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Santa visits town hall sing-along



Santa Claus arrives on Fairhaven's Ladder 1 fire truck to the annual Town Hall Sing-Along on Saturday, 12/8/18, sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association. See page 12 for more photos. *Photo By Beth David.*



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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

THIS is the last issue. Oh me oh my, last week I goofed, I said that IT was the last issue, then went on about how you still had one more week to get your listings in. Ah...guess I really need this break, huh?

Anyway...do NOT panic when you don't see the *Neighb News* on 12/20 & 12/27. We will be back on 1/3/19 (unless I win the lottery).

So, every year at this time, as deadline approaches, I realize I did not take the time to craft a carefully worded, brilliant, and profound Christmas message.

I just took a few minutes to look back on the last issue of each of the last 12 years...yup, 12. With this issue, I finish up year 13. In many of those last letters of the year, I managed to squeak out a pretty decent Christmas message. Sometimes I was able to tie my message into the happenings of the day, local or national.

But I found that I had a theme that popped up more than once. Not in all of them, to be sure, but enough to be a real message.

Is there a Santa Claus, Virginia? Well, I have never been as eloquent as the editor of the New York Sun in 1897, but I dare say, we have our own eloquence here in these parts.

The Town Hall Sing-Along (see page 13) gave children the excitement of Santa Claus, the beauty of music, and the wonder of community, all creating the magic of the season.

Over the years, I have pointed to that event, the Old-Time Holiday, and the work of all the small groups that make up our little part of the world, to show that Christmas spirit does, indeed live on.

A recurring theme is that there is a little Santa Claus in all of us (okay, there might be an exception or two), a little magic just waiting to get out.

In 2013 I wrote about a sadness letter going around social media telling us who love the season to tone it down for those who are sad. I said then, and I say now, let the happiness rub off on you, instead of trying to make your sadness rub off on others. Volunteer where you are needed. If you can't, then just go and sit. There are so many groups that will welcome you. It will make your season brighter, and theirs, too. Just look through these pages for lots of local groups that are doing good work. That's Christmas magic.

In 2010 I wrote that there are a million little kindnesses that go unnoticed, except by those who receive them.

Here's a little more from that brilliant editor who clearly had more time than I do: "There's a little bit of Santa Claus in each of us, and when we all get together for a common purpose, he becomes all that legend has ever made him out to be. It's magical. It's powerful magic. And that kind of power can easily create a single night when all those little bits travel the world to spread the joy of gift giving. It's not a leap of faith. Just pay attention. It happens. Every year." (Neighb News, 12/23/10)

Until next year, then...see ya

And may you have a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy Kwanzaa, and any other holiday you celebrate this time of year. May the new year bring you good health, good fortune, and hope for the future.

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Nothing? Really? Is everyone paying attention?

Save the dates: Polar Plunge on 1/1, and other cool events

By Beth David
Editor

Okay, My Faithful Readers, this is our last issue of 2018, so I'm listing a few events a bit ahead of time. Please **SAVE THE DATES**. We will be back on 1/3/19. See you next year!

Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge



January 1, 10 a.m., Fort Phoenix State Beach and Reservation, South end of Green St., Fairhaven, MA

Come start off the new year with a dash into the ocean! Challenge your family and friends to come out and plunge in remembrance of the victims of domestic violence. This year's theme is the 1940s. Dress in your favorite 1940s style outfit. A donation

of \$25 buys a long sleeve T-shirt. Shirts will be available on a first come, first served basis. You can choose whether or not you jump in. Registration and t-shirts can be purchased at the Plunge from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Checks can be made payable to: Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars. Please note on check: Ft. Phoenix Polar Plunge.

For more information, call Kathy Lopes at 508-991-2194 or email lopeska@aol.com.

Moby Dick Marathon



The 23rd Annual Moby-Dick Marathon will be held **January 4-6, 2019, at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB.**

Join us for the 23rd annual read-a-thon of America's most iconic novel, *Moby-Dick*. An experience you don't want to miss, you'll relive the famous, action-packed narrative and be transported back in time on the search for the elusive white whale. In addition to the main event, the Whaling Museum hosts two mini-marathons on January 5: a Portuguese-language reading of Tiago Patricio's abridged *Moby-Dick*, and a children's version by Classic Starts. #mdm23

The marathon is free. Some of the following events require paid tickets.

Schedule of Events

Friday, January 4 (not free)

5:30 - 9:00 pm. Pre-marathon Dinner and Presentation. Enjoy a meal well-suited for hungry sailors followed by an illustrated discussion "Gender and the Man's World of *Moby-Dick*" by Jennifer Baker, Melville Scholar. Ticket Required: Members \$40/Non-members \$50. Call 508-997-0046 ext. 100, to buy tickets.

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Sunday, December 16 • 7 PM
Blue Christmas Service

Designed for those experiencing loss of any kind or anyone who is finding it hard to feel joy this Christmas: readings, music, silence, candle lighting

Monday, December 24 • 4:30 PM
Children's Service

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Monday, December 24 • 7 PM
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service



Howe Allen Realty wishes everyone a safe and merry holiday season.

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Saturday, January 5

THE MARATHON EXPERIENCE

From 10 am Saturday to 1 pm Sunday (schedule is subject to change as timing of Marathon is dependent upon reading pace.)

10 a.m. Stump the Scholars Test your knowledge of *Moby-Dick* and try to Stump the Scholars with questions for Melville Society Cultural Project members.

10 a.m. Children's Moby-Dick Marathon Children of all ages can read a section of an abridged version of *Moby-Dick* by Classic Starts.

12 pm The Main Attraction The 23rd Annual Moby-Dick Marathon reading begins with celebrity readers nestled among the world's largest model whaleship, the Lagoda. Next, head to the Seamen's Bethel to hear Father Mapple's rousing sermon (if your name is drawn in the seat raffle. Otherwise, watch a live stream of the sermon in the Museum's theater). Readings continue while overlooking the New Bedford Harbor, with the exception of Chapter 40, "Forecastle-Midnight" in the theater with Culture*Park (<http://www.culturepark.org>). Listen to excerpts read in multiple languages, bringing to life Melville's experience of a culturally diverse whaling crew.

3 p.m. Portuguese Mini-Marathon Join us for the fourth annual reading of Tiago Patricio's abridged version of *Moby-Dick* in Portuguese. Read Melville in the Azorean Whaleman Gallery with forty other intrepid souls.

Junte-nos para a quarto leitura anual de versão abreviada de Tiago Patricio de Moby-Dick em Português. Leia Melville na Galeria do Baleeiro Açoreano com quarenta outras almas intrépidos.

Special thanks to the Azorean Maritime Historical Society and the

Portuguese Consulate of New Bedford. *Um agradecimento especial ao Azorean Maritime Historical Society e ao Consulado de Portugal em New Bedford.*

5 pm Cousin Hosea's Chowder House & the Decanter Taproom Recharge and warm up with New Bedford's finest soups and brews – guaranteed to get you through the night.

Sunday, January 6

8 a.m. 20th Hour Treat Enjoy malassadas to fuel you up for the home stretch!

1 pm Epilogue A few souls will be richly rewarded for impressively staying up all night.

(Timing of Marathon is dependent upon reading pace.)

For more information, visit <https://www.whalingmuseum.org/programs/moby-dick-marathon-2019/>

Holiday House Tour



The New Bedford Preservation Society presents the 27th Annual Holiday House Tour on Sat., 12/15 (4–8 p.m.) and Sun., 12/6 (1–5 p.m.). Begin at Wamsutta Club, Tour Headquarters 427 County Street, New

Bedford. ADMISSION: \$22 advance purchase online w/\$2 discount to society members; \$25 at the door AADVANCE TICKETS ONLINE through December 14th.

To herald the season, residents of New Bedford's historic neighborhoods will once again be opening their beautifully restored homes for the New Bedford Preservation Society's signature fundraising event. Be inspired by the varied architecture and interiors, all beautifully decorated for the season. Always popular on the tour are the costumed historic interpreters greeting visitors at one of the historic homes.

Pre-tour brunch will be served on Sunday, December 16th (11 to 1 p.m.) and where the Holiday Raffle and Silent Auction will be held during tour hours. Brunch reservations (\$20 including tax and tip) are suggested but not required. Call the 508-997-7431 for brunch reservations.

Ticket sites: Arthur Moniz Gallery, New Bedford Antiques at Wamsutta, and New York Shoe Repair; in Fairhaven at Periwinkles. Tickets purchased online will be held for you at the ticket table at Wamsutta Club.

Call the society office 508-997-6425 or visit <http://nbpreservationsociety.org/housetours.html>

The society is a private, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization still run by private citizens who volunteer their time and effort to an annual Holiday House Tour, Garden Tours, Cemetery Tours, a Historic Marker Program, the development of self-guided architectural walking tour brochures, an urban landscaping program (New Bedford Re-Leaf), summer walking tours, and lectures on local history and historic preservation. Visit www.nbpreservationsociety.org.

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Town Holiday Hours

Please be advised that the Town of Fairhaven municipal offices will be closed on the following dates to observe Christmas and the New Year: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

A safe and happy holiday season to you all.

BCL Toy Drive

The Bayside Toy Drive to benefit Better Community Living's families and local families in need. **Join us on Fri., 12/14, 4-7 p.m., at the Bayside Lounge, 125 Sconticut Neck Road, Fairhaven.** Please bring a toy with you. There will be pizza, and arts & crafts, and a visit from Santa!

Drop boxes available at Bayside, Dorothy Cox Chocolates, and VFW, all in Fairhaven.

Toys for Tots

Fairhaven Firefighters Association Local 1555 is holding its annual toy drive for "Toys for Tots," by the Marine Corps Reserve. Unwrapped toys can be dropped off at **Fire Headquarters, 146 Washington St., Fairhaven, until Dec. 18.**

Marine Toys for Tots is a program associated with the US Marine Corps. To learn more, visit toysfortots.org

Marijuana Meeting

Bask is holding a community outreach meeting for a proposed cannabis establishment on **Thurs., 12/13, at Cleary's Pub, 111 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, at 7 p.m.**

The proposed marijuana cultivator, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer and marijuana transporter is anticipated to be located at Bask, Inc., 2 Pequod Rd., Fairhaven. The proposed marijuana establishment will be the same location as the existing medical marijuana dispensary. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

If you have any questions about this meeting or have comments about the proposal, please contact Timothy Keogh, President, Bask, Inc., tim@cometobask.com, 774-305-4749.

Photos Wanted

The Fairhaven Selectboard is calling for submissions for this year's

Annual Town Report. Please send your digital photos to selectmen@Fairhaven-MA.gov. No more than three submissions per person, please. **Deadline is January 7, 2019.**

Boy Scout Tree Sale

The trees have arrived and we are open for business. Troop and Pack 55 are holding their annual Christmas tree sale at Mike & Wayne's, 163 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven.

Scouts, leaders and parent volunteers do most of the selling Monday through Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Employees of Mike & Wayne's are gracious enough to collect money for the Scouts during the early hours on weekdays.

We have 200 balsam trees so far. The wreaths haven't arrived yet. We hope to have them soon.

Come early and pick your tree. The height of the trees ranges from 6-8 feet, prices from \$40-75 depending on the height and fullness. Once we sell out we're gone till next year.

Thank you. All Proceeds Benefit Boy Scout Pack and Troop 55, B.S.A.

Backstage at the Nutcracker

The Millicent Library presents Backstage at the Nutcracker, a magical presentation with Kay Hanley Alden, our favorite dance teacher and choreographer, during two sessions this holiday season.

The first Nutcracker program will be offered on **Wed., 12/19, after school from 4-4:45 p.m. in the downstairs auditorium.** This program is open to 4-8 year olds, and is limited to 20 participants. Please sign up with Ms. Jane.

The second program will take place during our regularly scheduled "Big Kids" preschool Storytime slot on **Fri., 12/21 from 10:30-11:15 a.m.** Please sign up with Ms. Jane.

On this journey, the children will visit faraway places and do movement exploration with the music of the Nutcracker, acting and dancing the parts of the Sugar Plum Fairies, Waltz of the Flowers and the guests from lands faraway: China, Arabia, Spain and Russia. Dance props bring this program to life.

Kay Hanley Alden, a dance educator, traveled throughout Europe and Asia, taking part in dance exchange programs as well as giving workshops in the United States and Canada and wherever dance took her. She remains active at the Boston Conservatory, where she studied and serves on the Alumni Board.

Children have enjoyed Mrs. Alden's May Pole program this past spring as well as the July Fourth program. The Backstage at the Nutcracker program is free.

The Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, is wheelchair accessible. Please contact Jane Murphy, Youth Services Librarian, if you would like to register or have any questions, 508-992-5342, or (jmurphy@sailsinc.org). Visit <http://www.millicentlibrary.org/>

Race Amity

On Thursday, December 27, 2018, The Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, presents a program on Race Amity from 10:30 a.m. until noon in the downstairs meeting room. Open to ages 8 through adulthood.

Facilitators Bertha Petruski and Elizabeth Roberts. Through demonstrations, games, crafts and stories, this program will focus on recognizing the oneness of humankind and help us to explore our interdependence while being respectful of our differences. We will talk about the beauty of diversity while at the same time being conscious of sharing one planet. Join us. Accessible.

Sign up with Jane Murphy at jmurphy@sailsinc.org; 508-992-5342. or contact Jane Murphy at jmurphy@sailsinc.org

Stuttering Help

Thanks to some generous donations, the Stuttering Foundation has donated a new DVD, entitled *Kids Who Stutter: Parents Speak*, to public libraries across the country.

In this 16 minute DVD, parents and speech-language experts talk about how to promote easier talking as they interact with their children. The professionals offer simple tips that parents can follow easily.

For more info about stuttering write the 71-year-old nonprofit Stuttering Foundation, PO Box 11749; Memphis, TN 38111-0749, call 800-992-9392, or visit www.stutteringhelp.org.

Memory cafe says “thank you” to kennel club



The Acushnet Council on Aging would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Brian Lowney and members of the Wampanoag Kennel Club for visiting Memory Café on Monday, 12/10/18. Dogs and their handlers visited with participants and offered demonstrations in agility and show. Mr. Lowney also discussed what judges look for in different breeds and what can be expected when attending a dog show. The Acushnet Memory Café is a welcoming place for individuals with Alzheimer’s or any type of dementia to find a unique social situation with others who are facing similar experiences. The group meets every Monday, 1:00 p.m. at the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road, is free and open to the community. Please call 508-998-0280 for more information. *Submitted photos.*

Lions help with Sand for Seniors program



Braving the frigid morning, The Fairhaven Lions Club distributed sand mix to about 50 seniors who participated in the Sand For Seniors Project on Sunday, 12/9/18. This project began a few years ago in collaboration of the Fairhaven Senior Center and the Commission on Disability, in an effort to prevent falls through the snowy, icy winter. *Photos courtesy of Jackie Kenworthy.*

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wishing everyone a joyous holiday!
May 2019 bring you good health and happiness.
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St. Joseph School holds Christmas card contest



Saint Joseph School is pleased to announce 5th grader Faye Sullivan as the winner of this year's Christmas Card contest. Her artwork was chosen to be the cover to the school's Christmas card out of many entries. Faye received a \$10 gift card to amazon.com. LEFT: Faye (center) with her little brother Pierce, her mother Renee Sullivan (left), and Director of Advancement, Mrs. Travers. *Submitted photos.*



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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Moby Dick Marathon

Jan. 4-7. See page 3

NB Holiday Events

The following community events will take place in the city of New Bedford during the month of December in celebration of the holiday season:

Neighborhoods United and New Bedford Police Department Public Safety Memorial Christmas Tree Lighting at Brooklawn Park

NOTE DATE CHANGE

Monday, Dec. 17 at 6:00 p.m.,
Brooklawn Park, 1997 Acushnet Ave.

Neighborhoods United Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m.,
Harrington Park, corner of Court Street and Tremont Street

Bullard Street Neighborhood Association Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m.,
Riverside Park, corner of Belleville Avenue and Tallman Street

Seamen's Bethel Christmas Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 16 at 4:00 p.m.,
Seamen's Bethel, 15 Johnny Cake Hill

Free Horse Drawn Carriage Rides

Saturday, December 22 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Custom House Square, downtown New Bedford

Find more events

Many other 2018 Holiday Happenings are available on Destination New Bedford's website at <http://destinationnewbedford.org/holidays2018/>.

Call the society office 508-997-6425 or visit <http://nbpreservationsociety.org/housetours.html>

Breakfast w/Santa

At the Buttonwood Park Zoo, 425 Hawthorn St., NB. Tickets: \$20 member/\$25 non-member. Children under 1 free. Sat., 12/15, Sun, 12/16, and Sat., 12/22, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Whether you're NAUGHTY or NICE you're invited to join us for Breakfast with Santa & Friends! Enjoy a delicious hot breakfast buffet, share your wish list with Santa and meet some of the Zoo's favorite resident animals. Be sure to bring a camera to capture your visit with Santa. Free train and carousel rides, weather

permitting, are included. Plus, enjoy face painting and crafts!

Gluten free options will be available. Space is limited so reserve your spot today!

Buttonwood Park Zoological Society, 508-991-6178,

Christmas Candlelight Service

FREE event celebrating Christmas at the Seamen's Bethel, 15 Johnny Cake Hill, NB. All are welcome!! Sun., 12/16, at 4 p.m.

Free Movie

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on Fri., 12/21, at 7:00 p.m. with *Storm Warriors* at the New Bedford National Historical Park theater located at 33 William Street.

Before airplanes and trains, when the sea was the conduit to move people and cargo, shipwrecks took a devastating toll. The United States Life-Saving Service was formed by the United States government in 1878 to hire local men to patrol America's beaches and rescue shipwreck survivors. *Storm Warriors* tells the story of these men and women who continually risked their lives to save complete strangers, often in the teeth of raging storms. Their legacy remains one of the great unsung chapters in humanitarian aid. *Storm Warriors* tells their story through a dramatic recreation of a shipwreck rescue, interviews with historians, and archival material.

For more information, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, go to www.nps.gov/nebe or visit the park's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>.

Noon Year's Eve

At the Buttonwood Park Zoo, 425 Hawthorn St., NB, Mon., 12/31, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Prices for the whole family: Member Family, \$20; Non-Member Family: \$25. *A family consists of two adults and up to four children.

Who says you have to wait until midnight to ring in the new year? Grab your party hats and dancing shoes and head to the Zoo for a Noon Year's Eve celebration! This unique, family-friendly celebration includes a dance party with DJ Danny Levin,

encounters with the Zoo's animal ambassadors and festive activities! Train and carousel rides, weather permitting, are also included.

Ring in the New Year at NOON time by toasting with a complement of toast and sparkling apple juice.

First night NB

City Celebrates New Year's Eve. Ring in the New Year with amazing street performers, stilt walkers, jugglers, fire-eaters, and... a spectacular **FIREWORKS display from State Pier on the working waterfront at 8:30 p.m.** Visit <http://destinationnewbedford.org/holidays2018/> to find a map of all family friendly events throughout downtown from 5-8 p.m. before the fireworks begin.

Interfaith Service, 5-6 p.m. at Seamen's Bethel, 15 Johnny Cake Hill; Toe Jam Puppet Band, 5:30, 6:30 & 7:30 at the YMCA; Lori Gomes Ensemble at NB Harbor Hotel, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Fortune teller, NB Fishing Heritage Ctr., 38 Bethel St., 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Soul & funk band DD Bastos & Sons at Gallery X, 6-8 p.m.; Vinny's Miracle Fish Puppet, NB library steps, 6-8 p.m.; Jeddle's Magic Circus presents Family Magic Workshop at NB Public Library, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m.; Whaling City Sounds presents jazz music at UMD/CVPA/Star Store building, 5-7; Digital Graffiti Wall at the Zeiterion Penler Space, 5-8; Living art, including illuminated jellyfish, and more at NB Whaling National Historical Park, 5:30-7:30; plus so much more.

Free Parking to 1/1

New Bedford will again offer a special Holiday Parking Program through Tuesday, January 1, 2019. The City will offer FREE parking at your first metered space for up to two hours in both the Downtown and on Acushnet Avenue, or up to two hours FREE parking at the Elm Street Garage, and the Zeiterion Garage!

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HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Toys for Tots Acush

The Annual Toys for Tots Toy Drive is underway. Please donate an unwrapped toy to the following locations in Acushnet: Fire Station #1, 24 Russell Street; Council on Aging 59 1/2 S. Main Street; Acushnet Library, 232 Middle Road.

Any toy donation is greatly appreciated!! **Toys will be collected until December 20th**

The Nutcracker

Spindle City Ballet will be presenting its lively holiday classic production of "The Nutcracker" **Sat. & Sun., 12/15 & 16, at 2 p.m., at Bristol Community College in Fall River, MA.**

The professional company will be supported by a cast of 30 local children, transporting audiences through a magical journey of dancing Soldiers and swirling Snowflakes to the magical Land of the Sweets. New this year is an interactive component that will be sure to delight audience members of all ages.

Two special events will be held along with the performances. We will be offering the ever popular, magical "Meet Clara." This exciting event for children of all ages begins after the Saturday and Sunday matinees. Each child, accompanied by one adult, may come backstage to meet Clara, see what is happening behind the scenes and take pictures with Clara. This will be the highlight of your child's day! Reserve your spot today, this event usually sells out! Children 12 & Under, \$13. At the Sunday matinee performance December 16th beginning at 1:00pm, the ballet will hold it's "A Brunch at the Ballet". At this event guests will enjoy delicious pastries, fruits, sweet treats, soft drinks, and mimosa champagne before the show and during intermission. Tickets for this event are Adults & Seniors - \$25, Children 12 & Under - \$10.

All performances are generously sponsored by Silva Funeral Home and Provisional Partners, LLC

Tickets to the performance are \$14.00-\$35.00. For more information call 508-536-6073 or go to spindlecityballet.org or email lisabibeu@spindlecityballet.org

Spindle City Ballet is the South

Coast's only non-profit professional ballet company celebrating it's 23rd season presenting performances that excite, educate and inspire.

La Salette Lights

The lights at La Salette shrine will be lit from Nov. 22, 2018-Jan. 6, 2019. Illuminations 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. daily Featuring: 300,000 Lights illuminating over 10 acres. FREE admission, but we hope you'll make a donation.

Traffic can get very heavy on weekends, especially Saturday night. If you can plan your trip for a weekday, you will find getting in is easy in comparison. If you do wish to come on the weekend, we advise you get here before 4:30 p.m. to miss the traffic.

Features: International Creche museum with hundreds of creches from around the world, 5-9pm weekdays and 2-9pm weekends; The Outdoor Creche of Bethlehem featuring a candle lit with a flame from Bethlehem, Israel; Concerts with Father Pat and various artists. Fr. Pat's Friday-Sunday 3 PM and 7 PM - No Concerts on Saturday, 12/1.

For Mass times and other info, visit <https://lasaletteattleboroshrine.org/christmas-festival>

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Ruck March

Please join us to support the children and families of the Saint Vincent's Home, 2425 Highland Ave., Fall River, with toys and holiday spirit. **To join us muster on Sat., 12/15, at 0700 at the Dwelly Street Armory. Mandatory safety briefing at 7:45 a.m. Depart at 0800 SHARP!** with a Fall River Police escort for the five mile walk. Get your ruck on and march for a great cause.

Last year many soldiers walked through five miles of snowy Fall River

streets with toys on their backs for the children of Saint Vincent's. They will be marching again this Saturday and should arrive at Saint Vincent's a little after 9 am. This is a wonderful event and we are very thankful for the support of the 215th Army Band of Fall River, www.215ArmyBand.com. Visit www.StVincentHome.org

Trail Workshop

The South Coast Bikeway Alliance (SCBA) is recruiting participants for a Map & Compass Workshop, funded by the Massachusetts Department of Recreational Trail Building Grant program. The free workshop, on Sat., 21/29, at a Dartmouth location, from 9-4, will be taught by Paul Brookes. We will finish the day with a short hike where you will get to put into practice many of the skills you learned during the day including a bushwhack to an intersection or landmark.

To learn more and to register your interest in participating please visit <http://www.southcoastbikeway.com/calendar-events.html>

Paul Brookes has been a hike leader for the SE Mass. chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club for 6 years. The SCBA asks those who attend for these free workshops to pledge one hour of service on the South Coast Scenic Greenway or other SCBA project in exchange for each hour of classroom hour attended.

Owl Prowls

Scouting for Snowy Owls, Sundays Jan 6th and Jan 13th 9:30 am - 12:00 pm . Join us as we search for the beautiful and elusive snowy owl, migrants to our sanctuary each year. We will travel along the beach loop trail and onto private land during this walk, which covers approximately 2.5 miles of uneven terrain. Program meets at the Field Station Parking area at 1280 Horseneck Road, Westport. Dress for an outdoor winter hike. Registration limited to 12 adults. **Members \$10 Nonmem. \$12**

Please register on-line at <http://swww.massaudubon.org> or call 508-636-2437, as these programs have limited space and are weather-dependent.

Recipe of the Week

Peanut Butter Bon Bons

2 cups peanut butter
3/4 cups butter
4 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
3 cups crispy rice cereal
6 one-ounce squares semisweet chocolate, chopped

In a medium saucepan, melt together the peanut butter and butter, stirring occasionally until warm and smooth. In a large bowl, stir together the confectioners' sugar and rice cereal; pour the peanut butter mixture over the cereal mixture and use your hands to blend well. Roll tablespoonfuls of the mixture into balls and chill.

In the microwave or in a metal bowl over a pan of simmering water (or double boiler), melt chocolate chips, stirring frequently until smooth. Dip the peanut butter balls into the chocolate using a toothpick. Place onto waxed paper to set.

From allrecipes.com

Nomination papers available

Fairhaven's annual town election will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019, and nomination papers are now available.

Papers for town-wide office require 50 certified signatures. Papers for Town Meeting Members require 10 certified signatures from YOUR precinct only.

Town Meeting member incumbents have until Monday, 2/4 to file a written request for re-election with the Town Clerk.

Thursday, 2/7/19, at 5 p.m. is the deadline for requesting nomination papers. Mon. 2/11/19, at 5 p.m. is the deadline for turning in nomination papers to the town clerk's office.

Wed., 2/27/19 is the last day to withdraw papers.

Tuesday, March 12, 2019, is the last day to register to vote for the town

election. The Town Clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. that day. You may register to vote any day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Fairhaven Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall 40 Center Street, Fairhaven.

Mail-in voter registration forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Millicent Library, and state and federal offices.

Polling places for the town elections are: Precinct 1, Town Hall; Precincts 2 & 3, Hastings Middle School; Precinct 4, Fairhaven Fire Station; Precincts 5 & 6, Recreation Center. Polls are open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on 4/1/19.

Please contact the Town Clerk's office if you have any questions about running for office or registering to vote, 508-979-4023, Ext. 3.

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Weather is perfect for Old-Time Holiday success



A cold 28 degrees greeted participants of Fairhaven's 21st annual Old-Time Holiday event in the center of town on Saturday, 12/8/18. But the sky was clear and strikingly blue, making for a festive atmosphere as people walked from venue to venue. The Town Hall auditorium was filled with nonprofit groups selling a variety of items, and Fairhaven Community TV taking photos for Christmas cards to benefit the Bobby Bruso Scholarship Fund. Vendors and organizers agreed that it was a great turnout all day. Vendors were also at the First Congregational Church and the Unitarian Memorial Church, a book fair with local authors at the Millicent Library, Santa sightings at Our Lady's Haven, and much more. Mark your calendars for next year's event on 12/14 & 15. ABOVE LEFT: Amanda Blais staffs the Bobby Bruso Memorial Scholarship Fund table, including this creative sled made out of candy and stuffed animals, at the Town Hall Shops held in the auditorium. ABOVE RIGHT: The East Fairhaven Improvement Association has a variety of gift baskets to raffle off. BELOW L-R: The Girl Scouts sell cookies and the Boy Scouts sell Christmas tree ornaments and jewelry. *Photos by Beth David.*



Time for an evening ride...or two

By Beth David
Editor

Most of us hate it when we ditch daylight savings time because it gets dark so early. But there is one good thing about it: You can go for an early evening ride to see all the Christmas lights, even if you need your beauty rest early. The house on Gellette

Road, which is famous for its display, is up and running, as is the house on Route 6, which also rivals that of the Griswolds. There are houses all over the area that are decorated with lights for the holidays, so feel free to simply drive around and look. Please be careful, though. NO stopping on busy roads, or driving slower than is safe.

Many public spaces are also decorated, such as Fire Station 1 in Acushnet's center, Benoit Square in Fairhaven, Clasky Common Park in New Bedford, and some other parks in New Bedford. Even just strolling downtown will put you in the spirit of the season.

Happy Holidays, Everyone!



LEFT: The house on Gellette Road is famous in these parts, using more than 100,000 lights, 300 feet of extension cords, and 6,000 zip ties to make this magic. You MUST see it to believe it. Please feel free to drive by and stop, but be respectful of the privacy of the owners and the neighbors. RIGHT: This house on Route 6 near Welcome Street can be seen long before drivers reach it, and has many fun things to see in the yard. Please do not stop on Route 6, pull into a side street and stay on the sidewalk to view the lights. Many house in the area, and many public spaces are also decorated for the season. *Photos from 12/11/18 by Beth David.*

Santa visits town hall sing-along



About 75 people were on hand when Santa visited Fairhaven's Town Hall Sing-Along on Saturday evening, 12/8/18, riding in on Fairhaven's Ladder 1 fire truck to delight the children with a coloring book and the magic of his presence. After his visit, the group enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies in the town hall auditorium. The annual, free event was sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association. The local girl group BLC led the crowd singing Christmas carols. ABOVE L-R: Boys and girls have their special time with Santa. BELOW LEFT: Kourtney seems excited, but not afraid to meet Santa Claus. BELOW MIDDLE: This little girl gets into the spirit by dancing. BELOW RIGHT: These two are having a jolly old time singing and swaying to the music. BOTTOM LEFT: This group gets into the singing. BOTTOM RIGHT: About 75 people brave weather in the 20's in front of Fairhaven Town Hall. *Photos this page by Beth David.*



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Pee Wee Basketball

Fairhaven Recreation Pee Wee Basketball League Registration: Happening now!!

Cost: \$10 with play card, \$50 without card. Age is determined as of December 1, 2018. Pee Wee (Co-Ed) Ages 6-8 Open to all Members!

Please bring two proofs of residency.

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This 3 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. Sneakers and active clothes must be worn each day.

Kids will be grouped according to their current grade in school. Grades: K-5 Dates: 12/26, 12/27, 12/28 Time: Drop off 8 a.m., pick up by 3 p.m.

Instructors: Staff. Cost: \$75 Member \$100 Non Member

CO-ED Jr. Basketball Clinic

This program will run Dec 22 & 29, then every Saturday (10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) and Wednesday (6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.) in January

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Annual Christmas Dinner

Open to all Seniors in the area, Christmas Day, December 25, 2018, Holy Name of Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 121 Mount Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. and Dinner at noon. **Reserve by 12/19. Call 508-992-3184.**

Southcoast VNA and Hospice

Grief Support Group, 1st Tuesday of the month Widows and Widowers Grief Support Group 5:00-6:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday of the month General Loss Grief Support Group 5:00-6:30 p.m. Join Nancy Arnold as she provides the support you need to get through these difficult times. Call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up at 508-979-4029.

Family Caregiver Support Group

Open to ALL Caregivers 1st Friday of every month: 1-2:30 p.m. Dartmouth COA 228 Dartmouth Street, South Dartmouth. Pre-registration is not required For more information please call Carolyn Lazaris or Stephanie Gibson at 508-999-6400.

Sewing Circle

Mondays 1-3 p.m. and Thursdays 5:45-7:45 p.m., Dec.13. Call 508-979-4029 for additional dates.

South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.

Thursday, December 13th, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 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.

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Acushnet Selectboard hears PJK blast info; hires PO

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard heard from both the fire chief and the police chief at its meeting on Tuesday, 12/11. The board also heard a proposal for a subdivision at the end of Margaret Street.

Police Chief Michael Alves asked the board to approve hiring Quinn Indio as a part time police officer, but also to allow the chief to hire him full time as soon as he can find an opening at a full time academy. The Chief said Mr. Indio will be the fourth part time officer in the academy for Acushnet. Chief Alves reminded the board that the department has a few openings, including one officer deployed in the military.

Mr. Indio told the board he is a life-long Acushnet resident who attended local public schools. He holds a degree in Criminal Justice.

The process to hire a full time police officer can take up to a year. There are several weeks of testing, including psychological tests, an extensive background check, and the academy, which is about five months.

The board also heard from Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher, who asked the board to approve a consolidation of three licenses held by the PJ Keating quarry, that are for storing flammable materials: asphalt, diesel, and gas. Chief Gallagher said combining the licenses would simplify the process.

The storage area of the materials will be moved due to the proposed changes at the quarry, which include moving the asphalt plant closer to South Main Street. The site plan will have to be approved, said Chief Gallagher, but he has not seen any plans at all. The changes will also trigger public hearings.

Board member Roger Cabral asked if they were "just pretending" it mattered, because he was under the impression that the town was powerless to stop the move.

Chief Gallagher said they may not be able to stop the move, but they can force PJK to keep noise and other nuisances within guidelines or his department could shut them down.

Chief Gallagher also asked the board to send a letter to the state's congressional delegation asking for

an update to the blasting regulations, although he admitted there is a "deregulation mantra in Washington."

He said the Z curve used to regulate blasts dates back to 1980 by the Bureau of Mines, which no longer exists, and it has not been updated since. The standard is the same for the "Badlands of South Dakota" as it is for South Main Street in Acushnet.

He admitted he was no scientist.

"But we do have common sense," said the Chief, noting that we know a lot more now, and technology has changed a lot since 1980.

Chief Gallagher also told the board he would like to have the state study the effects of the blasting on gas lines near the quarry. After the accident in Lawrence, he said the state is pursuing more studies and he would like to take advantage of that push.

The fire department is notified of all blasts at the quarry, and they are also recorded. For more information on the Z curve, or to see the blast videos, visit the Soil Conservation Board page on the town's website at: <https://www.acushnet.ma.us/soil->

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Salvation Army does God's work

It is a privilege for those of us who volunteer at the Salvation Army Ministry in New Bedford. Nothing is all encompassing, but by any fair measure, it shines as a special gift and our area's Hope Center. The work that is done there speaks for itself, especially with those who struggle in our community during this pressure-packed Christmas/Holiday season. The faithful effectiveness of Majors Michael and Amanda Jung, and their year-round staff is most admirable and truly remarkable.

All of this wonderful work has its roots in a man who lived in another country a century and a half ago. William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, has grown to become one of the great heroes in the Christian faith and one of mine in particular. It was in the midst of the fog of human despair that he relentlessly set out to share the greatest, most encouraging, and most profound message known to man. He didn't do it from a cushy pulpit, slick television studio, or pastor's study. He started by walking through the streets of London, England in the sweaty, bloody, and foul-smelling neighborhoods of those most hurting. Soup, soap, and salvation were placed high on the Army agenda. William Booth is a marvelous example of a man with the right heart, acting like Jesus with his sleeves rolled up.

A seriousness of purpose takes shape when a legitimate opportunity arises to share a hopeful message with despairing folks. When the audience is least, last, lost, and lowest among us as far as social, monetary, and educational standards are concerned, the opportunity becomes more of a direct challenge. What could or would you say to someone in the midst of being battered in their personal, social, spiritual, and/or financial life? Could you honestly look them in the eye and walk away believing you offered something that could make a difference?

If uneasiness has arisen in you, please listen and be guided by what William Booth didn't just say but did in action. He went to the script of God that said go into all the world and make disciples. He relied on what God

said about seeking Him and His Kingdom first and all the other things would be taken care of. He believed that if he served the least of God's children, he would be serving God directly.

Friends, the question remains: What could you possibly say to someone in the midst of human despair? Real love is God alone because that is His nature. He doesn't have love. He is love. Any other human variation of love doesn't qualify as divine.

"It's not by might or power, but by my Spirit," saith the Lord.

Real hope is the anchor of our soul and the vision God is willing to give us to see beyond this life into His Heaven with the eyes of our understanding heart. By faith, all doubt of His love for us was removed when Jesus died on the Cross for our sins, rose again, and made forgiveness possible and the word Salvation to be first in the Salvation Army name.

When we focus on the essence of William Booth's message, we see Jesus Himself telling people He loved them and He alone was their eternal Hope.

The only way a true message of hope gets through to anyone is when it is transmitted from God's heart — the source and place of real love and lively hope. Let's be encouraged because in the midst of it all, sits our local Salvation Army Ministry at 619 Purchase Street in New Bedford — welcoming the day as a true gift, and playing the faithful role of our area's Hope Center.

Sincerely, Steven J. Bouley, Fairhaven

Go live in Russia if you think socialism's so great

In reply to Mr. Sullivan's letter (*Neighb News*, 10/25/18) let me say if he thinks socialism is so great why doesn't he try living in Russia or China. They are socialist countries, the government controls every thing.

First and foremost I am a thankful American. I respect the service men and women who fought and died protecting the freedoms we enjoy and the police who protect our civil liberties.

WE are a representative democracy, our form of government is unique. In n other nation have so many people enjoyed the freedoms

and opportunities we have.

Like I said in my last letter I have been a working man for 55+ years starting when I was 10 years old delivering groceries and newspapers

I am a trade graduate in the machine trade, served a tool and die apprenticeship at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft in Hartford Conn., worked as a machinist and toolmaker until I was 24. Left for Alaska, lived there until I was about 30, worked wherever I could find employment as a cannery worker, unloading shrimp boats, a welder working in the construction of a cannery, a mechanic for a rancher, machinist in a machine shop. Lastly as a fisherman on a shrimp boat. I was able to do this because I was fortunate to live in a country where I had these opportunities.

Let me set this straight: For the most part I respect and appreciate the police, firemen, teachers, and other public employees who serve us. For the most part they are hard working dedicated men and women, who serve us. That being said, let's recognize who supports them, it's the private sector, the factories, farms, forestry, fishing, oil, refineries, hospitals and the countless services we depend on. But let's give full credit to the tradesmen and women, and professionals whose skills and expertise make this possible. Let's understand these skills are not easily acquired. It takes a lot of time and effort to become a journeyman carpenter, electrician, machinist, doctor, nurse, or any other skill trade or professional. You have to earn it.

What I'm saying is it's the private sector that supports the public sector. Competition is the fairest system were you either fail or succeed depending upon your skills, work ethic, and drive.

Like I said in my last letter, in theory socialism sounds good, but it soon degenerates into a rigidly controlled system where a few gain control and there is no freedom. I certainly recognize the need for some of the government services. Being retired I depend on Social Security and Medicare.

I believed I paid my fair share. I have worked 55+ years, I still pay taxes, real estate included. That being said I don't believe in the cradle to

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Fairhaven native publishes inspirational poetry after adversity

From Press Release Materials

Butch Dias has gone through much adversity in his life. He battled "Parrot Fever," the "Swine Flu," double pneumonia, a blood clot in each lung, one in his leg, and internal bleeding.

The doctors wanted to have his family pull the plug 3-4 times, because his outlook looked dim.

But the Fairhaven native never gave up: "Never give up, never quit, & never give in," he writes in his press materials.

Butch is now out of his wheelchair, his walker, his cane and off all oxygen. He is 100% healed. His road to recovery was one miracle after another.

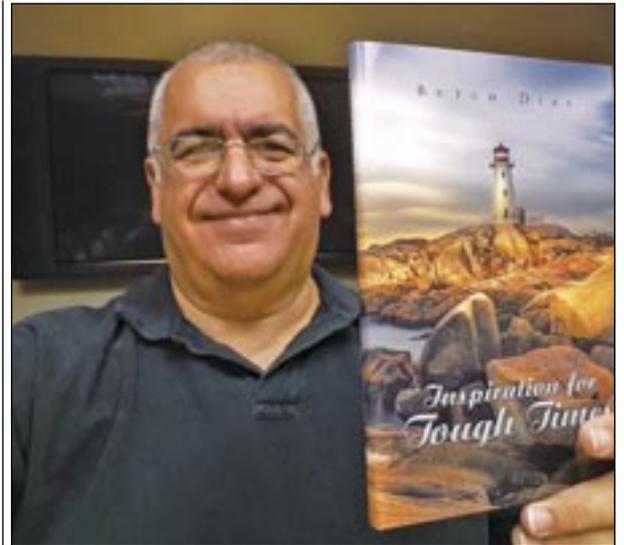
During his recovery he started to write a journal. In his journal Butch noticed that some of his writing came out in poems. Each of his poems represents something that he went through on his way to recovery. Through adversity, Butch started writing and helping people go through tough times. Writing helped Butch heal and get stronger spiritually. As you read his book let his inspiration touch your life.

If it wasn't for this time of adversity Butch may have never written. Sometimes going through tough times brings out the good in us.

"The only reason I write is to touch people's lives," writes Butch. "God sent people to me to touch my life. He sent people to pray for me, to share the gospel, to teach, to preach, to encourage, and to disciple me. God thought I was important enough to send special people my way. He sent people that cared, not the ones that threw me under the bus. God sent people with compassion and love. I share because I care and because people cared for me.

"My book, *Inspiration for Tough Times*, is a book of poems birthed through the struggle of being in a coma and almost dying. I never knew I had it in me, but the pressure of the trials brought it out."

The book is available online at <https://www.amazon.com/-/e/B07HML1279> and <https://www.xlibris.com/Bookstore/BookDetail.aspx?BookId=SKU-001176596>



Fairhaven native Butch Dias holds a copy of his poetry book, "Inspiration for Tough Times," published this year. After nearly dying and during a long recovery, Mr. Dias turned to his faith, writing a journal, and then poetry to get through his adversity. He lives in Florida now. *Submitted photo.*

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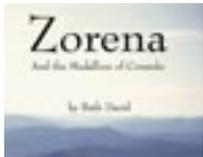
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Middle School students join seniors for supper club



The Fairhaven Single Senior Supper Club got a sweet surprise when students from Hastings Middle School orchestra showed up to play at their Christmas Party on 12/4/18, where some students from HMS were already volunteering. It was a "nice inter-generational event," said Fairhaven Council on Aging Director Anne Silvia. Dinner was provided by Coastline Nutrition Program. ABOVE LEFT: Students from HMS perform Christmas songs during dinner. ABOVE RIGHT: Members of the "Make-A-Difference" Community Service Health-Ed project at HMS: L-R, Kay-Lee Fitzgerald; Nathan Branco; Lisa Lunney, Health Teacher; COA Director Anne Silvia; Lyla Berg; Evan Carvalho; Madison Costa; Camden Ducharme; Ella Gillen; Chassity Dargis; and Georgia Roderiques. BELOW LEFT: Supper Club members await the meal. BELOW RIGHT: Judy Rego waves for the camera after winning the evening's 50-50 raffle. Judy also won a Walmart gift card. BOTTOM LEFT: Raffles are definitely part of the fun at the Single Senior Supper Club Christmas party. BOTTOM RIGHT: Fairhaven Council on Aging Director Anne Silvia and HMS student Madison Costa pull raffle tickets and call out names for the winners of various gift cards from local town businesses. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



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Mon., 12/17, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

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Thurs., 12/13, Cleary's Pub, 7 p.m.

Community Preserv. Comm.

Thurs., 12/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., 12/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 12/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 12/19, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 12/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Assessors

Tues., 12/18, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Housing Authority

Wed., 12/19, Nate Gomes Ctr, 9 a.m.

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grave philosophy of socialism.

Which brings me to this point while some government regulations are necessary, I am a strong believer in the free enterprise, capitalistic system were you either succeed or fail depending upon your skills and work ethic. While some regulation and control is necessary socialism leads to more and more government oversight and control, less freedom and self reliance. Like I said in my last letter, Communism is a good example of socialistic government where there is no freedom. Just look to Russia, Cuba, Argentina, or any other Communist country. Where Communism socialism is full blown. You may point out point countries like Germany, Sweden, Switzerland that are socialistic they only exist because we protect them.

You probably guessed it by now, I am a strong Trump supporter. Well you're right. I didn't like him at first but he won me over. The reason that Trump won and succeeded in his run for the presidency is that he was a voice for the forgotten Americans, the coal miners, steel workers, aluminum workers, factory workers, countless manufacturing workers, and the manufacturing plants, which were closed down and shipped over seas because of the inept or the uncaring administrations of both the Clintons

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conservation-board

The board also heard a proposal for a subdivision at the end of Margaret Street/Blaise Drive. The proposal will have to be approved by the Planning Commission, and the Zoning Board of Appeals for at least two waivers. The Selectboard will also have to approve the proposal because they are also the Water Commissioners, as the Department of Public Works falls under the jurisdiction of the Selectboard.

Town Planner Henry Young told the board that he and the developer, Dan Moniz/Moniz Estates, were seeking their input, advice and opinions on the proposal. The development is seeking a waiver for access through Blaise Drive, and a waiver for sidewalks in the subdivision. It also calls for extending the water service, but creating a dead end at the cul de sac.

Jeffrey Tallman, project engineer at Sitec, represented the developer and

and Obamas and the disastrous trade deals they agreed too.

When Obama was confronted with the loss of all these manufacturing jobs, 400,000 in number, the best he could offer was: "what do you want me to do wave a magic wand and bring back."*

Well guess what Trump not only brought them back he added a additional 400,000 jobs. Unemployment is at record low levels, black Hispanic and women's unemployment are at their lowest levels. Major manufacturing and Auto plants are coming back to our country. I am seeing help wanted signs that I haven't seen in years.

Let me lay out a few examples of Trumps presidency. He is a strong supporter of the military, he has secured the funding necessary to rebuild it and to provide a pay increase, the first in years. Also he has implemented real change in the Veterans Administration, veterans can go to a private doctor or hospital and finally incompetent people can be fired. He has restored respect for both the military and presidency of the United States.

Look at the contrast in foreign policy. It was just a short time ago that we as a nation were cowering before North Korea's Kim Jong-un. Kim is a brutal dictator, he killed his own half brother, he enslaved and killed many others. He seemed like he

told the board the proposal is for 17 homes, with 66.67 acres protected from development because it is Eastern Box Turtle habitat.

Selectboard chairperson Mike Cioper voiced concern about the waiver for the sidewalks, and the argument that many other developments do not have them. He said the bylaw was enacted for a reason.

"If we don't start somewhere, we're never going to start doing them," said Mr. Cioper.

Board member Roger Cabral also voiced concern about not complying with the subdivision standards, saying that if they were going to grant waivers all the time, they should change the standards.

In addition to the concern about the lack of sidewalks, the board also voiced concern with the 90-degree turn to get into the development.

Residents voiced concern about water pressure changes for surrounding homes that the additional 17 houses might cause.

was on an unstoppable mission to develop his nuclear arsenal and the missiles to deliver them,

What did Trump do? He told him he had a bigger nuclear button and his worked. He was afraid of the possibility of the military option. He came to the negotiating table.

Consider Iraq. Against all his top military advisors and president Bush, Obama pulled our troops out. Look at the terrible consequences, ISIS came in on a rampage, thousands were slaughtered many of them Christians.

Consider Syria's President. Obama warns Assad not to use the poison gas, it was going to be a red line. He uses it, Obama does nothing. He used it when Trump is President, Trump launches 56 cruise missells

It's doubtful that many Presidents have achieved so much success in so short a span of time. He has followed through on his promise to make America great again

John Pond, Fairhaven

**Editor's note: What President Obama actually did was ask Mr. Trump, "What magic wand do you have?" when Mr. Trump said he would bring back manufacturing jobs from overseas. U.S. manufacturing jobs have increased under President Trump, continuing the same trend that started in 2010, under President Obama. These positions are widely reported as home grown and not "returned" from overseas.*

Board members assured residents that 17 houses would not cause a problem because the area has good pressure to begin with.

Board member Kevin Gaspar said he spoke with DPW director Dan Menard and was assured the pressure would be okay.

"Just keeping my fingers crossed," said Connie Preston.

Town Administrator Brian Noble suggested that the board run a model, which would only cost a few hundred dollars, and post it online for residents to see for themselves.

The board and Mr. Tallman also discussed the possibility of creating a "loop" for the water so the line will not dead-end. The dead-end water line requires more maintenance.

The proposal is still working its way through the various boards and will go before the Selectboard again.

In other business, the board voted to increase the cost of various building permits and fees, and added a fee for using containers on private property.

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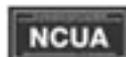
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Mike St. Pierre started his career with All Security Company Inc. in 1998 as an inside mechanical security service rep. His experience with locks, access control systems, video security technology and intrusion detection has proven to also be an asset to Wayne Electric & Alarms. He is also an on-call firefighter for the Town of Dartmouth.

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