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Waterfront could become community resource



Councilor Manny Cabral envisions a the possibility of a boardwalk along the edge of the water leading to the Stone Bridge Abutment.

If Councilor Manny Cabral had his way, the Stone Bridge waterfront area would be a haven and a jewel in the crown of Tiverton.

"There is so much I'd like to see happen," he said. "It would be a nice touch to put a boardwalk along the shore to the bridge, and if we keep it low, the

noise wouldn't be so bad." He said that planting a lot of shrubbery would complete the job of subduing traffic noise.

The Town Council formed a sub-committee—The Stone Bridge Area Improvement Coalition/Task Force—to try to include all organizations that represented town interests in the project, Cabral said.

"We've gotten the Garden Club involved, the Conservation Commission, everybody. (see page 2.) That's what I like to see," he said. "We're waiting for the Harbor Commission to come in with suggestions on repair so the council can act on it. That's their (the Commissions') charge."

So far the town has received a grant, "The Old Stone Bridge Beautification Project," for \$100,000 from federal appropriations

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Capt. Howard Passwater III

Tiverton fire department gets a captain

The management ladder in the Tiverton Fire Department now has another rung—that of captain. And the man who stands solidly on it is former Lt. Howard Passwater III.

Capt. Passwater, who was sworn in last month, said that the duties of his new position still were being explored.

"I'm just kind of carrying on with a lot of homeland security aspects," he said. "Since September 11 (2001) a lot of things have been required of us. I'm continuing courses. The most recent one was three days on biological warfare." Capt. Passwater will take two more courses in the area of security as well.

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Stone Bridge repairs may be in offing

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through U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy's office, and another \$25,000 from RIDOT.

Cabral said the most important thing about the Stone Bridge beautification project is to get it structurally reinforced: "It's a safety cushion against flooding and protection of this basin," he said.

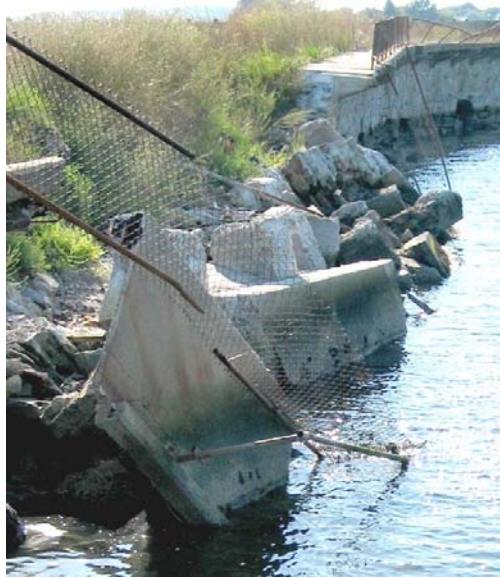
The entire beautification project itself "may take 5-7 years. We have to do it piecemeal, do one piece at a time. That's what we're trying to do with the Coalition—come up with a total plan."

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Councilor Manny Cabral

The councilor said the group wants "to make sure that the town is not obligated for money that it does not have. We want to make sure we won't be liable for continuing money output."

The group is looking at such things as how structural integrity



This is a particularly unattractive section of the abutment that needs repair.

Stone Bridge Area Improvement Coalition/Task Force members:

Manuel Cabral, Town Council; Jim Towers, Town Administrator; Richard Reynolds, (former) Economic Development; Bill Anderson, Economic Development; Alex Cote, Budget Committee; Pat Sullivan, Conservation Commission; Marge Larson, Tiverton Garden Club; Rachel Elder, Tree Commission; Donald Machado, Area Businesses; Geoff Almeida and Richard Sterne, Harbor Commission, and Sue Rodriguez, Neighborhood residents.

Editorially Speaking....

"Tiverton's Good News" is a newsletter for and about the residents of Tiverton.

We invite you to participate in this newsletter by providing good news of interest that will enhance the lives of those who read it. Photographs—digital or prints—are welcome, and can be sent to the addresses below. The editor also will consider taking a picture of a special event. Newsletter hours of operation are:

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We have undertaken this venture with eagerness. We particularly want to point out the great help extended to the town by **Paul Terceiro**, who voluntarily maintains the town's web site and who graciously has agreed to add this newsletter each month so residents can download it (see page 4).

Copy deadline for next month: Oct. 24th!

would be served best—by reinforcements such as bulkheads (steel protective barriers), which could be colorful as well as practical, or riprap (assembled broken stones as foundation). Cabral said he personally, favors bulkheads, but he is willing to go along with whatever the Coalition decides.

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said there is a "second round of classes coming up, most of which I've taken. I'm seeing a lot of courses repeated." The courses are offered by the Rhode Island Management Agency, and conducted in either Cranston or Warwick.

Capt. Passwater said the biggest change that has taken place because of his new position is that "they put me in charge of in-house training. I have to coordinate it." In line with that he said he would like to get "a little more hazardous materials training, because we've been needing that a bit." Another adjustment he noted, humorously, is that "when I go to classes

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now, and I'm a captain instead of a lieutenant, different people talk to me. And," he added, "I haven't changed."

He has taken numerous workshops and seminars, sponsored by such agencies as the Federal Emergency Management Agency and The Department of Justice, to ensure Tiverton is prepared for any disaster.

Capt. Passwater noted that when promotional exams were held in July, five of the seven candidates scored above the national average. "This is much more phenomenal than my getting promoted," he said, noting that the tests were tough. "We're matching up pretty well for a little town."

It's the time of year to see great decorations!



This impressive Halloween display, which is a great deal larger than shown here, was put together single-handedly by Sue Arruda of Manchester's Tree and Landscaping, Inc., on Main Road. Inset shows one of the many ghosties in the display that is—shall we say—just hanging around.

Improving Tiverton's Water Supply (See graphic on page 4)

On Wednesday Sept. 10th, the North Tiverton Fire District (NTFD) conducted a groundbreaking ceremony involving the modernization of the combined NTFD and Tiverton Water Authority (TWA) systems.

This connection is part of a long range plan to insure the water requirements of Tiverton are met. It will enable the system to handle future heavy demand caused by growth, major fires, system ruptures, etc. Most of the improvements are indicated. The system will connect to Stone Bridge District and the Fall River system ensuring Tiverton's future water supply and improving the network. These improvements are being financed by both Federal and State sources, at minimum cost to the Town. Further growth will be supported by user fees and possible grants. This is a major step forward for the Town.

Senior Citizen Center Events

- **Oct. 8 at 10:30 a.m.:** What you need to know about osteoporosis, presented by the Visiting Nurses Association of Eastern Massachusetts.
- **Oct. 29 at 10:30 a.m.:** Consequences of untreated hearing loss in older persons presented by Nancy Duncan, M.S., owner of Duncan Hearing Health Care.
- **Oct. 31 at 1 p.m.:** Bill Doyle of the Department of Elderly Affairs will give updates on HMOs.

All events are open to the public. The Center is located at 207 Canonicus Street.

Tiverton Tidbits

A reminder that Tiverton children, especially small ones, will be "Trick or Treating" on Halloween night between the hours of 5-7 p.m.

If you are driving that night, keep a sharp eye for the many ghosties and goblins that will be wafting through the town streets at dusk or later.

Evelyn's Drive In will host "Singing Out Against Hunger," an entertaining fundraiser for New Visions for Newport County, Inc., to replenish food banks in the East Bay Area for the coming winter months. Music with local artists both young and old, will perform Columbus Day Weekend, Oct. 11, 12 and 13 at the Drive In, 2335 Main Road.

The event is sponsored by the Tiverton's Concerned Merchants and Community.

Raffle tickets are available, and donations of non-perishable food items and money will be accepted at the Drive-In, Coastal Roasters, Home Grown Market Place and many local businesses.

Call for information: 401-683-2781

Coastal Roasters won the 2003 TOPS national Retailer Award from Fresh Cup magazine and Specialty Coffee Association of America.

Louise Durfee was included in a *Yankee Magazine* article this summer that cited the efforts of environmentalists on the New England coast. Durfee got a full page of coverage, and a picture. The article begins: "There's something to be said just for making the effort and hanging in there," says Louise Durfee when asked what it takes to be an effective conservationist."

Congratulations Louise!

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**FROM THE DESK OF
JIM TOWERS,
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

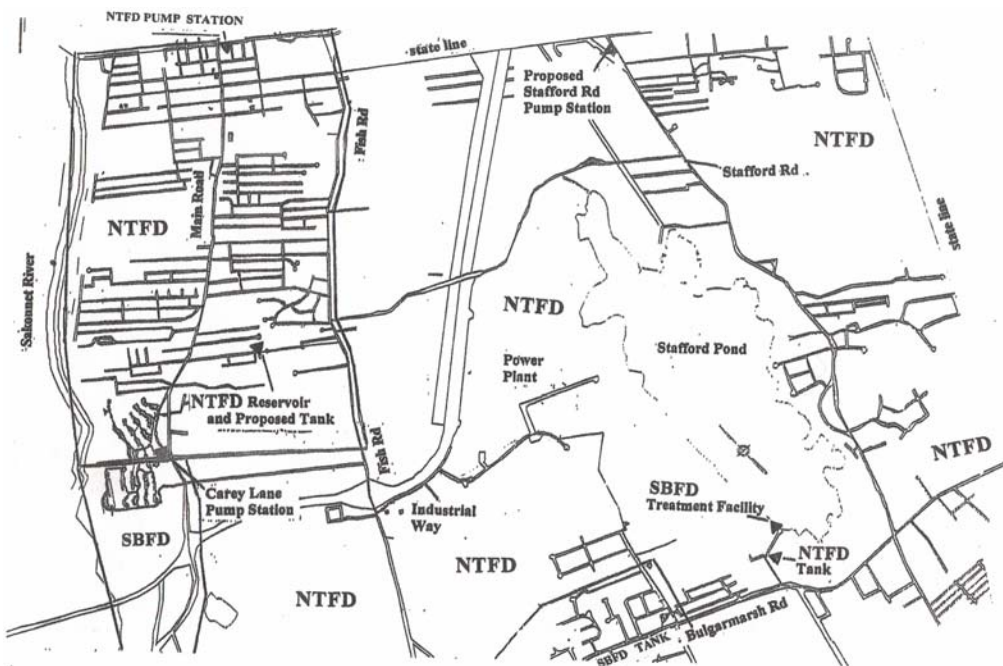


This month as we enter into Fall, one can look around and see the breathtaking beauty that Tiverton has to offer. One spot that begs for people to visit and enjoy the Autumn acts of nature is the Fort Barton Preserve on Highland Road. Last year many volunteers came forward and helped to raise funds to assist in the reconstruction of the observation tower at the fort. The old tower has been dismantled and removed from the property making way for the new observation deck. We expect to have the installation of this new lookout completed this month.

Another recreational activity that the town has undertaken is the resurfacing of the tennis courts at the town farm recreation area. The financial town meeting last May provided funds to rehabilitate the courts and following the proper bidding procedures the town has entered into a contract to have the work completed. Again, this is yet another quality of life issue for the residents of Tiverton.

Yet another change in the last two weeks is the line striping on some of the major "back" roads in town. In an effort to provide the safest possible driving environment on these dark roadways, the Department of Public Works has arranged for the striping to be done. It is clear to all that the lane markings on these streets is most welcome and a dramatic improvement.

Combined NTFD and the TWA



Siegmund & Associates, Inc.

General Location Plan

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REMINDER!

Trash Pickup the week of Oct. 13 will be one day later because of the Columbus Day holiday.

Empty Bowl Show and Silent Auction to benefit the children of Saint Vincent's Home, Oct. 17-Nov. 1 at the Sakonnet Artists' Cooperative Gallery in Tiverton 4 Corners. Kickoff is Oct. 17, 5-7 p.m. with wine and cheese.

Trinity Church will present an adaptation of a World War II event by playwright David Christner of Middletown, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 5-8 at the church's Parish Hall. The play, with music of the era, is based on a true story of four chaplains who died when the transport ship "Dorchester" sank. Reserve a seat at 624-4759 between 9 a.m. and noon. Donations for the play will benefit the Interfaith Hospitality Network, a ministry for the homeless.

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