, "I'll fight to the end."

Later in the evening, Mr. Martin reiterated his surprise.

"I'm feeling good. It's my first time out and I tied a legend," he said. "I know a lot of people know who I am."

Mr. Martin is retired from the Fairhaven Highway Department.

He said that he thought he would be battling it out for second place with Keith Silvia, not Mr. Hobson. Mr.

Silvia received 480 votes.

"I didn't think it would be close with Hoppy," said Mr. Martin.

Mr. Hobson said he went to town hall on Tuesday and ran into Mr. Martin there, as they tried to figure out the next step.

"I said 'why don't we just flip a coin,'" said Mr. Hobson, but they wouldn't let them do that.

Mr. Hobson took out the papers for a recount.

If the recount results in another tie, or "failure to elect," then the BPW and

margin at risk, so the judge ruled that the town should hold a special election.

Hand counts are ballots that are rejected by the machine because it cannot read them for a variety of reason. This year, the first count had Mr. Martin up by three votes, 337-334. After the hand counts, it was tied at 338.

Mr. Hobson blamed low turnout for his poor showing in the vote count. He said he did not campaign much, but he did go to the candidate nights and did take advantage of the free publicity offered by the *Neighb News*. He also ran a couple of small ads.

Mr. Hobson credited Mr. Silvia's big win to having the "machine" behind him, noting the support of long-time politician Mike Silvia, who won a seat on the Board of Health by a large margin, and was on the Selectboard for years.

"If I knew I'd have had to campaign more, I would have," said Mr. Hobson.

Mr. Hobson has to get 10 certified signatures from each of the six precincts; one signature from each precinct has to be notarized; and he

has to return those papers by April 12.

In the other contested race in Fairhaven, for Board of Health, Barbara Acksen lost 247-444 to former Selectboard member Mike Silvia, who has not held office for a few years. He explained at candidate nights that family pressures caused him to leave public life, but now he is ready to serve again.

On Monday, he thanked Dr. Acksen for being a "gracious opponent" who ran a "civil campaign."

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L-R: Fairhaven Assistant Town Clerk Carolyn Hurley and Town Clerk Eileen Lowney punch in the numbers on Monday, 4/2/18, when the town election resulted in a tie for the Board of Public Works. Photo by Beth David.

the Selectboard will have a joint meeting and vote to appoint someone. It is unclear if it has to be one of the candidates, or if the two boards can choose anyone.

In 2013, when a problem with the hand counts resulted in a failure to elect on the Board of Health, a judge ruled that the town had to hold a special election. In that case, one candidate was ahead, then the hand counts put the other candidate ahead by one vote. But a ballot that was not marked correctly put that one-vote

## Acushnet voters ban recreational pot in town with 5% turnout

By Beth David  
Editor

Acushnet had no contested races at all on the 4/2/18 ballot, but there was a ballot question asking voters to ban recreational marijuana sales in town. Because the town voted to support the sale of marijuana in the statewide election, albeit by a very slim margin, the town needed to hold a townwide vote to ban it.

The question asked if voters wanted to prohibit recreational pot sales (and cultivating, etc.), so a "yes" vote meant prohibition, and a "no" vote meant pot sales would be allowed.

The tally was 205-139 to ban pot sales. A total of 393 ballots were cast, for a dismal 5.25% turnout of the 7,431 registered voters in Acushnet.

Elected to office were: Kevin Gaspar for Selectboard; Matthew D.

Lopes, Assessor; David Davignon, Board of Health; Craig Summer and Jennifer Downing, School Committee; Bryan Deschamps, Planning Commission; Paul Fortin, Cemetery Board; Diane Ferreira and Jennifer Alves, Library Trustee; Chad Leclair and Michael Matton, Park Commission; Nicholas Gomes, Moderator.

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Volunteers are needed to clean up debris along the shoreline. All of the cigarette butts we pick up are sent to Terra Cycle to be recycled.

Please wear closed toe shoes. We provide tools, bags, gloves and refreshments. Free t-shirts while they last!! Children are encouraged to join, but must be supervised by an adult. Sign in table near the cannons. For more information: [www.facebook.com/pollutionsolution](http://www.facebook.com/pollutionsolution) or [bethesolutiontopollution@gmail.com](mailto:bethesolutiontopollution@gmail.com)

## Community Garden

Have you ever wanted to try a garden but didn't know where to start? Interested in saving money by growing your own organic vegetables? Want to be part of a "growing green" community? If yes, you are in luck because there are Fairhaven Community Garden beds available at three school locations: East Fairhaven, Hastings Middle School and Wood School. **The fee is \$10 per 4x8 foot bed.** Organic practices only please.

Contact Laurie at 614-439-3564 or [lauriehellstrom@yahoo.com](mailto:lauriehellstrom@yahoo.com) if you are interested or have questions. More information can be found at [fairhavencommunitygarden.org](http://fairhavencommunitygarden.org).

## Soccer Scholarships

Mariner Youth Soccer is now accepting applications for its annual scholarships. Applicants must be seniors in high school and have played a minimum of 4 years in the Mariner Youth Soccer Association program. Applications are available at [www.marineryouthsoccer.com](http://www.marineryouthsoccer.com). **The deadline has been extended to May 1, 2018.**

Mariner Youth Soccer provides recreational and competitive soccer training and opportunities at its Fairhaven facility to players ages 4-8, with more than 25 teams competing this spring in the NSL and Southcoast Soccer Leagues.

Fall Recreation registration will be opening up soon on our website, so don't delay in getting your child registered. Upcoming training includes a Spring Skills Clinic for

players ages 4-8 and multiple summer soccer camp options in 2018. Registration for the Girls High School Summer League is also open. Visit our website to find out more: [www.marineryouthsoccer.com](http://www.marineryouthsoccer.com)

## Tour Guides

If you are interested in a fascinating piece of local history, come join us to pass this information to the hundreds of visitors who tour our facilities each year. The first Japanese person to live in the USA was a young boy named Manjiro who was rescued from a small island near Japan by the John Howland whaling ship from New Bedford in 1841. He was invited by Capt. William Whitfield to obtain his first schooling ever in the USA. The school involved is the Old Stone School in Fairhaven which is part of the Manjiro Trail.

We of the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society have been hosting visitors from around the world to the Captain's home (now museum) and the Manjiro Trail. We wish to invite you to join our efforts as we pass this unique piece of local history to those visitors who will join the 6,000+ who have made the journey to date.

Available to our volunteer tour guides are: complete instructions with demos, 20% discount at museum gift shop and "happy coat" uniform.

For inquiries and/or application, contact Gerry Rooney at the:

Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House Museum, 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven 02719 Office tel. 508-858-5303 or home: 508-995-1219 or cell: 508-269-4659; or by e-mail at: [Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org](mailto:Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org)

## Book Club Millicent

*The General's Women* by Susan Wittig Albert. **On Thurs., 4/19, the Thursday morning book group at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven,** invites you to come and share your opinion on this book. Please use the Walnut Street entrance. The book is available to you to read before the review at the Millicent Library or through the Library's web site, SAILS. Please call Norma Markey, 508-993-3745.

## Thrift Store Sale

Heavenly Treasures Thrift Store at First Congregational Church, William

Street Fairhaven, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Half Price Sale on Clothes, Shoes, & Pocketbooks. **April 4 to April 28**

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### Bike Path Cleanup

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All volunteers will be entered into a raffle to win a gift card from Stop and Shop. Free donuts and coffee by BRW Property Services.

# NMI welcomes public to open house

By Glenn C. Silva

## Neighb News Correspondent

Northeast Maritime Institute held an open house for the public on 3/31/2018 from 1-4 p.m at their campus in Fairhaven. The school that opened in 1981 offers two-year associate degree programs as well as continuing education in the maritime fields in over 30 individual courses ranging from Basic & Advanced Firefighting, Celestial Navigation to Tankerman Barge, and other captain licenses.

Students in the associate program take a full academic course load that includes two summer internships, with more than 20 companies to choose from. Currently, 23 students are enrolled at the school in the two-year program.

The school has much more to offer. Besides the two summer internships that give the students real world experience, there are two simulators located in the main building on Washington Street. Wall-to-wall screens simulate the view from the bridge, and a full working control helm with audio completes the experience. The resulting simulation feels just like being on a ship, even simulating movement.

Justin Ryan from Lakeville, in his final semester, was demoing the main simulator and piloting a 66-foot Coast Guard cutter in the San Francisco Bay. During his past internship, he was able to work with the Steamship

Authority and gain some real sea experience. He seemed to be excited about his upcoming job working out on the West Coast running a barge from San Francisco and headed to Anchorage Alaska.

He said the school has given him the foundation and the knowledge that he will need to do his job.

"It's going to be an experience, that's for sure," said Mr. Ryan.

In another building, Integrity Hall on Center Street, there are additional classrooms and a workshop where each class builds a 17½ foot Nor' East Dory at the start of their second year. Students launch them in New Bedford Harbor, and it's either sink or swim for the class as they are on board the very Dory they built.

The school auctioned off the first one and put the money towards a scholarship. They will be auctioning off another one at the Fairhaven Homecoming fair this summer.

Rey Peña, also in his last semester, proudly stood by the Dory he helped build as he told the story of how he came to an open house just like the one on Saturday a couple of years ago and became very interested in everything the school had to offer. Now, two years later, he will be graduating with a good education in a

promising career ahead of him.

In yet another building, Lemley Hall on Main Street, there were more classrooms, and a 48-person lifeboat out back in the parking lot.

Downstairs at Lemley Hall, Justin Runey the Firefighting and Basic Safety Instructor had all sorts of gear out for show and tell.

One of the life rafts inflates in about 30 seconds. Mr. Runey, a full time New Bedford Firefighter, came to the school on a grant to get his 100-ton license, and now teaches at the school part time.

"A lot of people don't realize we are a growing campus," said Mr. Runey.

When asked what was next for the school, Heather Corriea, the Chief Operations Officer, said the school was working on obtaining additional space but would not give away any details.

With a full-time staff of 20-25 people and a 16-1 student-teacher ratio, NMI offers students an education and a chance to learn a trade in a great environment. At any point there are approximately 50 students in session. ●●●



ABOVE: Rey Peña shows off a couple of the 17 1/2' Nor' East Dorries that are in progress at Northeast Maritime Insitute's open house on 3/31. ABOVE RIGHT, L-R: Paul Chubbuck, a first year student from Brockton, and Justin Ryan, in his last semester, operate the main simulator at Northeast Maritime Institute in Fairhaven, during an open house on 3/31/18. Photos by Glenn C Silva.





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# Cooking oil spill causes hazard on Bridge Street

## Press Release

Fairhaven Firefighters were called to the scene of an oil spill on a busy roadway Wednesday afternoon, 3/28.

When crews arrived at 191 Bridge Street they found that the occupant had been transferring cooking oil, that he uses to fuel his vehicle, from a 200-gallon tank to smaller five-gallon buckets.

During the transfer approximately 50 to 75 gallons of cooking oil spilled down the driveway and onto Bridge Street. Being a busy roadway, traffic spread the oil along Bridge Street from Route 6 to Alden Rd causing a slippery mess.

Fairhaven public works trucks were called to spread sand on the roadway as Fairhaven Police closed that portion of Bridge Street for several hours.

Frank Corp., a private clean-up contractor of New Bedford, was called in to handle the

clean-up of the roadway. The State Office of Environmental Protection had a representative on scene as well to monitor the situation.

The property at 191 Bridge Street is owned by Armand Pinard.



ABOVE: Fairhaven Firefighter Antone Medeiros pours sand on Bridge Street on Wednesday 3/28/18, while homeowner Armand Pinard looks on, after Mr. Pinard spilled cooking oil in his driveway that rolled into the street causing a hazard. TOP RIGHT: Cooking oil spills and rolls down to Bridge Street from this driveway when the homeowner was transferring the oil, which he uses to fuel his vehicle, to a smaller container on Wednesday, 3/28. BELOW RIGHT: A Fairhaven public works truck sands down Bridge Street after cooking oil spilled onto the roadway. *Fairhaven Fire Department photos by Ed Pepin.*



**I would like to thank the people who have supported me now and throughout the years.**



**For years I have been committed to protecting the public health and environment for all Fairhaven residents.**

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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Scholarship Apps

The Greater New Bedford Garden Club is accepting applications for the \$1,500 Rose L. Murphy Scholarship to be awarded to a student enrolled in a full-time college program during the academic year of 2018-2019. The applicant must be pursuing a degree either in environmental sciences, horticulture, landscape architecture, conservation, or related scientific fields.

Students are required to have been a legal Massachusetts resident for at least one year prior to June 1st of his/her graduation. You will find application forms and requirements at your local High School or secondary school's guidance office.

You can send applications to Ms Ellen P. Flynn, Chair of Scholarship, for the Greater New Bedford Garden Club P.O. Box 1312, Mattapoisett Ma 02739. Applications and required paperwork must be received on or before May 15, 2017.

## Earth Eve Parade

The largest people-power procession in New England, happening during the Thurs., 4/12, Sustainable Southcoast AHA! Night, at 5 p.m. Procession gathers at Market Street next to the library for the crowning of Mother Earth and Father Ocean. They will then lead the procession through the downtown historic district, along Acushnet Avenue and Pleasant Street with a quick stop for review. Procession then returns to Market Street.

Procession will feature floats and costumes that do not use fossil fuels, honor the earth and are mindful of the 3R's: reduce, reuse and recycle.

## Quahog Art

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center's Resident Artist Series continues in April featuring artist Jonathan Perry. A member of the Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribe, Jonathan is a traditional singer, dancer, speaker, and carver who is grounded in the traditions of his ocean-going ancestors. He will demonstrate the art of traditional quahog jewelry-making from noon to 4 p.m. on Sun., 4/8 and Sun. 4/15.

The Resident Artist series is funded in part by the Mass Cultural Council. Daily admission to the Center is free. The Center is handicap

accessible through the parking lot entrance with free off-street parking available. The Center is located at 38 Bethel Street in New Bedford's historic downtown.

For more information, please email [programs@fishingheritagecenter.org](mailto:programs@fishingheritagecenter.org) or call (508) 993-8894.

## Ice Rink Mtg

On Tues., 4/10, the general public and current rink users are invited to attend the annual ice allocation meeting for the Hetland Arena, 310 Hathaway Blvd., New Bedford. The meeting will take place at 5:00 PM in the meeting room of the arena and will touch on the allocation process for ice time, review the 2017/18 season, and discuss the upcoming 2018/19 season. The Hetland Arena is a public ice skating facility managed by FMC Ice Sports.

## 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](http://www.rjdmuseum.org) or [whalingmuseum.org](http://whalingmuseum.org).

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## Penny Sale

Parents and friends of Holy Family-Holy Name School will be sponsoring our 26th annual Penny Sale on Sat., 4/7. Come and buy some tickets and take a chance on winning one of hundreds of individual prizes being raffled off! They range from household items to children's toys to gift certificates. There's even a full kitchen to enjoy supper or some snacks while you play. At the end of the evening, the grand finale is our MEGA Raffle! Always a crowd pleaser!

The Penny Sale will be held at Holy Name Center, 121 Mt. Pleasant Street, New Bedford. Doors will open at 5:00 PM and food will be served all evening. For information or directions

to the center, call (508) 993-3547. .

## SAVE THE DATE

### Ham & Bean Supper

By Pilgrim United Church of Christ, Sat., 4/14, at 6 pm, at Pilgrim Church Home, 634 Purchase St., N.B. Ham and Bean Supper with Raffle. Includes potato salad, cole slaw, beverages, strawberry shortcake

Donation: \$10; children \$5. proceeds to benefit church programs. For reservations call 508-996-1498 or 508-998-1718

### Cystic Fibrosis Walk

Join us for the Great Strides walk as part of a national effort to fight cystic fibrosis, a rare, genetic disease that progressively limits the ability to breathe and causes premature death. The South Coast Walk is taking place on Sun., 5/20, at Fort Rodman/Taber. Check-In is at 10:00 AM and the walk will start at 11:00 AM.

To get involved in Great Strides and help fight CF, please call the Massachusetts-Rhode Island Chapter at 508-655-6000 or visit <http://fightcf.cff.org>.

## 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](http://whalingmuseum.org) or call 508-997-0046 ext. 100. Visit [whalingmuseum.org](http://whalingmuseum.org).

April 12, 2:30 p.m.: "Captains Courageous" The fishing schooner We're Here has just pulled up a different kind of fish: rich, 10-year-old Harvey Cheyne, who tumbled off the side of a sleek ocean liner. Harvey will have to wait months before the We're Here returns to harbor, months that will transform him from a spoiled whiner into an honorable young man

## Mattress FR

**FMS takes traditional fund-raising  
"To the Mats"**

The most unique fundraising concept to come along the pike in a very long while is quickly gaining popularity across the country. National organization, Custom Fundraising Solutions, creator of "The Mattress Fundraiser," has given back over \$30 million to schools **across the country. On Saturday, April 7th, Albert Ford Middle School** is taking traditional fundraising to the "mats" by hosting their own Mattress Fundraiser to raise money for their School Music Programs.

Owner and founder of the "Mattress Fundraiser," Joe Matejka says the key to making the fund-raisers so successful is the kids: "The concept is unusual but one that absolutely works. One in ten people buy a new mattress every single year. We offer the community a quality product they need, at a great price and the best part is that every sale benefits the school. Our one-day sale can help a group raise thousands of dollars! That is why we are in this business...to help the kids!"

Albert Ford Music will host their second annual Mattress Fundraiser on April 7th from 10am - 5pm. The Gym will transform into a 20+ bed showroom filled with all sizes and styles. Name brands like Simmons Beautyrest are available for up to 50% off retail prices! Watch for area yard signs and for the few lucky kids who get to wear the "mattress suit" while promoting the sale to passersby.

Visit <http://bit.ly/beds4albertford>

## Author Event via Facetime

The Acushnet Public Library invites you to participate in a community read and welcomes "Claude & Camille- a novel of Monet" author Stephanie Cowell. **The author talk, via Facetime, will take place on Sat., 4/21 at 1 pm., 232 Middle RD, Acushnet, MA 02743. FREE**

The book offers a fascinating look at nineteenth-century Paris, the bohemian lives of the Impressionists, and their struggle to create a new way of seeing the world.

Ask how you can get a copy of

Claude & Camille to read or visit [acupl.org](http://acupl.org). Look for the ebook in OverDrive. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library.

## 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](mailto:kzucco@comcast.net). Visit <https://www.facebook.com/showstoppers.us/>.

## 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](http://www.GregoryMaichack.com).

## Bird Club Mtg.

The Paskamansett Bird Club's April meeting will be at **7:30 pm on Wed., 4/11, at the Community Hall of Friends Meeting, 739 Horseneck Rd, So. Dartmouth.** Evan Dalton will discuss the results of the bird-banding effort at Manomet Bird Observatory in Plymouth where he is a Lead Instructor for the Climate Lab.

Evan will share the information gathered in the banding operation and its implications for the future.

The meeting is free and accessible.

## Jewelry Sale

Variety of New, Used, Costume, Vintage, Sterling Silver, Periwinkle, Jewelry Cases, Handbags & more! **Sat., 4/21, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at St. Julie Billiard Church Hall, 494 Slocum Rd., No. Dartmouth.**

## Dementia meetings

Please join us for the next round of quarterly Dementia Friendly Regional Meetings which will focus on: How to Start, Review of Toolkit, Sector Guides, and More; Keeping it Real, Voices from Those Living with Dementia; Resources, Partner Leads Sharing Trainings, Workshops, and More. If you missed the first meetings, no worries, resources from these first meetings are posted online.

Registration for May meetings is online only and seating is limited.

May 22, 2018 at the Acushnet Senior Center, 59½ South Main Street, from 1:30 to 3:00pm Register online at the Mass. Association of Councils on Aging: <https://mcoaonline.com/programs/dementia-friendly/may-22-2018-dfmi-meeting-acushnet-registration/>

## Recipe of the Week

### Stout Glazed Ham

1 bottle (11-12 ounces) dark stout  
1 cup dark brown sugar  
½ cup orange juice  
¼ cup orange marmalade  
¼ cup sherry vinegar  
1 bay leaf  
½ teaspoon whole allspice  
1 semi-boneless half ham (6-7 lbs)

Set oven 350°. In a heavy-bottomed flameproof casserole large enough to accommodate the ham, combine the stout, brown sugar, orange juice, marmalade, vinegar, bay leaf, and allspice. Stir and bring to a boil over medium high heat. Adjust the heat to a low boil and continue to stir for a few more minutes until the bubbles and foam dissipate.

In the pot, place the ham on its side. Loosely cover the pot with foil and bake for 45 min. Remove from the oven and turn ham on other side. Bake 45 mins more, or until a thermometer inserted into the center of the ham registers 130°. (Total baking time is 1½ hours.) Transfer to cutting board and let it rest for 5 min. Carve and serve with glaze on the side.

Unless you purchase a ham labeled "fresh," hams are fully cooked and can be served cold or reheated in the oven. Stout gives a pleasing bitter edge to this otherwise sweet glaze. Reheating the ham with the glaze in the bottom of the pot adds flavor to the meat and keeps the ham from drying out.

*By Sally Pasley Vargas/Boston Globe*

## 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 learn from Danika Reynolds on how electricity is delivered to our homes; Carlie Francis what would happen if we had no moon; Taylor Pacheco and Harper Mitchell how reindeer fly.

### Audrina Raposo, Violet LaFountain

#### *Do dolphins have hair?*

Yes, all mammals have hair at some point in their lives and a dolphin is no exception. A baby dolphin is born with whiskers on its upper jaw, which fall out soon after birth.

### Landon Enos, Jackson Hooley, Bryce Farland

#### *How do polar bears live in the cold?*

Polar bears live in one of the coldest environments. These powerful predators typically prey on seals. Females den by digging in to deep snow. Their size is 7.25 to 8 feet tall 3 to 5 in. They live to 25 to 30 years in the cold. Polar bears belong to the same genes as black and brown bears have. Polar bears can weigh between 150 to 700 kilos, that is

the same as 330 to 1500 pounds.

### Audrina Raposo, Taylor Pacheco, Violet LaFountain, Harper Mitchell

#### *Why does it snow?*

Snow is formed when temperatures are low and there is moisture in the atmosphere in the form of tiny ice crystals. When these tiny ice crystals collide they stick together in clouds to become snowflakes. If enough ice crystals stick together, they'll become heavy enough to fall to the ground.

### Audrina Raposo, Violet LaFountain

#### *How are dogs made?*

Dogs were just a loose category of wolves until around 15,000 years ago, when our ancestors tamed and began to manage them. We fed them, bred them, and spread them from continent to continent. While other wolves' descendants died out, dogs grew into a new species. We invented the dog. Dogs are cool.

### Taylor Pacheco, Elodie Cook, Skylar Bousquet, Alexis Braley

#### *How do flowers bloom?*

Flowers bloom to attract insects. Which then carry pollen from 1 flower to another and fertilize the growing fruits and seeds. In other words, its plant reproductive process. "Ove Nilsson is Professor of Plant Reproduction Biology at the UME Plant Science Center.....But his discoveries can be applied to all plants." All flowers require sunlight, water and nutrients from the soil to grow; however, which flowers will grow best depends on your environment as well as your gardening skill. Flowering plants may live for just a few weeks or several years to brighten your home or table. Flowers know when to bloom because of a gene named Apetala 1.

## To share a recipe with your neighbors

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## ELECTION: cont'd from page 3

Mr. Silvia said he enjoyed talking with his opponents' supporters, too, and that everyone was "cordial."

He thanked the voters for "welcoming me back to public life in Fairhaven."

Later in the evening Mr. Silvia said his immediate goal will be to get to know the new health agent better, and learn more about restaurant inspections and other areas under the board's authority.

Ms. Acksen also addressed voters, thanking her supporters and those who voted for her.

"Hopefully next year the sun will be shining and more people will come out, because we need more democracy," said Ms. Acksen.

Later in the evening she said the weather was definitely a factor, but that Mr. Silvia also had the "larger organization."

Keith Silvia also addressed voters, thanking his family, people who put signs on their lawns and former BPW member Kathy Sturtevant for her support and help organizing.

He said he looked forward to working with the board, "whoever it is," referring to the tie.

Selectboard member Bob



Mike Silvia, who won his bid for a seat on the Fairhaven Board of Health, addresses voters after the results were announced on Monday, 4/2. Photo by Beth David.

Espindola ran unopposed for his third term. He thanked voters and his wife, Ann, noting that it was their 32nd anniversary.

He thanked the people who supported him in the past, and said, "I look forward to another three years."

Later in the evening, Mr. Espindola reiterated the mantra: "Every vote counts."

"We know every vote counts," repeated Mr. Espindola, and thanked everyone who did show up to vote. "It's important to show up."

Donna McKenna won her third term to the School Committee, also running unopposed. She told voters it has been a "terrific six years."

She said she thought of the School Committee as family.

She said the new Town Administrator form of government has been good for the school system, and praised Mark Rees, the TA. She said everyone is getting along with each other and that is good for everyone.

Selectboard member Charles Murphy emceed the Government Access TV portion of the program on Monday.

"It just goes to show that every vote counts," said Mr. Murphy.

He thanked everyone for running, "whether you run or lost."

Earlier in the evening, Mr. Murphy also served as a second witness when Ms. Lowney had to open up two boxes of ballots. Hand counts are supposed to go into a separate envelope and not sealed up with the ballots. But the poll workers at two precincts had sealed up the envelopes. Registrar Nils Isaaksen unsealed the boxes with Mr. Murphy standing by, and the press and a few residents on the other side of the counter. Ms. Lowney retrieved the envelopes only to discover they were empty.

No other races were contested in Fairhaven, and a seat on the Planning Board is vacant. For School Commit-



ABOVE: Al Martin, who is tied with Robert "Hoppy" Hobson for the BPW, addresses voters on Monday, 4/2, after the voting was done. Photo by Beth David.

tee, Collin Veitch was also re-elected. Other races included: Colleen Silvia, Commissioner of Trust Funds; John Farrell, Planning Board; John Farrell and Gregory Tutcik for Housing Authority, with Mr. Farrell's seat being for an unexpired term; Mark Sylvia, Moderator; G. Bourne Knowles IV, Tree Warden. •••



Barbara Acksen holds signs outside of the Fairhaven Recreation Center, the polling place for precincts 5 and 6, on Monday, 4/2. Dr. Acksen lobs her bid for a seat on the Board of Health. Photo by Beth David.

## Police seek information in cyclist hit & run on bike path

### Fairhaven Police Press Release

A bicyclist was struck by a vehicle while riding on the bike path in Fairhaven where it intersects Hamlet Street just before noon time Thursday, 3/29. The male victim, a 43-year-old Fairhaven resident, was riding on the bike path with his

brother when he was struck by the vehicle. He was transported to St. Luke's Hospital by Fairhaven Fire Department Paramedics with non life threatening injuries.

The vehicle is described as a dark grey Hyundai sedan. It is believed it sustained front end damage from the

impact. After striking the bicyclist, the sedan fled northbound on Hamlet Street and left the area. The investigation is still ongoing. Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact Fairhaven Police Detectives at 508-997-7421.

# Hundreds scour the park for eggs on a chilly morning

By Beth David  
Editor

Several hundred children and adults showed up to scour Livesey Park for the annual egg hunt sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association on Saturday, 3/31.

This year, organizers tried to be a little more....well, organized, and held back the bigger kids while the little ones raced down the hill to their designated areas. The jury's still out on whether or not it was better than past years.

The children and their adults also had a chance to take pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Children who found the coveted wooden eggs, were able to turn those in for special prizes. Participants also got a ticket for a raffle to win an Easter basket. The event was completely free.

Adrianna, 7, found three wooden eggs, then learned that she was only supposed to have one, so she gave two away. She gave one egg to a little girl who was crying because she had



Charlotte is clearly not impressed with the Easter Bunny at the annual Easter Egg hunt on 3/31/18 at Livesey Park in Fairhaven. Photo by Beth David.

not found one..

She said no one told her to do it. "No, I just gave it to her," said Adrianna. "Because she didn't have any eggs and she really needed one."

She also gave an egg to a boy who got a truck with it. The little girl got some chalk.

Adrianna got a Barbie with her remaining egg. But then she saw a little girl who did not get anything, so Adrianna gave her Barbie away, too.

"She did not get anything, so I just gave it to her," said Adrianna.

The *Neighb News* is delighted to be able to report on her acts of kindness.

NFIA President Jeff Lucas mentioned Adrianna's generosity in his remarks.

Miss Bristol County, Emma Guillotte and her sister, "Little Miss," Nicole, also helped out by reading the numbers of the raffle tickets.

The NFIA thanked the following donors: Vila Verde Restaurant, Cox Candy, Emma Jean's, Debbie Davis, Leslie Stykowski, Dr. Brian Bowcock, EMA director Mark Jodoin, and sound system operator Steve Pennington. Other helpers included Boy Scouts from Troop 52 St. Mary's Church; and volunteers who assisted with Easter Egg Hunt and the members of the NFIA. Hot chocolate sponsored by the NFIA. Special thanks to Sara Sturtevant for getting the Easter Bunny to join us.



ABOVE LEFT: Jazleen stops for a second to get a picture with the Easter basket she won in the raffle at the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Livesey Park in Fairhaven on 3/31/18. ABOVE MIDDLE: Taytum is all smiles after picking up the Easter basket she won in the raffle. RIGHT: Miss Bristol County Outstanding Teen Emma Guillotte (MIDDLE), keeps an eye on her little sister and "Little Miss," Emma, while North Fairhaven Improvement Association president Jeff Lucas emcees during the raffle part of the program at the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Livesey Park. BELOW: Some smiling faces from the Easter Egg Hunt. Photos by Beth David.



LEFT: Adrianna sports an empty basket, and a smile nonetheless. She found three wooden eggs at the annual Easter Egg Hunt in North Fairhaven, but gave two away when she realized she was only supposed to take one. Then she gave away the Barbie she won with the other. Photo by Beth David.

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## Kool Kids April Vac

Dates: 4/17/18-4/20/18. This 4 day program is a great opportunity to make new friends while participating in fun group activities such as pillo polo, floor hockey, dodge ball, cooperative games, flag football, arts & crafts, etc. Kids will need to bring their own lunch for the first 3 days of the program. The last day is a pizza lunch. Come ready to have Fun! Sneakers and active clothes must be worn each day. Kids will be grouped according to their current grade in school. Grades: K-5 Drop off 8-8:15, pick up by 3PM Cost: Member \$100 Non Member \$125

## Kool Kids Summer

Kool Kids is for children entering grades 1 to age 12. Children will have fun each day by participating in a variety of sports, games and art activities. Each session will also include special themed events. Children are grouped by the Grade they will enter in the Fall. Don't miss out on this great summer program. Last year's program had a waiting list every week. Sign up early! \$130 Per week for members, sibling discounts available, also non member rates. Hours: Mon-Fri 8a.m.-3 p.m., Drop off 7:45 AM, Pick up 3pm. Extended day will be available: a.m. only (7 a.m.), \$25, p.m. only (4 p.m.), \$25 Both \$40

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## Mall Trips

**44/11:** Hyannis Mall, Xmas Shop, **4/18:** Providence Place & Whole Foods  
Trader Joes **4/25:** South Shore Plaza

## Entertainment: 12:30-2:30 p.m.

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## Special Activities

### Paint Night

for Fairhaven Seniors, Tuesday May 8th at Hastings Middle School, Fairhaven seniors join us for intergenerational night of painting with students from Hastings Middle School. All materials supplied. Seats are limited so call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up at 508-979-4029. This is a free event.

### SC Legal Services

South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc. Thursday, April 12th 9:30-11:30 a.m. A representative will be at the Senior Center to answer your questions concerning Social Security Benefits (SSI and/or Social Security applications, denials, terminations, or overpayments) Subsidized housing matters, (evictions, hearings, transfers, etc.) Public Benefits Cases (SNAP, Community and long Term Care Medicaid, and Medicare. Physical and financial Abuse. Nursing Home related problems (discharges, transfer, Medicaid, denial of payments. This is by appointment only. Please call 508-979-4029. This is funded in part by Coastline Elderly Services to provide free legal assistance to seniors age 60 and over.

### 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.

### IT Lessons

Computer Technology for Seniors will be starting a new program starting on April 2nd from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 to sign up

## Ongoing Programs

**Call 508-979-4029 for days and times**

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# Acushnet Selectboard reviews more budgets, TM articles

By Beth David  
Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard had a jam-packed agenda on Tuesday, 3/3, including budget reviews, Town Meeting article reviews, and two appointments. The board also reorganized, as it was the first meeting after the election. Mike Cioper is the new chairperson, although he wasn't voted in as such until the end of the meeting. He was late, so Kevin Gaspar ran the meeting. Mr. Cioper will take up the gavel at the next meeting.

The board voted to approve an article for \$80,000 by the Fire Chief for the new ladder truck. The truck cost \$40,000, and the town used reserve funds to buy it. Chief Gallagher said the article is to replace that money, and also to make repairs.

Selectboard members said they realized that the low price of the truck meant it would also need some repairs. The \$80,000 price tag is still a deal, they said.

The 18 year old vehicle should serve for "easily" 10 more years, said the Chief, noting that Fairhaven's ladder truck is 37 years old.

"It will be the single most complex piece of machinery the town of Acushnet owns," said Chief Gallagher.

The board voiced support for the department's other requests, but did not vote. This year, the fire and police department requests will be in public safety article.

Other requests included a hazardous waste disposal machine, defibrillators, and radios for each air pack.

"Nobody should go into a building without being able to contact command," said Chief Gallagher.

The board did not vote on the Golf Club Budget, mostly due to a sticking point with "indirect costs."

Mr. Gaspar said the \$52,000 was not a realistic number, that it was too low. Edward Isaac, speaking for the Golf Committee agreed the budget was not complete. He said they needed to meet with the Finance Committee again.

Indirect costs are charges associated with a department that are not directly paid by them, such as payroll, which is handled by the finance/accounting department. The Mass. Department of Revenue has been pressuring towns to be more specific in identifying indirect costs, and in having those charges reflected in budgets by departments that have enterprise funds, such as water and sewer. The Golf Course collects fees and has its own fund.

The Selectboard voiced support for the Golf Course, but Mr. Gaspar was skeptical of the revenue projections in the budget.

"We will find a way to make that golf course work," said Selectboard member Roger Cabral. "The golf course has gotta work. It's gotta work."

Mr. Gaspar also voiced support for the golf course, but said he felt it would "self destruct," if the budget was not well planned. He said the indirect costs need to be phased in with realistic numbers. He said he has not seen any breakdown that explains where the \$52,000 figure came from.

Mr. Gaspar suggested that the indirect costs not be included in this year's budget to give the department time to figure it out. They have never been included before, he said, and it should not be rushed.

The board did vote to approve rate increases for the golf course.

The board also raised concerns about a proposal by the Buzzards Bay Coalition which is seeking Community Preservation funds to buy a 33-acres off Mattapoisett Road. Additional acreage on the parcel is in Fairhaven and the BBC is also working with Fairhaven to acquire it.

The cost of the Tripps Mill Brook property is \$376,000. The BBC is seeking \$70,000 from Acushnet, of which \$35,000 will be reimbursed by a grant that is already guaranteed.

The BBC will own the property, the Conservation Commission will hold a Conservation Restriction (CR) on most of it. The town had the right of

first refusal, because it was 61A property, meaning it got reduced taxes for being farmland. The town signed its right to buy the property to the BBC.

The concern is that the CR is only on 27 acres. The BBC has carved out a six-acre parcel that would be suitable for house lots. Allen Decker, speaking for the BBC said the organization is not able to find public funding sources to buy the property, so it may have to sell some of it to get the money to buy the rest of it.

Mr. Gaspar said that if the town knew the BBC was going to make house lots, maybe they would not have agreed to the deal.

Mr. Decker insisted that the BBC does not want to create house lots on the property, but it may have to. He said five or six houses on the property is better than 17.

"That bothers me a little bit," said Mr. Cabral.

"We're not in the business of creating house lots and selling them off," said Mr. Decker, adding that the BBC simply has not been able to find funding sources for this particular project, so it will have to be paid for with private funds.

"We love the work you do," said Mr. Cabral, but added he supported the transfer of the land not knowing it would have house lots created.

"It's not what I thought we were endorsing when we transferred our rights to you," said Mr. Cabral, adding he voted, "assuming it would all be preserved as open space."

The board did not vote on the measure.

In the end, the board decided to hold an extra meeting on April 11 to finish up their recommendations on the budget and the TM articles.

The board also met with Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical School District Superintendent Aaron Polansky, and School Business Manager Sarah Griffith, who presented details on the funding and spending by the district.

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# SWAT called in for man who barricades self in Fairhaven

By Beth David  
Editor

A Fairhaven resident who lives on Scoticut Neck was taken into custody after a standoff on Easter Sunday. Earl W. Hebert, Jr., 49, barricaded himself inside his Winesgansett Avenue home for several hours while armed with a hunting knife. Police went to the home in the morning for an undisclosed reason. Mr. Hebert acted erratically, refused to leave the home, and charged at officers, but then stopped and went back up the stairs, where he remained while officials tried to talk him out.

Mr. Hebert had no access to firearms, said Fairhaven Police Department spokesperson Lt. Kevin Kobza. After another occupant of the home was removed, the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council unit was called in.

SEMLEC arrived with its SWAT team and vehicle, creating a jarring visual on the quiet little street. SWAT team members were in full camouflage gear, with bullet-proof vests, helmets, assault rifles, and fully outfitted utility belts.

Police first approached the home a little after 8:30 a.m. The situation ended at about 12:30 p.m.

Responding to the criticism of such a heavy-handed military-style approach, Lt. Kobza said that SEMLEC was called because they have many additional resources that the Fairhaven Police Department does not have on its own.

"I know the optics are bad," admitted Lt. Kobza. "But they bring resources that we don't have that allows us to resolve this without injury."

He said they have trained negotiators, K-9 units, and the personnel to mark off the perimeter. If a situation "goes south," he said, it is better to have them there on scene.

"It's how they operate," he said, adding that having SEMLEC there allows everyone to slow down.

"You can buy the time," he said. "You don't have to rush in and then someone gets hurt."

But, eventually, the SWAT team did enter the house and subdued Mr. Hebert using a taser and a beanbag round.

"Ultimately, he's safe, they're safe," said Lt. Kobza. "We're big men, we'll take the criticism."

He said the unit was under the jurisdiction of the Fairhaven police.

Mr. Hebert has had a variety of episodes over the years, due to a mental health condition. Sources say he was not taking his medication as prescribed in the days leading up to the incident, and suffered a deterioration in his mental state.

The family sent a short statement to the *Neighb News*: "The family would not like to comment on the situation that was encountered on Easter Sunday. They would, however, like to take the opportunity to thank the community, family, and friends for their support."

It is unclear if Mr. Hebert was taken for evaluation or where. He will, however, be charged with two counts of assault by means of a dangerous weapon for charging two officers with a knife. He will be charged by summons so an arraignment date was not available. He will face the charges in Third District Court in New Bedford.

## Lions Club welcomes 10



On March 28th the Fairhaven Lions inducted 10 new members: David Couto, Lisa Forcier, Robert Forcier, Haroula Kotrotsios, Chris Moniz, Jesse Moniz, Rebecca Moniz, Ryan Moniz, Jason Pereira, and Mary Beth Pereira. The Acushnet Lions also had Lou Tetreault inducted to their Club. Induction was by PDG David Barbour. Special guests included ID Joyce Middleton, PCS Martin Middleton and PDG Skip Becotte. *Photo courtesy of Jackie Kenworthy*

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# Notes from the Visitors Center

by Chris Richard  
Director of Tourism

April 2018  
Greetings.

It is the time of year when the Office of Tourism makes most of its advertising purchases, which accounts for the biggest budget item after payroll.

This year there will be Fairhaven ads in many of the same publications as last year. The South Coast Almanac is a glossy magazine in its third year that comes out annually in May. I advertised in the first two editions and will have a half-page ad in this year's issue. A monthly magazine that has had Fairhaven ads in it for about 20 years is the SouthCoast Insider, where I run ads every month from May through December. Two other monthly publications where I regularly run ads in the spring through fall are Along Route 28, which is a monthly newspaper distributed all over the Cape, and Traveler, also a monthly newspaper, which can be picked up in our area and westward into Rhode Island to Connecticut.

For the first time in many years, I'm placing an ad in the Cape Cod edition of Best Read Guide, a handy little booklet that had disappeared from view for a while. It gets displayed from Wareham to Provincetown. For now, I'm running in the May issue with a quarter-page ad.

I was offered a free ad for the new Huttleston Marketplace in the spring Community Values publication that goes to about 50,000 households in southeastern Massachusetts. If my budget holds out I might be able to buy an ad in the June issue.

Except for the South Coast Almanac, which is sold on newsstands throughout our area, the publications I advertise in are things that travelers can pick up for free at restaurants, shops, information centers, etc. All of them are of interest to visiting tourists who are deciding where to spend some of their vacation time as well as residents from Rhode Island to the Cape who might be interested in stopping by for a day or two.

In almost all of the ads, space permitting, I tell people that Fairhaven has history, beaches, interesting architecture, unique restaurants and shops, and provide them with contact information, particularly on finding the Office of Tourism website and the

Visitors Center. When there is a larger ad size to work with, I include details about some special events and tours along with some photos to show off the town to good advantage.

While I do put a lot of effort into the website and social media which can reach an audience around the world at very little cost except for my time, old fashioned printed media is still a very important aspect of advertising to people who are traveling in our region. The internet is good for finding specific things you're looking for, but free guide books and regional magazines are good for suggesting things people might not have heard about.

Besides advertising, I'm currently working on what people are going to do once they get here this summer.

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volunteering to  
guide walking tours

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All but one of the Monday Morning Fun programs for July and August are put together. Among the new programs that haven't been here before are Farm Visits from Dighton with baby animals to pet and cuddle, and cartoonist Zack Giallongo who has written and drawn comics including "Ewoks: Shadows of Endor," "Duck Tales Doodles," and his own graphic novel "Broxo."

The wonderful Lucy Bly and Judy Roderiques will be back this summer as Ruth and Abby the "1850s Ladies," who you can sometimes find frequenting the New Bedford Whaling Historical National Park. And there will be a visit from the Lloyd Center for the Environment with critters and activities related to life by the seashore. This summer Dorothy Cox's will be at Monday Morning Fun with ice cream, bottled water and Del's Frozen Lemonade. Heart Body Arts will be doing face painting and henna and jaguar "tattoos." Stay

tuned for the flier that will be out as soon as I plug in one open week.

The Huttleston Marketplace is gaining steam, with a number of great vendors signing on. This will be held every Saturday at the Visitors Center from June 16 to September 1. Vendors can come for one week, several weeks, or sign up for the whole 12-week season. Please help spread the word about this. Vendors can sell handmade arts and crafts, farm produce, antiques and vintage collectibles, books they have written, and locally made foods. We have vendors in every category, but we have room for many more. My vision for the Huttleston Marketplace is that it will be like a scaled down version of the Homecoming Day Fair, but held every single Saturday. If you know anyone at all who might have products they could sell here, have them contact the Office of Tourism. The phone number and email address are at the end of this column.

Now a word about needing some help as we move forward. I am looking for a couple of folks who might be interested in volunteering to guide walking tours, particularly the Riverside Cemetery Tour. Bob Foster and I guide the Henry H. Rogers tours on Tuesdays and Thursdays all summer and I have a little band of Pirates/Privateers for the Friday morning programs at the fort. But right now, I'm the only one who can guide the Riverside Cemetery tour and I could use some backup. It wouldn't be bad to have substitutes for other tours as well or folks who might be interested in walking around with groups who visit town at times when we don't have regularly scheduled tours. If you like history, are comfortable talking to groups of people, and have some spare time, please get in touch.

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

# Letters from our readers

## Constituents Day in May for Deaf & Hard of Hearing

The Statewide Advisory Council to the Massachusetts Commission to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (MCDHH) invites you, the residents of the Commonwealth, to our annual Constituents' Day at the State House on Thursday, May 17, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon in the Great Hall. Constituents' Day is a gathering of Statewide Advisory Council (SAC) members, community members, legislators, and state agency directors to focus on issues of importance to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. There will be speakers emphasizing constituent, government agency, and legislative partnership. Several area legislators and other elected officials are expected to participate and the SAC/MCDHH invites everyone to please attend and actively engage with your vitally important advocacy.

It is crucial that the estimated 650,000 citizens in Massachusetts who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or late-Deafened actively engage their elected officials. In the Commonwealth, more than 60% of the people who comprise the Deaf and Hard of Hearing population are aged 65 or older, but my hearing issues were discovered at the approximate age of 5-years-old. Across America, the National Institutes of Health estimates 1 of every 8 people in the United States is Deaf or significantly Hard of Hearing and the fact that a person is Deaf or Hard of Hearing is not immediately visible and communication preferences and accommodations may vary widely, depending upon individual need.

MCDHH, established in 1986 by Massachusetts General Law, c.6 § 191-

199, has 42 full-time employees, 36% of whom are Deaf/Hard of Hearing/Late-Deafened, across 5 regional offices (Boston, Plymouth, Springfield, Westboro & Pittsfield). The mission of the MCDHH is to act as the focal point for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Late-Deafened people requiring services that were not available or accessible elsewhere. All services and functions are carried out in order to enable Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals to have access to opportunities, information, education and services which will be equal to those of able-bodied people who hear and which will enable each Deaf and Hard of Hearing individual to live independently and productively while assuming fullest responsibilities as a citizen.

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- After-Hours Legal/Government Emergency Interpreter Services
- Communication Access, Training & Technology Services (CATTS): ADA Communication Access Compliance trainings to public health, public safety, human service, state agency and private enterprise personnel — approximately 100 per year; Technical Assistance for compliance and assistive technology issues — approximately 25

per year; Information to constituents: print and electronic media, educational exhibits, Internet self-service information through [mass.gov](http://mass.gov) content, telephone, e-mail and postal service — approximately 725 requests per year

- Case Management and Social Services: Deaf and Hard of Hearing infants, children, and adults and their families are eligible to receive case management services on a voluntary basis which include but are not limited to adult case management, family and children's services, care coordination and collaboration with other state agencies.

Additionally, the Statewide Advisory Council (SAC) which hosts the MCDHH Constituents' Day, seeks more, new, and diverse membership to more comprehensively represent the various concerns of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing citizens of Massachusetts. The majority of SAC members are residents who self-identify as Deaf community members, late-deafened deaf, deaf or Hard of Hearing. For more information about becoming a member of the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing's Statewide Advisory Council, please contact [ami.hanigan@massmail.state.ma.us](mailto:ami.hanigan@massmail.state.ma.us).

*Brock N. Cordeiro, Dartmouth Member, SAC/MCDHH*

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wanted to make a motion not to pay for Mr. Fleurent's T2 license.

The motion was not seconded and the meeting was interrupted due to a family emergency for Mr. Ristuccia who had to immediately dismiss himself from the meeting.

The board continued with a motion from Mr. Wotton for the BPW to pay for the class and to allow Mr. Fleurent to continue to use the town vehicle, but to continue using his comp time.

The vote passed 3-1 with Mr. Hobson opposing.

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 4/9, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Capital Planning Comm.

Tues., 4/10,, Town Hall, 2 p.m.

### Council on Aging

Mon., 4/9, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 4/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Finance Committee

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

### Planning Board

#### REVISED TIME

Tues., 4/10 Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

### Rogers School Study Comm

Thurs., 4/5, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 4/25, Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 4/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Old Colony District

Wed., 4/25, OCRVTHS Cafetorium, 6

### Planning Board

Thurs., 4/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Wed., 4/11, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Tues., 4/17, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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	April 2018	HIGH		LOW	
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Monday	9	0325	1558	0900	2110
Tuesday	10	0425	1700	1000	2212
Wednesday	11	0526	1755	1101	2317
Thursday	12	0615	1838	1144	----
Friday	13	0657	1916	0005	1219
Saturday	14	0735	1955	0045	1255
Sunday	15	0815	2035	0125*	1334*
Monday	16	0858	2119	0209*	1418*
Tuesday	17	0943	2205	0257*	1505*
Wednesday	18	1030	2253	0345*	1552*
Thursday	19	1120	2345	0429*	1637*
Friday	20	----	1215	0515*	1725*
Saturday	21	0043	1317	0607*	1822
Sunday	22	0145	1419	0717	1939
Monday	23	0245	1519	0841	2105

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
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# BPW discusses training course policy, road work

By Mary Macedo

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 3/26 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works approved of a driveway waiver, met with an employee about paying for training courses, and briefly discussed roadwork on Billy's Way.

The BPW briefly reopened a discussion about possibly paving Billy's Way in FY19. At a previous meeting three residents of Billy's Way stated that they did not want the road paved, and the two residents who petitioned for it to be paved did not inform the other residents of the street. After much discussion at the earlier meeting the board agreed to contacts the finance committee to see if they could revoke their recommendation to pave Billy's Way.

At the 3/26 meeting, BPW Superintendent Vincent Furtado said he wanted to reopen the discussion to ask the board if they would like to invite all residents of Billy's Way to the next meeting to discuss the roadwork and to make a final decision on whether to continue to recommend the road or pick a new street.

Board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson agreed that they should invite all the residents on the street, that way everyone gets a chance to say their piece.

"I just want to be prepared...." Mr. Hobson said. "I want the money to go to another street and not to be taken away from us."

Board member Brian Wotton agreed that they should table the matter until the next meeting and invite the residents of Billy's Way to attend a meeting.

In other business, the board met with Antone Medeiros about a driveway waiver for 48 Spring Street. Mr. Medeiros said the customer would like an additional driveway for additional parking for his property to help get cars off the street. They are asking to cut the curb 16 feet for the additional driveway .

The board approved the waiver.

In another matter, the board met with Karl Fleurent and his attorney George Belanger about payment/compensation for a water treatment training course Mr. Fleurent is currently taking.

Mr. Belanger said that Mr. Fleurent is seeking compensation for the course because he believes his

training will benefit the town.

Mr. Hobson stated that he thought the issue was a collective bargaining problem and something that should be negotiated in the contract.

Chairperson Michael Ristuccia said that the contract briefly states that the town will pay for training courses and it mentions the Treatment 2 licenses that Mr. Fleurent is currently going for.

He explained that the problem is a T2 license is not required for Mr. Fleurent's job, and the contract does not state whether or not the town will pay for non-required licenses.

"It's a grey area," Mr. Ristuccia said.

Mr. Fleurent said he has been taking the class for the past six weeks on Tuesdays from 1-4:30 p.m. and has been learning a lot. He explained that

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he is using his comp time to go to the class because he has to take a half-day from work to attend. He said there are no night classes offered.

Mr. Fleurent said that nowhere in the contract does it say that the town only pays for required classes.

The 12-week program is \$800, explained Mr. Fleurent, and said that the class also helps renew his T1 license, so it is "killing two birds with one stone."

Mr. Wotton asked Mr. Fleurent what he is trying to get from this meeting.

Mr. Fleurent said that he wanted his class paid for, and the comp time that he has been using to take the class.

Mr. Belanger said the collective bargaining agreement does mention the T2 license.

Water Department Superintendent, Jeff Furtado said that he took a night class for his T2 license and that the Cape and Holliston offer the class at night in the Fall.

Mr. Furtado also said that when he took the class he asked for compensation as well and was told "no."

Mr. Hobson said Mr. Fleurent does not need the license for the job and once he gets the license he will ask for more money. Mr. Hobson also said that if they compensate Mr. Fleurent other employees from all departments are going to demand compensation for their courses.

Board member Cameron Durant said that Mr. Fleurent should have to use comp time for the classes because they are during work hours.

Mr. Ristuccia said that Mr. Fleurent chose to take the class during the day and he could have waited until a night class came up.

"The course is available at night," Mr. Ristuccia said. "And this course is not required."

He said that Mr. Fleurent does not need that license to do his job and had no need to take the course right now...he chose to.

And, said Mr. Ristuccia, although the T2 license is mentioned in the collective bargaining agreement it is not a required course; but the contract leaves a grey area.

Mr. Ristuccia suggested possibly paying for half the training course.

Mr. Hobson said that he does not think they should pay for a course that is not needed.

Mr. Wotton explained that the T2 license is in the contract, therefore the town should pay for the training course.

Mr. Wotton explained that the department allowed Mr. Fleurent to take the class, allowed him to use comp time, and the town vehicle as well as gas. Mr. Wotton said that it was generous of the town, and that he thought they should pay for Mr. Fleurent's training course because it is mentioned in the contract, but from here on out the board should change the contract to get rid of all non-required courses.

Although he recommended paying for the class, Mr. Wotton said Mr. Fleurent has to continue to use his comp time because he could have taken the class at night and the class is not required.

Mr. Ristuccia made a motion that the board stop discussion and vote.

Mr. Hobson seconded and said he

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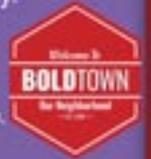
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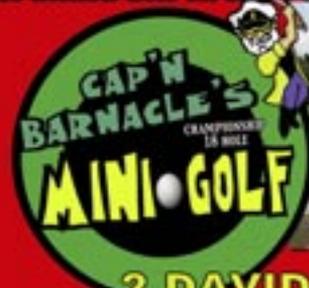

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