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## Medical marijuana open for business



The flower room at BASK, the Registered Marijuana Dispensary in Fairhaven, is bathed in a very bright light to keep the plants growing. The plants in the back are almost ready for harvesting. The RMD is located on Pequod Road in Fairhaven and sells buds, pre-rolled joints, and a variety of edibles, such as lozenges and cookies. 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.

The marijuana revolution has arrived in Fairhaven. And all I can say is: It's about time.

It's not exactly the way I remember it from the 70's, though. On the other hand, I don't really remember the 70's very well.

I do remember that lots of people self-medicated with marijuana. Now, it's legal. Whodathunkit?

Well, mostly legal. The Feds might come after you. The new guy in the White House has promised to do just that. So much for states' rights, huh?

Anyway, check out page 12 for what's going on in our little corner of the world.

Election season is here for real (see page 3). In Fairhaven, we have three contested races. A bit of a rarity these days.

Candidates still have a few days to withdraw, though, so that could change, but it's unlikely, since they all went through the trouble of getting the signatures and submitting them. I'll let you know next week if anyone pulls out.

Meanwhile, I'm looking forward to some fun races and a fun candidates night. I'll be on the panel of one, so if you have any questions you want me to ask of any of the candidates, just send an email or leave a message on the voicemail.

Candidates, it's time to run your ads in the *Neighb News*, so get in touch soon. There are only five issues between now and the election.

We also offer free publicity for local candidates, so get your statements in ASAP.

We have a fun story on page 7. A reader called to say she spotted something very different in the river. She couldn't figure out what they were at first, but then made a pretty accurate deduction. Ever hear of Ice Pancakes or Pancake Ice? Me either. A little bit of internet research turned up a bunch of information on the phenomenon, which is rare in these parts.

Well, there's other stuff in here of course, but you'll have to thumb through to find it. Be sure to notice who our advertisers are and let them know you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then...hey, it'll be March next week. Is it time to uncover the boat yet?

See ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Nothing, really? Wow. Maybe I'm finally getting the hang of this (after 13 years).

# Candidates night scheduled, Fairhaven has some races

By Beth David  
Editor

It looks like Fairhaven may have some bona fide contested races this election. Candidates have until February 28 to withdraw from their names, so until that date, there is still a possibility that the field will change.

The Board of Public Works has three candidates for two seats. Incumbents Robert "Hoppy" Hobson and Keith Silvia will run to keep their seats, while newcomer Albert Martin will try to unseat one of them.

The Board of Health has a race, too. With incumbent Lindsay Graham out of the race because she moved out of town, the open seat will be battled over by former Selectboard member Michael Silvia and Commissioner of Trust Funds member Barbara Acksen, who held a BOH seat for one term. Both are well known in town and have held a number of elected and appointed seats throughout the years.

In a bit of an unusual twist, there is a real race for Tree Warden. Incumbent Brian Bowcock, a former long-time Selectboard member, has held the seat for one term. A chiropractor by trade, Dr. Bowcock said he ran last time because no one else stepped up when long-time Tree Warden Antone Medeiros decided not to run. This time around Dr. Bowcock will face G. Bourne Knowles IV, a well known call firefighter in town whose family owns G. Bourne Knowles & Company, a complete tree and landscape that,

which has been in his family since 1961.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola is running unopposed for his seat; and moderator Mark Sylvia has no challenger for his seat. Other uncontested races include two seats for School Committee, with both incumbents, Donna McKenna and Colin Veitch, returning papers; incumbent Colleen Sylvia for Commissioner of Trust Funds; for Housing Authority, incumbent Gregory Tutcik will run unopposed for his seat, and sitting HA member John Farrell will run to finish out the unexpired term he was appointed to.

For Planning Board, there is only one candidate for two seats. Incumbent Peter Nopper did not take out seats to run for re-election for his seat. PB member John Farrell, is running for re-election, in addition to running for the unexpired term on Housing Authority.

Anyone who wants to run a write-in campaign for the empty seat should call Town Clerk Eileen Lowney at 508-979-4023, Ext. 3.

Tuesday, March 13, 2018, is the last day for town residents to register to vote in the town election. The clerk's office will be open until 8 p.m. that day.

## Candidates night scheduled

The annual candidates night held by Government/Cable Access, Channel 18, will be held on Wednesday, 3/7, at the Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Avenue, at 7 p.m.

The event will be moderated by members of the local press. If the format remains the same as in past years, candidates will be allowed an opening statement; and each reporter will ask one question of each candidate.

The event will be recorded by cable access and will run on Channel 18 until the election. It will also be available online through the town's website: [www.fairhaven-ma.gov](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov)

Please forward any questions to Pattie, Cable Access Administrative Assistant, [billing@fairhaventv.com](mailto:billing@fairhaventv.com)

## Free Political PR for Local Candidates

The *Neighb News* will give all candidates for townwide public office in Fairhaven and Acushnet a chance to get their message out. You may submit an article of approximately 500 words, with a picture, and we will publish at no charge before the April 2 election.

Please contact the *Neighb News* as soon as possible so we can plan for space allocation in the issues leading up to the election.

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Call 508-979-593 or email with questions.

## Town Clerk Study Committee seeks public input Forum Scheduled for February 26

Press Release

FAIRHAVEN, MA – The Fairhaven Town Clerk Study Committee would like to invite all Fairhaven residents to a public forum on Monday, February 26, 2018, 7 pm, at the Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street. The purpose of this forum is to discuss the role of the Town Clerk, his/her duties and functions, and whether Town residents

would like to keep it elected or consider changing it to an appointed position.

The Town Clerk Study Committee is charged with studying the role of the Town Clerk, and with making a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen/Town Meeting whether the Town would like to change the position to appointed. Voters are

urged to attend this meeting, to give their opinions and ask questions of the Town Clerk Study Committee.

This meeting will be held in the auditorium and will be filmed by the Cable Access Department. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please forward any questions to Human Resources Director Anne O'Brien – 508-979-4023 ext. 149.



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# Southcoast rail project proceeding, public input sought

## Press Release

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) announced on February 6 that the South Coast Rail project is proceeding with the filing of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR) with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office. The DSEIR document analyzes only the new elements proposed as part of Phase I that were not previously analyzed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)/Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR).

“Lieutenant Governor Polito and I are committed to following through on decades of promises and today’s filing is a vital step toward bringing reliable, affordable rail service to the South Coast,” said Governor Charlie Baker.

“The Baker-Polito Administration is filing this document with MEPA because the Commonwealth is committed to moving forward to provide commuter rail service for the South Coast as soon as possible,” said Transportation Secretary and

CEO Stephanie Pollack. “In the words of Governor Baker last month in the State of the Commonwealth speech, ‘After more than three decades of lip service, we’re going to make commuter rail from Fall River and New Bedford to Boston a reality.’ With the filing of the DSEIR and other documents, the day gets closer when people will be able to have a one-seat ride on a train between Boston and the South Coast, connecting them to jobs, schools, businesses, and cultural opportunities, and taking vehicles off the highways to help reduce greenhouse gases.”

Phase I of South Coast Rail will provide commuter rail service by extending service from the Middleborough/Lakeville Line to New Bedford, Fall River, and Taunton using existing active freight rail corridors. As proposed for the Full Build Project, and analyzed in the South Coast Rail FEIS/FEIR, service will be provided on the Southern Triangle, which connects Fall River and New Bedford to Cotley Junction in Taunton. The new primary element to

be included in Phase I is the use of the existing Middleborough Secondary freight line to connect Taunton to the Middleborough Main Line.

Last year, facing a substantially longer time line and sharply higher costs for the Stoughton Electric Alternative, MassDOT began analyzing a phased approach for the SCR project to achieve passenger rail service faster than the “Full Build” option. This strategy required a Notice of Project Change, which was filed with MEPA in March 2017. The Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs issued a certification on May 26, 2017, directing MassDOT to conduct additional analysis related to the phasing and to submit a DSEIR summarizing this work.

Conducting a thorough Alternatives Analysis, MassDOT screened seven service alternatives and arrived at the Phase 1 alternative. Meanwhile, preliminary engineering design work has continued and will continue on the Full Build of the Stoughton Electric Alternative.

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## Candidates Night Seeking questions

Fairhaven Cable Access announces the annual Government Access Candidates' Night will take place on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at the Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Avenue, at 7:00 p.m.

Candidates have been notified. The event will be moderated by members of the local press.

Please forward any questions to  
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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Candidates Night

Scheduled for 3/7. See page 3.

## Town Clerk Study Forum

See page 3.

## Volleyball at Rec Ctr

Join town employees for volleyball at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop), on **Sundays from 6:30-8 p.m.** Sponsored by YOUR Fairhaven Wellness Committee. For more info, call Phil at 508-993-6978.

## Boating Skills Class

Boating Skills and Seamanship Course. Many insurance companies will offer discounts on boat insurance to individuals who successfully complete this course. Individuals who successfully complete the course and exam are awarded certificates and cards.

Both the novice and the experienced boater will benefit from lessons in boating terminology, boat equipment, boat handling, boat trailering, lake boating, rules of the road, navigation, medical/safety awareness, weather, engines, radios, and how to read a chart, buy a boat, tie a knot and call in a mayday.

Course will be held at USCG Auxiliary, 80 Middle St., Fairhaven, **beginning on Mon., 2/26, from 7-9 p.m.**, for 13 weeks ((Feb. 26, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21). For boaters, sailors, fishermen, personal watercraft operators. Final Exam and Graduation May 21, 2018

**Cost: \$45 for course materials** (book and chart) Register online at <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info>

## HARC Meeting

Local environmental advocacy group Hands Across the River Coalition, Inc. meets monthly. The next meeting takes place **Wed., 2/28, from 6:00-7:45 p.m. at the Millicent Library, Fairhaven, MA.** Open to the public. Attendees are advised to use the Walnut Street entrance.

Hands Across the River Coalition, Inc. advocates for the safe cleanup of New Bedford Harbor and other contaminated sites in the Greater New Bedford area. The group

provides information about the detrimental health effects caused to our community from toxic chemicals such as PCBs, DIOXIN, mercury, lead and others. HARC was formed in anticipation of the cleanup of contamination in the Acushnet River that needed to be done in order to protect human health.

HARC's primary goal is to ensure the health-conscious clean up of the Acushnet River which runs through New Bedford Harbor into Buzzards Bay, to monitor and advocate for the total preservation of said body of water and shoreline, educate the community about the health effects of toxic chemicals in our environment, to obtain environmental justice for generations now and in the future and to ensure a quality environment, forever, through its efforts.

Hands Across the River Coalition, Inc. appeals to everyone to join them in working to protect our air, soil and water, and especially public health, by removing all PCBs safely to an offsite TSCA, approved landfill.

For more information, contact Karen Vilandry, HARC president (508) 951-1184 [harcgnb@gmail.com](mailto:harcgnb@gmail.com)

## Blood Drive

The LCpl Matthew R. Rodriguez Memorial Foundation, in celebration of Matthew's 24th birthday, is holding their 4th Annual Memorial Blood Drive on **Fri., 3/2, from 1:00-6:00 p.m., in the Ballroom of the Seaport Inn & Marina,, 110 Middle St, Fairhaven.**

Appointments are HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!! To make an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter: LCPLMATTHEW to schedule your appointment.

While walk-ins are welcome, please know that individuals with appointments will given priority. Save yourself extra wait time and schedule an appointment.

## Bus. After Hours

This month's Business After Hours by the Greater NB Chamber of Commerce will be held on **Wed., 2/28, from 5-7 p.m. at the Bayside Lounge, 125 Sconticut Neck Rd., Fairhaven.** Sponsored by Bayside Lounge.

Business After Hours provides an opportunity for members and non-

members to mingle and build business relationships in an informal, relaxed business setting. **Free for members who register, \$20 at the door for members and \$25 for non-members, event includes:** Appetizers, Cash bar, chance to win a door prize

To RSVP contact Deven Q. Robitaille, [deven@southcoastchamber.com](mailto:deven@southcoastchamber.com) or register online at <https://members.southcoastchamber.com/events/details/february-2018-business-after-hours-494729>

## Rotary Fund-raiser

Fairhaven Rotary Fundraiser, Fish & Chips Dinner, **Fri., 3/2, 4:30-8 p.m., at Bayside Lounge, 125 Sconticut Neck Rd, Fairhaven, \$10 per ticket**

Cash Bar & Take out available.

Tickets will be sold at door or by calling Heidi at 508.971.1699

## Literacy Night

Whaling good time. St. Joseph School, 100 Spring St., Fairhaven will be hosting their annual Children's Literacy Night on **Thurs., 3/8, from 5-7 p.m.** Bring your friends and family to this free ocean themed event. There will be several activities your family can participate in, such as interactive whale face painting, photo booth and so much more.

## Foxwoods Trip

The Fairhaven Village Militia is once again running a bus trip in March to Foxwoods Resort Casino as a fundraiser **on Sat., 3/10.** The bus will leave the east side of the Staples parking lot in Fairhaven promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will travel straight through to the casino. Return time is 5:00 p.m. **Tickets for the trip are \$30 each and include a voucher for the buffet and \$10 gambling credit.** (Only adults are eligible for the vouchers.) The militia will hold some raffles on the bus during the trip.

Tickets can be purchased at Mike & Wayne's, 163 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, or by calling Ellie, 508-441-7566 or emailing [madeinu@aol.com](mailto:madeinu@aol.com).

The Fairhaven Village Militia uses the funds raised by this trip to support its programs during the year, including its two historical encampments at Fort Phoenix, participation in the Memorial Day and Veterans Day parades and the Fourth of July Ceremony, among other things.

# St. Joseph students collect hats for cancer patients

By Beth David  
Editor

Students at Saint Joseph School in Fairhaven are trying to spread a little cheer. After hearing about little Caiden Falcon, a toddler who died from cancer last November, they decided to help his family spread some laughs and comfort.

They started collecting “funny hats” for infants to adolescents who have lost their hair due to cancer treatments.

Misti Nordstrom’s seventh grade class collected approximately 200 hats to donate to the cause.

Caiden’s grandmother Liz Hill and his great grandmother, Jo Hamel, went to the school on Wednesday, 2/14, to collect the hats. They will be



donated to a children’s unit.

They told the children all about Caiden and his brave fight against a stage 4 neuroblastoma, a very aggressive

brain tumor. He was diagnosed when he was just five months old and died when he was 13 months old.

To learn more about Caiden’s journey or to donate, visit <https://www.youcaring.com/caidenfalcon-780495> or find Caiden’s Crusaders on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1677128129257391/>

TOP: Jo Hamel, Caiden Falcon’s great grandmother, tells the seventh grade class at St. Joseph School in Fairhaven about Caiden’s fight with cancer. The 13-month-old died in November, 2017, from a neuroblastoma, a very aggressive brain tumor. LEFT, L-R: Jo Hamel and Liz Hill, Caiden Falcon’s great grandmother and grandmother, pose with Misti Nordstrom and her seventh grade

class at St. Joseph School in Fairhaven on 2/14/18 with hats they collected for children with cancer. BOTTOM: Students in Misti Nordstrom’s seventh grade class at St. Joseph School in Fairhaven along with Jo Hamel and Liz Hill wave the hats they collected to give to children who have lost their hair from cancer treatments. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva*



# What on earth are these things?

By Beth David  
Editor

Linda Kellish has lived by the Nasketucket River for nearly 30 years. She knows the river the way only a person who sees it every single day can know it. So, imagine her surprise when she saw a rare phenomenon last month, something she had never seen before, out her window.

"I thought they were paper plates," said Ms. Kellish, adding that she thought some "slobs" were throwing them into the water.

So, she went outside to clean them up. When she got there, she saw something she had never seen before: a bunch of round disks that clearly were not paper plates.

She deduced that they were probably a result of the naturally occurring river foam freezing up.

"It's the foam action," she said.

Turns out, she was right.

Called "ice pancakes," the winter phenomenon is rare outside of Antarctica. But it has been noticed more often in recent years in other places, including around the Great Lakes in the US, according to several online sources, including the Weather Channel ([www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)), news sources in Europe, and the National Snow and Ice Data Center.

The disks form when ice forms in moving water, especially where the water collects in an eddy, such as a turn in a river. The ice, which includes freezing foam, gets knocked around and breaks up. As the pieces bang into each other in an eddy, they become round and the edges push up, creating rims in a rather distinctive look.

Sometimes, if it is cold enough, the ice pancakes will bind together and form a sheet of ice. In rough water, they can break up and cause all kinds of interesting looking ice patches, ridges, sheets and disks.

After grabbing her camera and taking a few pictures, Ms. Kellish said curiosity got the better of her. She could not just look at them. She pulled one out of the water, took a close-up shot of it, then broke it up just to see what it felt like.

It was kind of slushy she said, and cold and more fragile than she thought it would be. Just instinct told her that it was caused by the foam.

Since first spotting of them a few weeks ago, Ms. Kellish said she has



ABOVE: Linda Kellish of Fairhaven stands by the window she was looking out when she saw "ice pancakes" in the river. *Photo by Beth David.* LEFT: A close-up of a single ice pancake, created by freezing foam and water in the river's eddying action, and the ice pancake broken up. *Photos courtesy of Linda Kellish.*

been keeping a keen eye out to see them again. But, she said, it has not been cold enough.

"Now, I'm looking all the time," she said

To learn more about how ice pancakes are formed, visit the National Snow and Ice Data Center at <https://nsidc.org/cryosphere/seaiice/characteristics/formation.html>

To see photos of ice pancakes from around the world visit <https://weather.com/science/weather-explainers/news/pancake-ice-science-behind>



ABOVE, LEFT AND RIGHT: Ice pancakes forming along the Nasketucket River in Fairhaven last month are a rare sight in these parts. The phenomenon is created when ice and foam freeze up in pretty specific conditions that include moving water, an eddy, and freezing air temperatures. *Photos courtesy of Linda Kellish.*

## Winter Film Series

The LGBTQ Winter Film Series continues with *Southwest of Salem* on **Sun., 2/25, from 2-5 p.m., at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William St., New Bedford.** **FREE Event** includes discussion with special guests Black and Pink Providence. This movie contains adult themes.

*Southwest of Salem* is a gripping documentary that unravels the interplay of mythology, homophobia, and prosecutorial fervor that led to the wrongful imprisonment of four Latina lesbians.

After being wrongfully convicted of sexually assaulting two little girls during the Satanic Panic witchhunt of the 80s and 90s, four Latina lesbians fight against mythology, homophobia, and prosecutorial fervor in this now-classic gay rights "True Crime" tale that helped exonerate the "San Antonio Four." The film received a Peabody Award, a GLAAD award for "Outstanding Documentary," and a Critic's Choice Award for "Best First Feature."

To foster understanding of LGBTQ culture and create networking opportunities and support for LGBTQ residents: [www.sclgbtqnetwork.org](http://www.sclgbtqnetwork.org)

For more about the movie, visit <http://www.southwestofsalem.com/>

## Day of Action

**On February 26th**, thousands of working people across Mass. will join a national day of action as we speak out for good, union jobs. The Working People's Day of Action coincides with the Supreme Court hearings on the Janus vs. AFSCME case. That case is part of a well-funded campaign by the wealthy special interests to divide us from our co-workers, and to limit the power in numbers we have together in a union.

**In New Bedford: 5 p.m., City Hall, 133 William St, New Bedford**

## Violin Concert

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum and the New Bedford Symphony invite you to experience two virtuoso musicians in the intimate setting of a historic whaling mansion on **Sun., 2/25, at 4:00 pm.**

We invite you to a special musical program featuring violinists Jesse Holstein and EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks.

The museum parlors provide the perfect setting for a delectable smorgasbord of music for two violins featuring Leclair, Bartok, Prokofiev, Pleyel, and Telemann's programmatic telling of Gulliver's Travels.

Jesse Holstein, violinist and violist, holds a masters degree from the New England Conservatory. He is an active recitalist and chamber musician, and concertmaster of the New Bedford Symphony.

EmmaLee serves as principal second violinist of the New Bedford Symphony and as a busy chamber player, on stage in venues across the country. **Admission is \$20; please reserve at your earliest convenience, as seating is limited:** 508-997-1401 or [www.rjdmuseum.org](http://www.rjdmuseum.org). Our last cosponsored concert was sold out well before the concert.

## Patrons of the Arts

Hosted by New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! Join us for this **FREE event on Fri., 3/2, from 6-8 p.m. at the New Bedford Art Museum/Artworks!, 608 Pleasant St., NB.** The 2018 honorees are Mass. State Senator Mark C. Montigny, Mass. Rep. Antonio F.D. Cabral, and Your Theatre, Inc.

For more information, visit <http://newbedfordart.org>

## Mini Grant Orientation

Do you have an idea for a project that will improve your neighborhood, school or community? For the 23rd year, United Way of Greater New Bedford's Community Building Mini-Grants Program is offering grants of up to \$2,500 to support all-volunteer groups looking to build a stronger community. Groups with budgets of \$40,000 or less located in Greater New Bedford (Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Freetown, New Bedford, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, or Wareham) are eligible to apply.

Volunteer groups are encouraged to attend an orientation session to learn more about the Mini-Grants Program and application process. **Orientation sessions will be held on Tues., 3/6, from 10-11:30 a.m. or 5-6:30 p.m. at the New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., 3rd Floor, New Bedford.**

Registration is required for the sessions. To register please call 508-994-9625 ext. 219 or email [liveunited@unitedwayofgnb.org](mailto:liveunited@unitedwayofgnb.org).

Applications will be available March 6 at [unitedwayofgnb.com](http://unitedwayofgnb.com) and will only be accepted electronically. Grants must be submitted by April 13, 2018.

In 2017, 33 all-volunteer groups made an impact throughout Greater New Bedford with projects funded by United Way's Mini-Grant Program. Since its inception in 1995, the Mini-Grants Program has granted \$765,319 for local community projects. These projects range from garden projects and healthier living programs to outreach campaigns and family engagement opportunities. Be the change in Greater New Bedford, visit [unitedwayofgnb.org](http://unitedwayofgnb.org) to learn more about the Mini-Grants Program.

## Grants Available

Three funds at the Community Foundation of SE Mass. are currently accepting proposals for funding, but time is running short to apply.

**Applications for up to \$15,000 are due on February 28 for grants from The Polaroid Fund.** This year, The Polaroid Fund has made a total of \$100,000 available to enhance the skills and education of the Greater New Bedford workforce.

**The Huidekoper Fund** will grant a total of \$4,000 to local organizations for programs focused on athletic activity and fitness for youth and **applications are due March 2.**

Finally, **The John Lipsky-George Whittaker Fund is accepting proposals until March 31.** The Lipsky-Whittaker Fund believes strongly in making strategic investments for the well-being of the greater New Bedford GLBT community and in combating HIV and AIDS through prevention and education. Grants from the Lipsky-Whittaker Fund typically range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

All currently available funding opportunities at the Community Foundation are available on its website, [cfsema.org](http://cfsema.org), and interested applicants should contact the Foundation's grant and scholarship associate, Holly Stickles, with questions at 508-996-8253 ext. 202 or [hstickles@cfsema.org](mailto:hstickles@cfsema.org).

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## MOLIFE Gala

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

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For tickets and information visit our website [www.molifeinc.com](http://www.molifeinc.com) or contact our office at 508-992-5978.

## Transportation in Mass. survey

What does the public think about transportation in Massachusetts? Find out on February 27 at the release of a major MassINC Polling Group survey of Massachusetts voters. This survey of a representative sample was asked about present day conditions, and what's coming down the road. You'll want to be there and ask questions.

Register at [http://www.t4ma.org/mpg\\_poll](http://www.t4ma.org/mpg_poll) for this informative event on **Tues., 2/27, CIC Boston Light-house North: 50 Milk St., 20th Floor**. The program starts at 8:30 a.m.; doors open at 8. Light breakfast.

Space is limited, so be sure to register today: <http://www.t4ma.org/>

## French Film Series

Join us for another group of thoughtful and thought-provoking French films, with a wide range of perennial concerns: love, aging, identity (national, racial and sexual) and survival in the aftermath of war and trauma.

Six films will be screen on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 2/25 through 3/8, at Salve Regina University, O'Hare Academic Center, 36 Ochre Point Ave., Newport, RI 02840

Tuesday screenings will be followed by a discussion.

**Festival Pass: \$35**, includes all films, Opening Night Wine and Cheese Reception as well as the

Sunday Matinee

Individual Tickets may be purchased at the door. Cash only, please. For more information please visit <http://www.salve.edu/french-film-festival>

## Art Exhibit Opening

In film, television and theatre, a hero prop is any item intended to be held or used by one of the main actors. Examples of hero props might include Shylock's money box, as used by Al Pacino in *The Merchant of Venice* at New York's Public Theater; the Red Apple Tobacco tin used in Quentin Tarantino's film *Hateful Eight*; or the Mendl's chocolate box from the film *The Grand Budapest Hotel*.

All of these objects, plus watercolors from *La La Land*, sketches from *Moonrise Kingdom* and other beautiful works of art, appear in *Props and Fine Art from Movies, Television and Theatre and Working Objects: Props by Ross MacDonald*, opening in the **Beard & Weil Galleries at Wheaton College, 26 E. Main St., Norton MA, March 1 to April 13.**

**On March 1 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm, Haas Visiting Artist Ross MacDonald** will give a talk about his work, followed by an opening for both exhibitions from 6:00 to 8:00. The public is invited to attend.

In the Weil Gallery: *Working Objects*. In the Beard Gallery, *Props and Fine Art from Movies, Television and Theatre*

For further information: <https://wheatoncollege.edu/arts/gallery/>

## Author Event

The Acushnet Public Library Welcomes *Chappaquiddick Tragedy-Kennedy's Second Passenger Revealed* author Donald Nelson.

**Join us for an author talk on Mon., 3/5, at 6 pm. This free event will take place in the Library Community Room at 232 Middle RD, Acushnet, MA 02743.**

Research scientist and author Donald Nelson will visit the Acushnet Public Library and speak about his book *Chappaquiddick Tragedy-Kennedy's Second Passenger Revealed*. Mr. Nelson explored all the original records of the infamous 1969 Chappaquiddick accident to determine whether an alternate account of

the happening was supported by forensic evidence. His "Aha!" moment came when he understood confirming inquest testimony of one witness — never understood by previous investigators!

This is his account of the tragedy. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

## Career Fair for Seniors

**At the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet; 508-998-0280, on Mon., 3/15, from 1-3 p.m.**

If you are unemployed and actively looking, seeking a new career direction, or just exploring your options; grab your resumes and join us at the Acushnet Senior Community Center! Free, open to the public.

Some of the vendors joining us will be: Edaville Family Theme Park, Coastline, Homelinstead Senior Care, LifeStream, Places to Go Transportation, ABLE Associates, Dignity Memorial, Community Nurse Home Care

## Bruins PJ Drive

The Acushnet Public Library has teamed up with the Boston Bruins to participate in their annual pajama drive to benefit DCF Kids and Cradles to Crayons. The PJ Drive's goal is to collect 15,000 pairs of new pajamas for children and teens in need.

The Boston Bruins PJ Drive runs **through March 15**. The library will be collecting new pairs of pajamas for babies, children and teens. Drop off pajamas during normal library hours. For more information visit [acupl.org](http://acupl.org).

DCF estimates that at any given time the agency is working with 45,000 babies, children and teens. DCF's participation helps ensure that PJs stay in the area in which they were collected, benefitting local kids and teens.

Participating libraries will compete with other organizations for special Bruins prizes including a street hockey clinic with Bruins Mascot Blades and autographed Bruins items.

The Mass. Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) works with the Boston Bruins to coordinate library participation in the drive.

## Recipe of the Week

### Linguica Bread

1 1/2 cups linguica, cut into bite-sized pieces

1 bag pizza dough, wheat or shite

Boil linguica for two minutes, then place on plate with paper towel.

When linguica is cold, roll out dough; place linguica evenly all over dough. Roll dough and place in loaf pan that has been sprayed with non-stick cooking spray.

Place loaf pan on top of stove and cover with towel to rise.

When dough has risen, place pan in 350° oven and cook for 45 minutes or until done.

Other meats may also be substituted for the linguica.

To double recipe, use bundt pan.

#### Sweet variation:

Instead of linguica, use 1/4 cup sugar, 1 tsp cinnamon, 1/2 cup raisins and 1/2 cup chopped nuts.

*By Stella Baptista*

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

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## From our readers

### Reader disagrees with marijuana depiction

Occam's Razor — the theory that the simplest explanation or fewest assumptions should be selected among competing explanations and assumptions when making a decision.

Occam's came to mind after I read an essay for the many and varied reasons on page 10 of the February 15 issue of the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News* to avoid the sale of pot — apparently pot, and nothing else, leads directly to the use of heroin. Forget Aspirin. Forget peer pressure. Forget fear of failure or fear of success. Forget alcohol. Forget everything and anything that may contribute to the use of heroin. Chronic illness or prolonged hospital stays? Must be impossible as it was never mentioned. Pot must be the culprit.

Like the scene in a movie where

one belligerent is being chased by another, the writer throws everything he can onto the path of an oncoming future. He threw the School Superintendent. He threw profit and greed — the very thing Adam Smith lauded as creating wealth and prosperity to all — as if making money was a bad thing. He threw a family member. And in the final scene he tries to take children hostage. Do it for the children, he pleads.

Why do I hear many of these arguments echoing down through decade after decade of our past; resistance to change, resistance to personal choice and freedom? I think fear or a desire to control the actions of others.

Occam, it seems, would scratch his head trying to determine a path through all the writer's theories and assumptions.

*Edward DeMedeiros, New Bedford*

## Help with college finance forms available

Many of the Commonwealth's institutions for higher education, including Boston University, UMASS, and Harvard University, have a priority deadline of March 1st for students or parents to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, required by colleges and universities to determine financial aid and scholarship eligibility. The Massachusetts state deadline is May 1, and it is important to note that colleges' priority deadline dates for FAFSA vary.

Several organizations help in completing and filing FAFSA forms including the Attorney General's Student Loan Assistance Unit, Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority, and private firms. AAA

Northeast has a free service, available to AAA members.

Donald Kerr, Senior Manager of Student Lending at AAA Northeast, reminds students and parents that many institutions require the results of the FAFSA application known as the EFC (expected family contribution) to determine scholarship eligibility.

AAA's meetings with members often results in misconceptions being cleared. AAA Northeast is a not-for-profit auto club with 65 offices in Rhode Island, Mass., Connecticut, New Jersey, New Hampshire and New York, providing more than 5.7 million local AAA members with travel, insurance, finance, and auto-related services. AAA has an office in the Fairhaven Walmart plaza.

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# Medical marijuana dispensary opens in Fairhaven

By Beth David  
Editor

It has been a long time coming, about four years since that first meeting with local officials in the summer of 2014, but the Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD) in Fairhaven has opened for business. Now called BASK, after a recent name change, the RMD offers a variety of products for people with a medical marijuana card to buy.

Security is tight at the combination retail shop and growing operation on Pequod Road in Fairhaven. Anyone who enters needs to show a medical marijuana card to get buzzed in. Then the card is checked to make sure it has not expired.

After signing in, patients who know what they want can simply walk back to the retail operation and browse.

For those who are not sure of what they want, or how it all works, Executive Director Joanne Leppanen is on hand to talk and explain the products available.

A waiting room with lots of natural light has chairs and a table, and there are other rooms where they can meet in private.

"People associate marijuana with smoking," said Ms. Leppanen. "But a lot of people have worked very hard not to smoke."

She said there are lot of other options with edibles.

The most important thing is dosing, said Ms. Leppanen and Tim Keogh, spokesperson and President of the Board of Directors.

"People need a starting point," said Ms. Leppanen.

In the retail room, approved buyers can choose from strains with names like Black Dog, Grape God, Lemon Jeffrey, and Gorilla Glue, available in a variety of products including pre-rolled cigarettes; flowers, aka buds, that they can smoke or use in their own recipes; edibles such as cookies, c a r a m e l s , lozenges and energy bars; and tinctures.

Each product has a dosage level clearly marked.

Right now, the edibles are not being made on site, said Mr. Keogh, but will be soon.

The plants are started and grown on the premises. The product is harvested and dried, then prepared for sale.

Very soon, they will start extracting the oil from the plants and then cook their own edibles using that oil.

Employees who work in the growing area enter through a door that has an airlock entrance and a sticky pad to keep any impurities from getting into the rooms where the product is grown. No pesticides are used, no chemicals at all.

The 10,000-square-foot space has about 6,000 square feet for growing operations, and about 4,000 sf for the front entrance, waiting room and retail room.

Mr. Keogh said the company just broke ground on a facility in Freetown that will give them an additional 30,000 sf of growing space. The retail operations will stay in Fairhaven.

To tour the growing operations, visitors must wear a Tyvek suit



ABOVE: Chapman "Chappy" Dickerson explains how the plants are started in this room, then moved to larger pots to grow at the BASK registered marijuana dispensary in Fairhaven on Saturday, 2/17. BELOW: These plants in the flower room, grown under extremely bright lights, are just about ready to harvest. Photos by Beth David.

and hat or hairnet.

"This is where plants start their life," said Chapman "Chappy" Dickerson, who is in charge of the growing.

He and Mr. Keogh both worked in the medical marijuana industry in Rhode Island before striking out on their own.

"I've been in the garden since I was a kid," said Mr. Dickerson.

He said the company started with a seed stock, has more than 20 "mother plants" now, and will soon be creating its own strains.

Mr. Dickerson lives in Mattapoisett and said the job in Fairhaven was coming "back home."

"It takes me four minutes to get here," he said.

They are cultivating 25 different strains of marijuana, under very controlled circumstances to keep track of each one. The idea is to be consistent with dosing or strength of each product and effects.

Different strains will affect different people in different ways, said Mr. Keogh.

Eventually, the company will be creating their own products from their own strains, with their own names. Those names "will be representative of the Southcoast," said Mr. Dickerson.

"Happy Chappy Chocolate Bar" anyone?

Plants are started in a peat moss



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plug, then transferred to a hydroponic system, then transferred to larger pots in a professional grade growing soil .

In one room, the lights are on for 12 hours and off for 12 hours to trick the plants into producing flowers. In the other flower room, the extremely bright lights are on for 20 hours a day.

"You're as close to the sun as you'll ever be," said Mr. Keogh as the pungent aroma of budding marijuana plants wafted through the air.

The next step is to flush the plants with lots of water to make sure that any metals that are naturally present in the soil do not stay in the plants.

The state is very strict, said Mr. Keogh, and tests regularly to make sure there is no trace of pesticides or metals. The state also tests for yeast and other elements.

"We scrub the water," said Mr. Dickerson, because even treated drinking water has metals in it.

The room has a series of fans, temperature controls and a "sniffer" to check for carbon monoxide.

When the kitchen is up and running, the product line will expand to home-made baked goods, chocolates, and other items that will distinguish BASK from other places.

Once the oil is extracted, the possibilities for products are endless, and include patches to release the product through the skin, beverages, lotion, and liquid for vaping pens.

One of the biggest pieces of the operation, said Mr. Keogh, is getting the dosing right. It needs to be consistent. People need to know that when they buy a product it will affect them the same way each time.

"People need to know when they

take a five milligram edible, how it's going to affect them," said Mr. Keogh.

He said people who are affected a certain way by illegal marijuana will probably have the same experience with medical marijuana. It is the same basic product. The difference is that

people can try different products, made from different strains, with controlled dosing. They will be able to find a product that alleviates their pain, but also allows them to function and not be on the couch. People need to try different products to gauge their effects.

What about the munchies?

It depends on people's individual biochemistry, said Mr. Keogh.

"Not every strain will give you the munchies," said Mr. Keogh. "It's the terpenes."

The list of products includes "Lemon Jeffery," which is billed as a good daytime medicine that helps with anxiety. Others are not recommended for daytime use. Grape God is recommended for physical pain and insomnia. Some are stimulating, some are sedating.

BASK will have priority to sell recreational marijuana in Fairhaven, because of the way the law is structured. Mr. Keogh said he plans to apply for a license with the state. The same facility will sell both medical and recreational marijuana, he said, if the town's zoning allows it.

The medical marijuana will be cheaper because it will not have the extra taxes tacked on that recreational sales



ABOVE: Chapman "Chappy" Dickerson pulls out a tray of drying buds in the drying room at the BASK registered marijuana dispensary in Fairhaven on 2/17/18. The buds that are not formed well enough to sell whole are used for pre-rolled joints, or for edibles. BELOW: The mother plants are carefully pruned to be kept to a certain size, and cuttings are used to create new plants. Photos by Beth David.

will have.

The downside to getting a marijuana card, though, is expense. It costs almost \$200 and has to be renewed every year.

Mr. Keogh said they have been forced to turn away quite a few people whose cards had expired.

The good thing about the medical is that there tends to be more interaction with patients, he said. And they have already spoken with a doctor.

"Everybody wants a safe product," said Mr. Dickerson.

The product is sold by weight, edibles are sold by strength.

A pre-rolled joint is \$10-\$20 depending on the strain and strength; by weight the range is \$15/gram up to \$55/gram. A 40 mg cookie is \$20; and 40 mg caramels are \$25. Products can also be bought by the eighth or quarter of an ounce.

The "Energy Bar" seemed to be a bit out of place, as marijuana is not exactly known for giving people energy. But...

"When people feel better, they have more energy," noted Ms. Leppanen.

And, what about that name change from Coastal Compassion to BASK?

It is not an acronym, said Mr. Keogh.

"It's a nod to our plants basking in the light, and our patients, basking in the wellness," he said.

To learn more about how you can bask in the medical marijuana wellness in Fairhaven, visit [www.cometobask.com](http://www.cometobask.com) The retail operation is open Wednesday through Saturday.



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Join us for the 15th annual Flashlight Egg Hunt! Children will search for their eggs on the Recreation Center grounds, take pictures with the Easter Bunny and receive a special treat. Don't forget to bring your flashlight! **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO WALK-INS NIGHT OF THE EVENT.** Friday, March 23rd, Time 7:30pm Cost \$5 per child Ages 10 and under **Deadline to register is Tuesday, March 20th. Rain or Shine**

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#### Bereavement Educational Support Group

Pathways through Grief will be held on Mondays for six weeks, March

19th through April 23th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center. This educational Program will help adult participants to gain skills to cope with challenges of grieving.

If interested in attending, please contact Bereavement Coordinator John Rider at 508-324-1900 extension 104. This program will be offered at no cost and will be limited to no more than 12 participants.

#### Easter Dinner

Fairhaven Seniors are invited to join us for Easter Dinner on Easter Sunday April 1st at the Fairhaven Senior Center from 11:30-1:00 p.m. Menu will include baked ham, cheese potatoes, glazed carrots and rolls. Assorted pies will be donated by Our Lady's Haven. Transportation can be provided. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 to reserve your seat.

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## Another blizzard story

The *Neighb News* asked for stories of the Great Blizzard of 1978 to commemorate its 40th anniversary. We ran several last week.

Here is one straggler that came in too late for last week's issue.

### It's just a bug, lift it up!

When Greater New Bedford experienced the Blizzard of 1978, I was in my eighth year as a teacher and coach at Fairhaven High School.

The storm was predicted by local weather forecasts but not to be of that magnitude.

We were at FHS when the storm began to hit, Superintendent Lynwood Harriman dismissed school. Faculty members were dismissed also.

I owned a 1964 VW bug [purchased it from Mel Entin the previous year.] If anyone my age remembers the VW bug, it was very light with the engine in the rear. It was not made for any extreme weather event like a blizzard.

On my way home, my car began to slide and I ended up in a snow bank. After several attempts of rocking the car back and forth by putting the car in reverse and then forward, the

attempt failed. The wheels spun with no movement action.

I exited the car to the rear bumper and pulled the car back manually enough to break free. This was no feat of strength. As I said, the car was light weight.

I made it home. In reflection, a sigh of relief is warranted here.

School was called off for a week as the clean-up process was a mammoth effort. There were snow hills 10-15 feet high that front end loaders were used to clear. The melting process lasted until spring.

I was coaching Winter/Indoor track at the time. Training that required road work was suspended. We were very fortunate to have the indoor track above the "round" gym for training. It helped tremendously as other local schools were limited to "corridor running."

At home, we lost power for several days. We were fortunate to have a wood stove.

I think anyone in the ball park of my age, will have memories of this historic weather event.

*Steve Bender, FHS Class of 1966*

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# Acushnet Selectboard and elections

By Pattie Pacella

## Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard heard from three Department Heads regarding their FY19 budgets at their 2/20 meeting. Chairperson Kevin Gaspar was absent so the meeting was led by Selectboard member Michael Cioper.

First up in the budget review of was Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher, who presented a level-funded salary budget first.

He then said that there were small increases due to the call volume. There was a 45% increase in calls volume over the last year, "which takes a toll on the budget," he said.

Chief Gallagher also explained that the EMS department took 1,021 calls last year and to date for this year, they have taken 1,051.

He also explained that 50% of the call volume came from senior residents 65+ years old.

Chief Gallagher went over three capital expenditure articles for Town Meeting. One item was to change out the portable radio system, adding one radio to each air pack at a cost of

\$25,000.

The second request would be for a CPR device, also known as the "Lucas" to be purchased for both ambulances, amounting to \$28,862 for two devices.

And lastly, a capital expenditure of \$46,179 for a Sterelis machine, which takes medical waste and sharps, such as needles, and sanitizes and shreds them. He says the department currently pays \$5,000 a year for another company to come in quarterly to do this work. Having the machine in house would allow them to utilize it more frequently.

Chief Gallagher stated that the capital expenditures that his department is requesting would come from the EMS revenue and not out of the tax money.

Chief Gallagher also had a transfer request to purchase a used 100' ladder fire apparatus from the Town of Lexington for \$40,000. He explained the truck is 18 years old, however, it is in good condition. Currently Acushnet has to call Fairhaven for use of its 100' ladder truck, or another town when they need one.

"I would never come to you and ask for \$900,000 to purchase a new fire truck," Chief Gallagher said, "I'm not that stupid. But \$40,000 is a steal for this truck. And it would put our firefighters' safety first."

The Board approved the transfer from the reserve fund to purchase the 100' ladder truck. The Finance Committee will also have to approve the transfer.

The Selectboard also heard from Police Chief Michael Alves on his FY19 budget. Chief Alves stated the training budget had increased to show exactly what they use yearly to train staff, and that was why the Selectboard was seeing an increase from \$1,500.00 to \$10,000.

Chief Alves said in the past he would have to look for free trainings or grants that would cover training costs, when in reality trainings would cost anywhere from \$10,000-\$15,000.

He also requested that his part-time administrative assistant become full-time.

Town administrator Brian Noble stated that the budget had always

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## Fairhaven employees welcome volleyball challengers



Employees of the town of Fairhaven invite town employees, family members and challengers to join them on Sundays, from 6:30–8 p.m for a friendly match of volleyball. Sponsored by the town's Wellness Committee, the weekly games are a way to get people moving, get some exercise, and have some fun. To join in on the fun, call Phil at 508-993-6978. ABOVE: Fairhaven Town Employees and players from St. Joseph's Church and St. Mary's Church pose for a picture after they mixed it up in a volleyball match at the Fairhaven Recreation Center on Sunday, 2/18. Submitted photo.

# FHS art students participate in the Memory Project

## Press Release

For the second year, Art staff and students at Fairhaven High School have joined the Memory Project, a charitable nonprofit organization that invites art teachers and their students to create and donate portraits to youth around the world who have faced substantial challenges, such as neglect, abuse, loss of parents, violence, and extreme poverty.

Given that youth in such situations usually have few personal keepsakes, the purpose of the portraits is to provide them with meaningful mementos of their youth. The project also allows art students to practice kindness and global awareness while enhancing their portraiture skills.

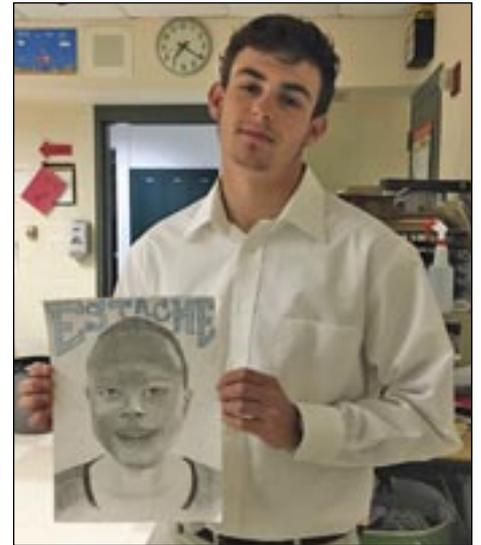
Students at Fairhaven High School are participating as part of a National Art Honor Society project bringing awareness to global citizenship through social activism. To do this, the students receive photos of

children who are waiting for portraits, and then work in a 2D media of their choice to create the portraits.

Once finished, the Memory Project delivers the portraits to the children. In total, the 67 artist participants and an additional 13 sponsors will make portraits for 67 children in Puerto Rico, a substantial amount more than last year when we created 26 portraits with 16 sponsors for children in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Each portrait requires \$15, many students were sponsored by staff members and teachers here at Fairhaven High School. We raised over \$1,000.00 this year! Profits go to creating educational and recreational opportunities for the children.

The Memory Project is a nonprofit organization headquartered in Middleton, Wisconsin. Since the project began in 2004, more than



100,000 American art students have created portraits for children in 44 countries.

To learn more visit <https://memoryproject.org/>



TOP: In this photo from last year, Erik Normand holds up a portrait he created from a photo for a youngster in the Democratic Republic of Congo as part of the Memory Project, which creates portraits for youth in challenging situations around the world. ABOVE LEFT: Samantha Fernandes and Brenna Becotte show their portraits during last year's project. ABOVE RIGHT: Olivia Nunes works on her portrait from last year. *Submitted photos.*

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### Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals

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

#### NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Petitioner: Richard Tavares, RE: 33 Charity Steven's Lane, Plot 40, Lot 15C, Book 12085 and Page 52. 198-16: Special Permit required to have an in-law apartment in an RR District.
- Paul & Karen Goodhue, RE: 1 Hidden Drive, Plot 39, Lot 27, Book 3300 and Page 247. 198-16: Special Permit required for an in-law apartment in an RR District.
- Petitioner: Scott Carvalho, RE: 54 Oliver Street, Plot 37B, Lot 044, Book 11608 and Page 186. 198-18: Short 4' of required 10' side yard; 198-22 A: 20' over max of 700 sq. ft. for an accessory building.

#### RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Petitioner: Patrick J. Carr, RE: 86 Middle Street, Plot 11, Lot 6E-7, Book 4268 and Page 127. 198-19: Special Permit required for fence above 6'.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman  
2/22/18, 3/1/18

### Fairhaven Public Schools Annual Budget Hearing on the FY'19 Budget

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## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

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

### Board Of Public Works

Mon., 2/26, Arsene St., 6 p..

### Capital Planning Comm.

Tues., 2/27 Town Hall, 3 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 2/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Lagoa Friendship Comm.

Fri., 2/23, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 2/27 Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Rogers School Study Comm

Thurs., 2/22, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 3/7, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

#### BUDGET HEARING

### Selectboard

Mon., 2/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Town Clerk Study Comm.

Mon., 2/26, Public Forum at  
Selectboard meeting, 7 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Agricultural Commission

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

### Planning Commission

Sat., 2/24, End of Morse's Ln, 9 a.m.

#### Walkabout

### School Committee

Mon., 2/26, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Wed., 2/28, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Thurs., 3/1, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Mon., 3/5, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Superintendent Interviews  
on all four dates

### Selectboard

Tues., 3/6, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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	Feb. 2018	HIGH		LOW	
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Friday	23	0123	1348	0650	1905*
Saturday	24	0221	1450	0801	2012*
Sunday	25	0326	1600	0913	2122*
Monday	26	0434	1704	1040*	2238*
Tuesday	27	0531	1757	1146*	2344*
Wednesday	28	0621	1846	----	1238*
March 2018		HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	1	0708	1934	0041*	1329*
Friday	2	0757	2022	0141*	1414*

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
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budgeted for the full-time position but the position was part-time. He said that now Chief Alves was requesting it to be a full-time position as the Department really needs the extra assistance.

Chief Alves also went over his Town Meeting articles for capital expenditures. He explained they wanted to install or build a proper radio system, which would cost between \$130,000 to \$140,000.

He said that the Acushnet Police Department is conducting a study with Fairhaven and Mattapoisett for a full assessment of their communication system. The next step would be to build the radio system.

Chief Alves also requested a town meeting article for \$10-\$12,000 to buy ten Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to have one in every vehicle and two for the building. He stated they currently have a total of three defibrillators. The board approved the request, which will also have to be approved by the Finance Committee before it is placed on the Town Meeting warrant.

The last to present a budget was Dan Menard of the Board of Public Works. Mr. Menard had a few

increases in the Highway budget, first to hire a full-time individual and then for engineering costs due to multiple drainage projects that are upcoming in the town.

Mr. Menard explained under Snow and Ice, they are currently under budget and in Water & Sewer both budgets presented with a slight increase for the New Bedford water and sewer rates increases.

Mr. Menard also explained his two article requests for capital expenditures. The first is to replace a six-wheel sander truck with a 10-wheel sander truck which would cost \$250,000. The second request is for a mini excavator for the Water Department to use in their road work repairs of water "curb boxes" that would cost \$52,000.

He explained that 'curb boxes' are at the end of everyone's home, about four feet under, and when it needs to be repaired the whole box needs to be pulled out by an excavator. They are currently using the equipment from the highway department, which interferes with their work.

Mr. Noble explained that they would also have to put an article in for a new water server, which is the

computer for the Water Department. He said the current water server is out of date and needs to be replaced.

In other business, the Selectboard heard from James Street resident Mary Ellen Lamb who requested that the speed limit on James Street be reduced from 35 m.p.h. to 25 m.p.h. Ms. Lamb stated that there are at least three bus stops on James Street, and that cars are always speeding, with drivers texting and driving erratically on that street.

"I'm fearful for our children," she said.

The Selectboard passed a motion to reduce the speed limit on James Street to 25 m.p.h.

Also on hand at the meeting was Lucas Correia, a candidate for Eagle Scout. Mr. Correia stated he was a member of the 333 E. Freetown Boy Scouts and was looking for an opportunity to do community work and show leadership to assist in earning the rank of Eagle Scout. He said he wanted his project to be in Acushnet. Mr. Noble said there are a few projects coming up around Town and he would share the offer with the various department heads.

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## SC RAIL: cont'd from page 4

MassDOT's phased approach to SCR will give all passengers a one-seat ride from Fall River and New Bedford into Boston rather than having to transfer trains. Phase 1 of the project will also build 56 percent of the rail miles needed for the Full Build Stoughton Electric Alternative, establishing a foundation for this service while the Full Build's complexities continue to be addressed.

In addition, Central Transportation Planning Staff (CTPS) performed ridership analyses using the FTA-approved model, finding that the projected ridership at the new stations under Phase 1 will be 41 percent of the Full Build ridership at one-third of the cost. CTPS projected daily one-way trips at approximately 3,220 and one-way trips per year totaling approximately 837,200.

It is estimated that Phase 1 riders will save a total of approximately sixty minutes each weekday traveling by train when compared to traveling by automobile to and from Boston. Data show that 21 percent of Fall

River residents and 22 percent of New Bedford residents do not have an automobile, making train service all the more important to residents of these communities. Phase 1 will serve 72 percent of the Environmental Justice (EJ) population served by the Full Build. Eighty-six percent of the EJ population in New Bedford and about 50 percent of the EJ population in Fall River reside within a half mile of a new Phase 1 station.

The DSEIR analyzes new project elements associated with Phase 1, including improvements to track infrastructure on the Middleborough Secondary (an active freight line), Southern Triangle construction, a new station constructed in Middleborough at Pilgrim Junction, a new station in East Taunton, and modifications to previously studied stations at Freetown and Fall River.

Other elements include the extension of Middleborough diesel service and an anticipated service start in late 2022. Phase 1 service will use the Middleborough fleet, includ-

ing diesel locomotives. New bi-level coaches will accommodate additional riders.

Phase 1 capital costs are estimated at \$935 million, 85 percent of which is for the Southern Triangle (Cotley Junction in Taunton, south to Fall River and New Bedford). Full Build capital costs are estimated at \$3.2 billion with a service launch no sooner than 2030.

The DSEIR is now available online. Copies of the DSEIR have also been distributed to thirty-six libraries in the region with briefings continuing for local leaders, stakeholder groups, and the Interagency Coordinating Group.

Members of the public are encouraged to read and then provide comments on the DSEIR by downloading the document at [www.mass.gov/southcoastrail](http://www.mass.gov/southcoastrail) and sending comments via letter, postcard, or email to the Secretary of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, or by participating in a public meeting.

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