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Road Race hands out \$20K+ at Luncheon



L-R: Officer Marcy Haaland and Sgt. Daniel Dorgan accept a \$2,000 donation for the Fairhaven Police Department from Allen Days from the Fairhaven Road Race at the annual luncheon on Sunday, 11/4/18. In the past the PD has used the funds for exercise equipment and other expenses that are difficult to budget for. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Veterans Day is this Weekend

This weekend is Veterans Day and the 100 anniversary of the end of WWI. Fairhaven will hold its annual parade (see page 3) along Main Street. It's on Sunday this year, so it should be a little easier for people who don't usually get the day off work.

The speechmaking is usually pretty short at the high school, where it will all end, and you'll probably have time to get to New Bedford's parade, too. Acushnet also will be holding events to commemorate the event, so there's not excuse not to mark the day.

At 11:11 a.m., the bells of remembrance will ring. Each year they are getting more places to participate and this year you can put it on your smart phone, so thousands of bells will ring at the same time.

How cool is THAT?

Please take some time to honor veterans, those who are gone and those who are still with us.

And, if you've never seen the "Big Flag" get hoisted up on the flag pole and fly in front of Fairhaven High School, then you definitely need to get there. It is a breathtaking sight.

We sent our intrepid photographer to the Red Sox celebration at Fenway, and the rolling rally last week. Glenn, as is his usual way, had a blast. He fully embraced the whole experience, even getting up a "morning dark" to take the early bus.

Read his story, and see his really cool pictures on page 6.

The Selectboard made its final decisions on the articles for the Special Town Meeting warrant. See page 4 for that. Town Meeting members will meet next week and will decide on the fate of the Rogers School building, the future of retail marijuana in Fairhaven, and a bunch of spending articles.

We also have a few letters to the editor about the pot shops. See page 17 for those.

There's other stuff in here of course, including (oops, almost forgot already) election results on page 13.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Acushnet, Fairhaven, NB to hold Veterans Day ceremonies

By Beth David
Editor

Many municipalities will observe Veterans Day with ceremonies this Sunday. The Bells of Remembrance will also chime at 11:11 on Sunday, 11/11. You can get the app for your smart phone at ww1cc.org/YourAce.

Acushnet Ceremony

Acushnet will hold a Veterans Day Ceremony, Sun., 11/11, at Pope Park, 96 Pope St. (off Main), 9:50 a.m. Event will include musical selections, opening remarks by Selectboard chairperson Michael Cioper, Ford Middle School Choral Group, flag raising, dove release, USCG helicopter flyover, color guard with laying of memorial wreath, and closing remarks at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Fairhaven Parade & Flag Raising

Fairhaven will hold its annual Veterans Day Parade on Sun., 11/11, at 9 a.m., Main St. from Oxford School south to Fairhaven High School

Annual parade to honor all veterans is followed by a brief ceremony, including raising the "Big Flag" and cannon-firing in front of

Fairhaven High School. Veterans and other marching groups are welcome to line up at Livesey Park at 8:30 a.m. Parade steps off at 9:00 a.m.

Flag Raising at Ft. Phoenix at 8 a.m. and lowering at 4 p.m., includes small cannon salute. The public is invited.

New Bedford, Saturday

The members of New Bedford's Veterans Advisory Board extend an invitation to area residents to attend New Bedford's Veterans Day ceremonies, including a service in memory of World War I veterans of the National Guard's 26th Yankee Division 102nd Field Artillery, Battery D of New Bedford.

The New Bedford based unit lost 22 young men from the city during World War I. The Battery D service will be held at National Guard Artillery Square, where the monument erected to Battery D stands, **at the corner of Kempton and North streets, on Sat., 11/10 at 1:00 p.m.** Refreshments will follow at the Waldron Barrack, 1092 Kempton St. The "doughboy" statue at the square was modeled after Warren M. Frank, city resident and Battery D veteran, and was originally

dedicated on May 30, 1924.

NB parade, Sunday

Sun., 11/11, starts at Buttonwood Park, corner of Rockdale and Union, and ends at City Hall and the Main Library in downtown New Bedford, where a service will be held. **Steps off at 11 a.m.** It is presented by the City of New Bedford Veterans Advisory Board Veterans Day Parade Committee.

At 11 a.m., marking the signing of the Armistice of 11 November 1918, bells will toll across the country including the bell in front of the New Bedford Main Library, 613 Pleasant St.

All veterans are invited to march. Gather at the intersection of Rockdale Ave. and Union St. (Buttonwood Park) at approximately 10:30 a.m. and the parade will step off at 11 a.m. sharp.

The parade route has changed this year due to ongoing roadwork in the City. The parade will march east on Union St., then turn north onto County St., and then turn east onto William St. to the reviewing stand in front of the New Bedford Main Library on the corner of Pleasant and William.

A Veterans Day service will be held

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Selectboard finalizes TM votes; sets new tax rates

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on Monday, 11/5, the Fairhaven Selectboard finalized its recommendations for articles on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for next week. Members of the public weighed in on the two marijuana-related articles and the Rogers School proposal.

The board voted to support adoption of article 10 to give the board the authority to sell the Rogers School, although the motion from the floor at STM will be to limit that authority by allowing the sale only to New England Preservation & Demolition, LLC, whose principals include Board of Public Works member Michael Ristuccia as restoration consultant, and his grandson Zachary Mayo as Director of Operations.

The board also voted to support Article 11, which would rezone the Rogers School parcel to accommodate the four single homes and 14 condominium units that Mr. Mayo is proposing for the property.

His company is offering \$35,000 for the parcel, plus \$15,000 in closing

fees.

Stephen Kelleher Architects was hired by the town to vet Mr. Mayo's proposal. Mr. Kelleher told the board that the basic concept was "sound," but that Mr. Mayo's numbers were too low and the project will cost more than he estimated.

"We feel the estimates are a little short," said Mr. Kelleher, specifying that they believed the estimates were \$1.5 million too low.

He recommended that the town get a performance bond in case Mr. Mayo finds his financing is not sufficient to finish the project. Then the bond company would complete the project.

Mr. Kelleher also mentioned some specific code and lifestyle needs that the old building might not be able to accommodate to be transformed into 14 condos. He noted the need for zoning changes and variances.

"So, there are a lot of those small issues," said Mr. Kelleher, adding that Mr. Mayo had "a long way to go" to create condo spaces that will sell at a reasonable cost.

Mr. Mayo said that he believed Mr. Kelleher's numbers were "retail

oriented," and that is why they did not match.

He said he will personally be on site and will rely on his grandfather, Michael Ristuccia, to help out, which will help keep costs down.

Mr. Ristuccia reiterated that Mr. Kelleher's numbers were retail oriented. He said there is a "huge difference" between retail and residential. He told the board that he had experience with historic buildings.

Mr. Ristuccia said his grandson brings "energy and youthfulness" to the table while he brings "wisdom and know-how."

Doug Brady, an abutter to the Rogers School and a member of the Rogers School Committee, said the project was good for the neighborhood and the town because it would create four single homes and it would re-use the old building.

Selectboard Chair Daniel Freitas, also a member of the Rogers Committee, supported the project. He reminded the public that they could not get anyone to respond to the

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Veterans Parade

Sun., 11/11. See page 3 for details.

Water Main Flushing

Town Crews will be conducting a Water Main Flushing Program Beginning Tuesday, November 13, 2018 Flushing will take place from: 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Monday to Friday The program will last approximately 4 weeks. The water may become discolored in your area but should not last more than a day once the flushing is complete in the area. In the event that rust or sediment is present, wait approximately two hours for any disturbance that was caused by the flushing to settle and run the cold water faucet nearest the water meter until clear.

DO NOT USE THE HOT WATER UNTIL THE COLD WATER IS CLEAR. For more Information please refer to the town website at www.fairhaven-ma.gov Thank you for your patience and co-operation

Spaghetti Dinner

Fairhaven Lions Club spaghetti dinner, **Wed., 11/14, 5-7 p.m., at St. Mary's Church, 440 Main St., Fairhaven. Tickets: \$8**, includes spaghetti, bread, salad, beverage and dessert. Call 508-996-3420 or 508-542-2484. Sponsored by St. Anne's Credit Union.

Book Group

The book chosen for November's book discussion is "The Excellent Lombards" by Jane Hamilton.

It is the story of a family run apple farm and the "tangled web" of family members who live on it. Change is inevitable and urbanization threatens the future for the next generation.

The selection will be discussed at Fairhaven's **Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, on Thurs., 11/15, at 10:00 a.m.**, in the library's meeting room accessible through the Walnut Street entrance.

The discussion is free, and open to the public. The book is available at the library or visit www.millicentlibrary.org. Call Norma Markey at 508-993-3745.

Authors Invited

The Friends of the Millicent Library invite South Coast authors,

and authors of books about the South Coast, to sign and **sell books at the third annual Millicent's Book Fair, Sat., 12/8**. A limited number of reading spots is also available. Children's book authors are especially welcome. **Deadline is 11/14**.

For further information and an application form, please email us at friendsofmillicentlibrary@gmail.com.

Coyotes Lecture

The Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust and coyote researcher Peter Trull present Coyotes in the Neighborhood on Sat., 11/10, at 1 p.m., Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven (use Walnut St. entrance). FREE

Join us to see famed coyote researcher Peter Trull present an illustrated lecture about coyotes! Peter has been involved in Research and Education for almost 40 years, with organizations such as the Mass. Audubon Society, the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies, and even overseas in Guyana and Surinam.

Peter has written six books about Cape Cod natural history, and will have some of his books for purchase at the lecture.

Hoppy's Dock Out

The floating dock at Hoppy's Landing will be removed for routine maintenance. It will be out of the water for a maximum of seven days. Harbormaster Tim Cox said that some maintenance is done to the dock every year while it is floating, but every five years the dock needs to be pulled from the water for more extensive maintenance. The work will be done at Hoppy's Landing. The gangway gate will be closed. The ramp will be open. It was scheduled to come out of the water on 11/2, but the removal was delayed.

Clothes Drive

Fairhaven Wine and Spirits fifth annual **Share the Warmth coat and cold weather clothing drive starts Nov. 1**. Everyone on the Neck has really helped make this a success. Let's keep up the great work! Just drop by during regular business hours, 105 Scoticut Neck Road.

SAVE THE DATES:

Christmas Fair

Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven, Annual Christmas Fair on Sat., 11/17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Handmade craft items, knitted sweaters, hats, scarves and more. Lunch offerings include: lobster rolls, clam chowder, scallop casserole, fried chicken, Norwegian open-faced sandwiches and assorted desserts.

Guided Hike

On the Scoticut Neck properties of the Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust, Sun., 11/18, 10 a.m.-noon. Rain date 11/25

Join us for our annual guided hike! Free and all are welcome, including children. This hike will be approximately two hours of easy walking. It is possible to do half the hike. Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather, shoes that can get damp, and bring water.

Meet at the Shipyard Farm sign on the east side of Scoticut Neck Road, five miles south of Huttleston Ave (Route 6, Fairhaven). There is ample parking along the side of the road.

For more information about the FALPT, email falpt.board@gmail.com, or visit our Facebook page.

Dogs are welcome, but they must be leashed, well-behaved, and cleaned-up after.

Turkey Trot

Fairhaven Thanksgiving Turkey Trot, Thurs., 11/22. Gather: 7-7:45 Start Time: 8:00 a.m. Green Street side of Cushman Park, Fairhaven

Annual Thanksgiving morning 5K race raises money for the Shepherd's Pantry. First 500 adult registrants receive a T-Shirt. Registration is \$20 online for adults before Nov. 18 and \$25 for adults Nov. 19-22. Children 12 and under, \$10 either online or in person. After race Trot Fest hosted by Rasputin's Tavern. Visit <http://www.fairhaventurkeytrot.com/> or email fairhaventurkeytrot@gmail.com.

Help Decorate Benoit Sq. Work off that turkey dinner

Help the North Fairhaven Improvement Association decorate Benoit Square for the holiday season. Please join us on Sat., 11/24, starting at 8 a.m. *Many hands make light work.*

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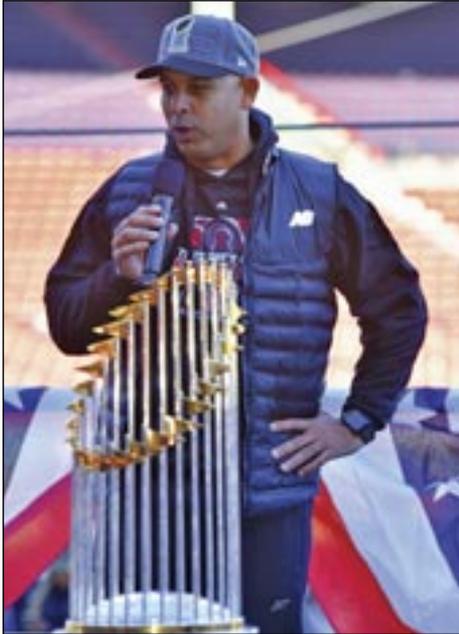
Neighb News photog makes the best of Red Sox Nation bash

My Red Sox Journey

By Glenn C. Silva

Neighb News Photographer/ Correspondent

I hadn't quite recovered from game three of the World Series. The game had lasted seven hours, 20 minutes and an incredible 18 innings. I had



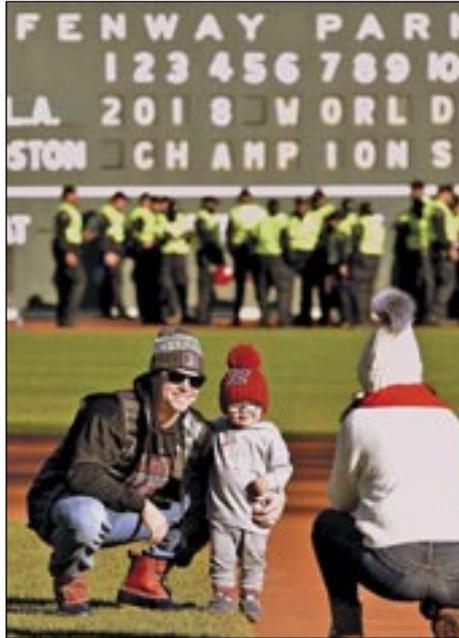
watched most of it and during the long stretch of no-run innings was able to verify via the Internet that we were besting a lot of records with this game, a game in which we lost 3-2 to the Los Angeles Dodgers who still



TOP LEFT: This was Alex Cora's first year as the manager for the Boston Red Sox. He took them all the way! Here, during the World Series celebration at Fenway on 10/31/18, he talks about how the team scored 16 runs against their arch rivals, the New York Yankees. TOP MIDDLE: Brock Holt poses for a picture with son Griffin on the field at Fenway Park on 10/31/18 before getting on the duck boats for the rolling rally celebrating the Red Sox World Series win. ABOVE: Boston University students from (L-R) Texas, Washington DC, Los Angeles, and the country of India attend the parade. All are die-hard Sox Fans. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.

trailed 2-1 in the series.

So when we won the next two games and hoisted the trophy the questions were swirling in my sleep-deprived brain. When would the parade be? How quick could those duck boats be ready? Most importantly, how could I be part of this



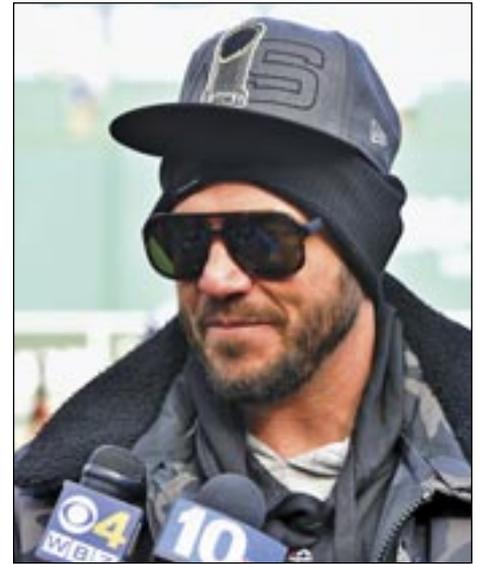
wonderful celebration? Luckily my editor, as busy as she is, was on-board with my request, and on Wednesday I was on the 5:50 a.m. bus into Boston, armed with my gear, my press pass, and only 90 minutes of sleep from the night before. I was running on pure adrenalin.

I ran into a lot of Red Sox fans along my journey and they weren't all locals either. There were the guys on the bus visiting from Puerto Rico in Sox jerseys. They were going to the parade to cheer on Coach Alex Cora who is also from PR. They had never ridden the T or any sort of rapid public transport so I made sure to get them to Fenway. There was the

group of college kids attending BU that I stopped to talk to. They were from Texas, Washington DC, the country of India, and even from LA but all die-hard Red Sox fans and dressed in Sox garb to prove it. There was a guy from Lehman College/Bronx, NY. He had grown up in Boston, moved to NY for school in the 80's and made his life in NY, but here he was. He had taken a six-hour bus ride and "Nothing was going to stop" him from celebrating with "his Sox."

There were a lot of locals here too. Not quite the million that the news had predicted might show but it was in the hundreds of thousands.

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ABOVE Steve Pearce, MVP of the 2018 World Series, stops to chat with reporters at Fenway before catching his duck boat during the celebration on 10/31/18. BELOW: Even "Big Papi" David Ortiz was on hand to celebrate. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.



COA celebrates Halloween and Octoberfest



LEFT: The social day clients at the Fairhaven Senior Center dressed up and we had a Halloween party dancing to the tunes with D&D. L-R: Sally Bourke, Activities Director; Irene Podlaski; Sue Roderiques, Social Day Coordinator; Ann Pielech; George Tucker (background); Mary Lessard, senior aide; George Holland; Joel Regula; David Roderick; Maggie Harrison, activities aide. The Fairhaven Senior Center also had an Octoberfest party recently for our Social Day clients. Lisa & Jaci from "Gotta Have It" set up the party, generously paying for everything. They supplied knockwurst, had a former chef prepare a cabbage side dish and wonderful homemade apple pies for dessert. Lisa even came by to help serve the food. Everyone had a great time. RIGHT, L-R: George Holland and Joel Regula enjoy some good food at Octoberfest. Photos submitted.

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

WWI Ceremony

Please join us at the Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum, 1000C Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford, on Sun., 11/11, at 2 p.m. for a ceremony for the centennial of the ending of World War I. After the ceremony the museum will have the grand opening of the newest exhibit. Museum hours for that day will be 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

The museum will also be participating the Bells of Peace at 11 a.m. on 11/11. The nationwide bell-tolling is a solemn reminder of the sacrifice and service of veterans of the Great War, and all veterans. Citizens and organizations across the nation will toll bell 21 times at 11 a.m. Free admission, free parking.

YTI Play

An Old-fashioned, romantic Christmas Tale.

The warm gentle comedy *Parfumerie* by Miklos Laszlo and E.P. Dowdall will open on November 8. Directed by Your Theatre's Robin Richard of New Bedford the play runs for two Thursdays through Sundays. Performance dates are November 8, 9, 10, 11 and 15, 16, 17, 18, 2018. Curtain time is 7:30 PM for all performances except the 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinees.

This new adaptation of the play that inspired several movies is a warm, gentle comedy that follows the tangled tale of *Parfumerie* employee George Horvath. Just days before Christmas, George's boss fires him after mistakenly suspecting him to be the lover of his unfaithful wife. Meanwhile, George's own love life goes awry when he discovers that the stranger he has fallen in love with through a secret correspondence is none other than Amalia Balash, a co-worker with whom he constantly feuds. For the employees of the *Parfumerie*, only the truth can lead to a happy resolution in this old-fashioned, romantic Christmas tale.

Your Theatre, Inc. is grateful to our 72th Season Sponsor, Bank5, for their seventh year of strong support for the arts and to Hawthorn Medical for sponsorship of this production.

Performances are held at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse located at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church

complex. Free off-street parking entrance is on County Street.

Tickets are \$18 general admission, \$13 for season subscribers (three show minimum), and \$15 for senior citizens, students, and military personnel. For further information call Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or send an email to info@yourtheatre.org. The theatre's web site is www.yourtheatre.org.

Crafters Wanted

Looking for crafters and vendors for this year's Lebanese Holiday Bazaar being held on Saturday, November 17 and Sunday November 18 at St. Mary's School on 115 Illinois St. in New Bedford. For more information, please contact Sharon Tripp at 508-971-3804.

Food Drop

Fun 107 and 1420 WBSM are teaming up with United Way of Greater New Bedford for the 26th year to collect non-perishable and canned goods for the holidays. Operation: Food Drop will be held at Buttonwood Park on Saturday, November 10th from 10 am - 2 pm, to benefit the Hunger Heroes Project.

Be sure to join us in tackling our 1,000-meal goal by dropping off non-perishables and canned goods like vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, bread mix, stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, and dessert mixes at Buttonwood Park on Sat., 11/10, anytime between 10 am and 2 pm inside the Buttonwood Park warming house. Volunteers will be on hand to collect donations, and you won't even need to leave your car!

SAVE DATE:

Lebanese Christmas Bazaar

Please join us for the Annual OLOP Holiday Bazaar at the All Saints School, 115 Illinois Street, NB, on Sat., 11/17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sun., 11/18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There'll be lots of delicious Lebanese Food and pastries, crafts, games, and items you can purchase for Christmas gifts. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Polish Christmas Bazaar

Join us for our Spirit of Christmas bazaar, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 235 North Front Street, N.B.,

on Sat., 11/17 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Visit with Santa 11-2. Famous Polish Kitchen and American food, variety of booths, chances, baked goods, Christmas wafers,

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Short Plays Marathon

Culture*Park will present the 16th Annual Short Plays Marathon on Sat., 11/17, from 2:00pm to 10:30pm, in the Whaling Museum Theater, featuring a full day of new plays with far-reaching themes, by local and regional playwrights. The Marathon will present staged readings of 25 plays, presented by an ensemble of more than 50 actors and directors. .

Enjoy the day in the comfort of the Whaling Museum auditorium, and come and go as you want!

Tickets are \$20 for the full event, and \$15, for afternoon or evening only. Senior and Student tickets are \$15 for the full event, \$10 for afternoon or evening only.

Tickets may be purchased at the door at any time during the event. For information and to make reservations call Culture*Park at 774-202-0588 or email culturepark.ed@earthlink.net or by contacting via facebook. Tickets may be picked up and paid for at the door. Group rates are available. Full schedule of plays with times, will be posted online, and in the newspaper. Visit our web site at culturepark.org for information about Culture*Park and the Short Plays Marathon.

Turkey Shoot

At New Bedford Revolver and Rifle Club, 246 Bolton St., New Bedford. Sun. 11/18, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Shooting competition (no, we don't shoot real turkeys, you WIN a turkey).

\$1.00/Lucky Target/3 shots. All ages accepted. No license required. Door prizes, Chinese auction, 50/50 raffle. Food, fun and prizes. All profits to be donated to local charities.

Open Studios

Hatch Street Studios, located at 88-90 Hatch Street in New Bedford's North End, is pleased to announce its annual Open Studios / Holiday Sale!

We kick off on Friday, November 16 from 5 to 8 p.m., and continue all weekend, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both Saturday, November 17 and Sunday, November 18. Free and open to the public.

Visit www.HatchStreetStudios.com

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Rte 6 Study mtgs

Route 6 Corridor Study public meeting by SRPEDD on Wed., 11/14, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Old Rochester Regional High School, 135 Marion Rd., Mattapoisett. To learn more about the project, visit <http://www.srpedd.org/Route-6-Corridor-Study#Top>

Trail Opening

NOTE DATE CHANGE

Hamlin Crossing Grand Opening, Fri., 11/9, 3:30-5 p.m., Hamlin Crossing, 126 Hamlin St., Acushnet, MA

See page 16 for details

Natural Living Expo

12th annual Spirit of Change Magazine Natural Living Expo, Nov. 10-11, Royal Plaza Trade Center. 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlboro, MA. Sat., 9-6; Sun., 10-5. Featuring 275 holistic healing exhibits, 90 workshops, readings, shopping and fun. Enjoy the spacious Healthy Foods Tent for delicious breakfast, lunch and dinner meals throughout the weekend. Special "Qigong Experience" room all day on Saturday; meditation sessions available all weekend long.

Too much to see and do in one weekend! Plan to attend both days! \$15 weekend admission or \$12 if buy online: www.NaturalExpo.org.

Bird Club Mtg

The next meeting of the Nasketucket Bird Club will be on Thurs., 11/15 at 7 PM at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St. We will be planning our strategy for the December Christmas Bird Count and club member Carolyn Longworth will be presenting her overview of the history of the restored marsh at Atlas Tack.

Accessible. The program is free and open to the public.

Find out more about the club and upcoming bird walks at <https://massbird.org/Nasketucket/>

Bird Club Mtg.

The Paskamansett Bird Club's final meeting for 2018 will be at 7:30 PM on Wed., 11/14, at the Community Hall of Friends Meeting, 739 Horseneck Rd., So. Dartmouth. Peter Trull will speak about the life of

terms, revealing the intimate details of these graceful and beautiful birds. This photographic journey will focus on day-to-day tern colony life, using data from over ten years of watching, recording and photographing the birds. Many of these pictures provide observations into the fragile yet frantic family lives of terns as seen from inside the nesting colony. Some of the behaviors and scenes depicted have never before been observed, and will be unfamiliar to the casual birder. Free, accessible.

Auditions

Sing That Thing

Sing That Thing!, WGBH's televised choral competition, is recruiting singers for a fifth season. Singing groups of all genres and ages from across New England are invited to submit an audition video to be considered for the upcoming season. Registration is now open to high school, college and adult singing groups from towns and cities in Mass., Maine, NH, VT, Conn. and RI. Groups have until December 3, 2018 to submit their videos.

In total, 18 groups will be chosen to compete: six adult groups, six college groups and six high school groups. Episodes are taped at WGBH Studios in Brighton in February, 2019 and the show will premiere in April, 2019. Link to registration form: <http://singthatthing.wgbh.org/register/>

Peter & The Starcatcher

Hub Theatre Company of Boston presents the Tony Award-winning play *Peter and The Starcatcher*, through Sat., 11/17 (Thursdays at 7:30pm, Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 5pm), at First Church Boston, 66 Marlborough Street in Boston's Back Bay. All tickets to all performances are **Pay-What-You-Can** and donations of new and gently loved toys and children's books will be collected at each performance for local charities.

Before Wendy, before Tinkerbell, and before The Lost Boys, there was a friendless boy, a determined girl, and a journey that would change them both forever. Filled with music, mermaids, mayhem, and magic, this Tony Award-winning prequel to Peter

Pan tells the incredible story of how a lonely orphan became the boy who never grew up and a precocious young girl taught everyone to believe. With an ensemble cast of twelve actors portraying over 100 roles and employing inspired stagecraft, *Peter and The Starcatcher* will have you hooked from the moment this funny, fantastical tale takes flight.

SAVE THE DATE:

MO LIFE Breakfast & Gift Basket Auction

M.O.L.I.F.E., Inc. presents the second annual Breakfast & Gift Basket Auction, on Sun., 11/25, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at The Century House, 107 So. Main St., Acushnet. Tickets: \$25/pp, visit www.molifeinc.com for tickets, or 4 Lambeth Park Dr., Fairhaven.

Transgender Day of Remembrance

Join us for a prayer service to honor the memory of those whose lives have been lost in acts of anti-transgender violence, on Sun., 11/18, at 10:30 a.m., St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 351 Elm St., Dartmouth. Guest speaker, Tracie Welch of the South Coast LGBTQ Network. All are welcome.

Thanksgiving Parade

America's Hometown Thanksgiving Parade, Plymouth Mass. Sat., 11/17, rain or shine. Opening Ceremonies, DCR Pilgrim Memorial Park, 10:30AM; Parade Steps Off, Benny's Plaza Court Street, 11:00AM. Festival dates 11/16 to 11/18.

This is one of America's only historically accurate chronological parades, visually bringing to life America's rich heritage representing each century from the 17th through the 21st. In showing the preservation of America's history through the years, beginning with the Pilgrim era, we promote an appreciation among our citizens for our rich heritage.

Visit <http://usathanksgiving.com/parade/> for details.

The weekend of festivities has become a beloved holiday occasion as well as an important link to our nation's history and heritage. This year's events kick off our 2020 Celebration Series which will include special events each year leading up to Plymouth's historic anniversary.

Recipe of the Week

Hot Chocolate Floats

2 c. whole milk
1/4 c. granulated sugar
2 tbsp. cocoa powder
1 c. chocolate chips
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 tbsp. hot fudge, for serving
Vanilla ice cream, for serving
Chocolate shavings, for serving

In a small saucepan over med. heat, bring milk to a simmer. Whisk in sugar and cocoa powder and stir until no lumps remain.

Stir in chocolate chips and vanilla and cook, stirring occasionally, until the chocolate is melty. Turn off heat.

Pour hot fudge in a small dish. Dip the tops of mugs in hot fudge to rim the cup, then pour hot chocolate into each mug. Top with a scoop of ice cream and garnish with chocolate shavings.

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FHS incident was never threatening

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven residents were alarmed on Friday, 11/2/18, when several police cruisers entered the grounds of Fairhaven High School, prompting a flurry of posts on Facebook about possible danger at the school. According to the Fairhaven Police Department and FHS principal Andy Kulak, the incident lasted 15-20 minutes and the threat was deemed to be a rumor.

Just before 11 a.m., a student had a medical emergency in a classroom. The room was cleared to allow medical personnel to treat the student.

"As a result, a rumor was generated that there was a possible threat to safety within the building," wrote Mr. Kulak in a letter to parents.

At 11 a.m., the school issued a "Stay Put protocol in the building," he wrote.

"This lasted for approximately 15-20 minutes while we investigated that threat, in partnership with local law enforcement," he wrote. "Our investigation confirmed that there was no threat to the safety of any individual in the building."

According to Fairhaven Police spokesperson Lt. Kevin Kobza, a "rumor was generated that there was a student in the school with a gun."

He said while the students were out of the classroom, a student heard someone say there was a

student with a gun in the library. The student who heard the comment, texted a parent, who then called the police department, and they responded accordingly.

The School Resource Officer was on scene, said Lt. Kobza.

"It was a false rumor that was generated, and that generated some concern," he said.

Lt. Kobza also said that other rumors can also be put to rest. Although he would not comment on the nature of the medical issue, he said it was not a suicide threat.

"There was no firearm, there were no threats of suicide," he said. "It was a medical issue. The paramedics were called and transported the student to the hospital."

He said no arrests were made.

"It was not done with malicious intent," said Lt. Kobza, adding that it was simply a student who heard something, and the parent called the police.

The reporting student was questioned by the police.

"We checked it out and it turned out to be nothing," he said.

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Road Race Luncheon disburses more than \$20,000

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Father's Day Road Race donated more than \$20,000 to 35 local organizations at its annual luncheon on Sunday, 11/4/18, at the Fairhaven Senior Center. The group of about 50 enjoyed a hot buffet meal and door prizes.

Road Race founder and spokesperson Allen Days emceed the event, thanking the committee, the many volunteers and the sponsors of the race. He said the committee, which has taken over many duties he used to do, did a "really great job."

"I really appreciate it," said Mr. Days. "It's taken a great load off of me."

The first donation he handed out was \$2,000 for the Fairhaven Police Department, which has, in the past, used the money for the PD exercise room and other department needs that are hard to budget for.

Mr. Days said the FPD has been very supportive over the years, telling him at one point, "Don't cap it because of us," meaning the number of runners.

Now the race routinely has more than 2,000 runners and the PD helps it all go smoothly as they run through town.

Mr. Days said the sponsors, dedicated volunteers, and of course the runners have "made Fairhaven the place to be on Father's Day."

The race also gave \$2,000 each to the Fire Department and the Emer-

gency Management Agency. Mr. Days said he was not sure how they would use the money, but...

"We don't worry about it," he said. "We know it's going to be put to good use."

Over the years, the race has donated about \$250,000 to local organizations.

Deputy Fire Chief Todd Correia said his department would probably use the money for a misting fan to help firefighters and the runners cool off. He also said they were looking into getting a privacy tent, so that runners who are treated after the race are not out in the open, and can get a little privacy.

The Race also gave five \$1,000 donations, eight \$500 donations, and 19 \$300 donations for a total of \$20,700.

Bob Dorgan of Boy Scout Troop 52 said his group would use the \$300 donation to buy equipment. He said he expects to have 30 boys next year.

"We've gotta outfit these guys," he said.

Mr. Days said they donate \$300 every year to the Fairhaven Village Militia, which helps them with cannon fire to start the race.

"It's amazing," he said. "Even when



you expect it. Every year when that cannon goes off, 2,000 people jump."

Selectboard member Bob Espindola also said a few words, noting that the race is a "signature event" in Fairhaven, and could not be done without the volunteers. He said there are a lot more options for runners now, but 2000 people still come to Fairhaven on Father's Day.

"Because it's a really, really nice race," said Mr. Espindola.

Mr. Days also presented Bob Mitchell with a jacket for his many years of volunteering and donating to the race.

The race is held on Father's Day. Next year will be its 44th year.

For a full list of donations and sponsors, visit our website at www.NeighbNews.com ●●●



TOP: Rick Seguin (LEFT) of the Greater New Bedford Marine Corps. League accepts a donation of \$500 from Allen Days from the Fairhaven Father's Day Road Race at the annual luncheon on 11/4/18. ABOVE LEFT: The food servers get a special shout-out at the luncheon. RIGHT: Bob Mitchell accepts a jacket in appreciation for his years of volunteering and sponsoring the Fairhaven Road Race
Photos by Beth David.

Warren and Baker cruise to easy victories in Mass.

By Beth David
Editor

A higher than usual turnout for a mid-term election gave victories to the incumbents in Mass. Incumbent US Senator Elizabeth Warren (D) and incumbent Governor Charlie Baker (R) easily won second terms in the midterm elections on Tuesday, 11/6/18. Nationally, as of press time, the Democrats had a net gain of 26 seats in the House of Representatives, more than the 23 seats needed to regain control of the House, with more than 20 still undecided. Republicans remained in control of the Senate, with at least 51 seats after both parties won and lost seats in the Senate. A handful of Senate races were still undecided as of press time.

In Mass. Gov. Baker handily beat Democratic challenger Jay Gonzalez 66.8% to 33.2%, according to the Boston Globe, with 98% of precincts reporting. All numbers are unofficial. Results will not be certified for at least several days.

Sen. Warren beat Republican challenger Geoff Diehl, 60.5% to 36.1% with Independent party candidate Shiva Ayyadurai receiving 3.4% of the vote.

Question One, which would have put limits on nurse-to-patient ratios in hospitals, failed by a 70-30% margin.

Statewide, voters passed Question Two 71.4% to 28.6%, to create a commission to explore a way to overturn the 2010 Supreme Court decision that allowed corporations to spend unlimited money on political campaigns.

Question three also passed, which leaves in place the protections for transgender individuals in public

accommodations. The law has been in effect for two years. The "yes" vote, in a 67.9% to 32.1% margin, keeps the protections in place and does not change any laws.

In Acushnet, 56% of the eligible voters cast ballots, a big number for a midterm election.

Voters in Acushnet chose Diehl over Warren, 2255-1732, with 120 voting for Green-Rainbow party candidate Shiva Ayyadurai; chose Baker/Polito over Gonzalez/Palfrey 2075 to 968; Incumbent Attorney General Maura Healey over challenger James McMahon III (R), 2137-1921; Secretary of State William Francis Galvin over Republican Anthony Amore 2275-1644, with 90 votes for Juan Sanchez (G-R); Treasurer Deborah Goldberg over Lakeville's Keiko Orrall (R), 1984-

1897, with 101 votes to G-R candidate Jamie Guertin. Acushnet voters chose incumbents down the rest of the ballot.

On the questions, Acushnet voted no on One, 2781-1215; yes on Two, 2483-1521; and no on Three, 2041-2006.

In Fairhaven, turnout was also large, with approximately 61.5% of the eligible voters casting

ballots, going all in for incumbents and aligning with the rest of the state.

In the closest matchup, voters in Fairhaven chose Warren over Diehl, 3,571 to 3197, a difference of just 374, and 239 for Ayyadurai; chose Baker/Polito over Gonzalez/Palfrey 4924 to 1932; Healey over McMahon 4123-2806; Galvin over Amore 4306-2298, with 195 for Sanchez; Goldberg over Orrall 3802-2783, with 167 for Guerin. Fairhaven voters chose incumbents for the rest of the ballot.

On the questions, Fairhaven voters rejected Question One, 4470-2417; supported Question Two 4627-2184; and voted yes on three 4138-2750.

Nationally, a record number of women were elected to both chambers in Washington, with the House now having more than 100 women in Congress for the first time ever. ●●●



(L-R) New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell, US Senator Elizabeth Warren, State Rep. Tony Cabral, and Democrat for Governor Jay Gonzalez are applauded at the end of the "Canvas kickoff" held in New Bedford, Mass., on 11/3/2018. Photo by Glenn C. Silva.

VETS DAY: cont'd from page 3

at the reviewing stand at the conclusion of the parade and all participants and parade attendees are encouraged to attend. Seating will be reserved for elderly and disabled veterans near the reviewing stand.

The New Bedford Veterans Board has announced that Octavio "Tacky" Pragana, a Navy veteran in World War II and Korea and a retired New Bedford police officer, has been named the grand marshal of the 2018 parade. Mr. Pragana is 92.

He was born March 12, 1926 in New Bedford and enlisted in the US Navy in 1943 during World War II.

On Oct. 13, 1944 he was aboard the USS Canberra, 90 miles off Formosa,

now known as Taiwan. The ship was struck by an aerial torpedo, killing 23 crew members instantly. He was uninjured and stayed on the ship, which was repaired and traveled on its own power via the Panama Canal to Boston.

Before the Canberra was struck, Pragana earned seven battle stars in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and two battle stars for liberation of the Philippines. He later served in the Korean conflict era on the Seventh Fleet of the U.S. Navy from 1950-1952, and was honorably discharged from the military in 1952. He eventually became a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1982, and is a member of the auxiliary to this day.

When his full-time military service

ended, Pragana returned to New Bedford and eventually became a New Bedford Police officer. Through the years, he worked for the department in a variety of roles, including detective, motorcycle officer and firearms instructor.

Pragana retired in 1988, but he never really left. Nearly every day, he grabs a cup of coffee and heads to police headquarters. He chats with officers, volunteers at events and works out at the gym in the basement of Station Three in the North End. He is such a familiar and beloved figure doing his workouts that the New Bedford Police Union named the gym in his honor.

See page 8 for WWI ceremony on 11/11 at the NB Military Museum.

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To be sure that this trip can run pre-registration is required. All children must be accompanied by a parent. Depart FHVN: 5:30AM Arrive NYC: 10:30AM Depart NYC: 5PM Arrive FHVN: 10PM Cost: \$50 Date: November 24th Registration Deadline is November 17th

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Half Day Program. Children can come to the Rec after school and do their homework, enjoy a snack, and play a variety of games! Sign up for one, two or all three days. The Fairhaven Rec staff will offer transportation, program hours are 12 to 5 p.m.** Please note only Elementary Schools have half days on November 19th, 20th and 21st ** One Day: Member \$25 Sibling: \$20 Non-Member: \$30 Sibling: \$25 Two Day: Member: \$45 Sibling: \$42 Non-Member: \$50 Sibling: \$47 Three Days: Member: \$60 Sibling: \$54 Non-Member: \$65 Sibling: \$59 Pre Registration is Required Due to staffing, drop-ins will not be allowed

Voting Day

Gymnasium will be closed all day November 6th for voting, no classes will be held.



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11/21: Prov. Place Mall & Whole Foods
11/28: Hyannis Mall, X mas shop & Trader Joes

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Special Activities

Thanksgiving

The Fairhaven Senior Center will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day November 22nd at 11:00am to 1:00 p.m. For FAIRHAVEN SENIORS who would otherwise be along for Thanksgiving. A turkey dinner with all the fixings and wonderful desserts will be served. Transportation can be provided. There is no cost for this dinner. If you would like to join us, please call the Fairhaven COA at 508-979-4029 to reserve your seat.

Sand for Seniors

The Fairhaven COA, Fairhaven Commission on Disability and the Fairhaven Lions Club are partnering once again this year to provide Fairhaven Seniors, 60 years old and older, with buckets of sand salt mix for their icy walkways this winter. If you would like to receive a bucket of sand or if you already have a bucket and would like it refilled, please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029. Buckets should be distributed toward the end of October/first of November.

Flu Shots

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the Fairhaven Council on Aging. Please bring your insurance cards with you. Call the Fairhaven Senior Center, 508-979-4029 to sign up.

Family Caregiver Support Group

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Mondays 1-3 p.m. Nov. 19; and
Thursdays 5:45-7:45 p.m. Nov. 15, 29.

Veterans Luncheon

The Veterans Luncheon has been cancelled.s

Southcoast VNA & Hospice

Grief Support Groups, 1st Tuesday of the month Widows and Widowers Grief Support Group 5:00-6:30p.m. The 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.

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Acushnet PD arrests juvenile in headstones case

By Beth David

Editor

The Acushnet Police Department posted an update on 11/2 announcing that an arrest has been made in the case of vandalism to headstones in October. The APD on its Facebook page said a 16-year-old male was

charged. Because he is a juvenile, the PD would not release his name.

On October 3, 18 head stones in the Acushnet Cemetery were reported as being knocked over.

“As a result of the follow up investigation, criminal charges for the damage are being sought against a 16

year [old] juvenile male,” wrote the APD on its Facebook Page. “Those charges include violations of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 272 section 74 (Desecrating a Place of Burial) and Chapter 272 section 73 (Injuring a Gravestone).”

Acushnet news and events

Veterans Day Ceremony

See page 3 for details on Acushnet's Veterans Day ceremony on Sunday, 11/11.

Author Event: Alzheimer's book

A night with the author of *Brass Ring Memoirs*. On Thursday, 11/15, 5:30 p.m. at the Acushnet Senior Community Center, 59 1/2 South Main Street, join author Kelly McCarthy, CDP, NHA, BC-DEd as she shares encouraging stories using practical methodologies to help caregivers reach for their goals in Alzheimer's and dementia care. Copies of her book will be available or bring your own and have it signed. Free, open to the public. Call 508-998-0280 for info.

Hamlin Crossing Trail Opening

The Buzzards Bay Coalition will welcome representatives from the town of Acushnet and members of the public on Friday, Nov. 9 at 3:30 p.m. to celebrate the opening and permanent protection of nine-acre Hamlin Crossing, 126 Hamlin St., part of a former farm and orchard on the Acushnet River. Located across the river from historic White's Factory, this newest addition to the Acushnet River Reserve will contribute to the long-term vision of a “greenbelt”: a growing corridor of conservation and recreation lands along the Acushnet River.

Following a short introduction and speaking remarks, Coalition staff will

lead a walk through the property.

Following a 2016 vote by Acushnet residents to contribute town Community Preservation funds toward the protection of Hamlin Crossing, the Coalition acquired the property and conducted an extensive cleanup, including removing dilapidated structures, abandoned cars and trash; controlling invasive plants and pruning damaged trees; and establishing a trail and a native wildflower meadow. Much of this work was completed by volunteers, and Friday's opening will celebrate their efforts, including significant work completed by students from Tabor Academy in Marion as well as AmeriCorps Cape Cod and TerraCorps service members.

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From our readers

Extended Moratorium is Only Safeguard

The Planning Board met on Nov. 1st and voted NOT to extend the moratorium. They voted to move forward with the new bylaw (now combining both medical and recreational marijuana) and indicated that they are satisfied with their work product. Now, it is up to the Town Meeting Members to decide the path forward.

Although the PB believes that they have crafted a viable bylaw, anyone reading it would have to conclude that it is confusing with many issues left unanswered or, at best, open to interpretation. Contrary to the Planning Board's best intentions, it does not give assurance to the residents of Fairhaven who are greatly concerned by this massive sea change taking place in our town.

Unfortunately, the new bylaw is vague and too broad to be meaningful. It now combines both medical and recreational marijuana into one muddled catch-all. Under this conglomeration it appears that the Trojan Horse of Medical Marijuana, as worthy as it is, has become "a bait and switch" greasing the pathway to move customers to the less regulated "recreational" products without doctor oversight because no medical card will be required.

Effectively this is promoting, and normalizing products designed for people to get high. It appears that the only regulation for so-called recreational adult use is showing an ID to prove your age over 21. Even then, there are apparently no restrictions on how much an individual can purchase at one time (and perhaps illegally redistribute).

The by-law as now written does not delineate the number and the types of licenses with specificity (as the previous medical bylaw did) and relies on "all other types" to include everything — opening the door to uses not yet imagined.

The PB entertained questions but often didn't answer them or "passed the buck" to other authorities because they said it was not within their purview. Yet, they conducted Ad Hoc meetings with town authorities and, because no minutes were kept, the public does not know what transpired. What concerns were raised? How will they be addressed

by the police, fire department, EMT's etc.? Perhaps this isn't in the purview of the Planning Board, but these questions need to be answered before the public can feel comfortable.

Further, the word "cap" continues to be misleading because it is actually a "floor" or starting point and can increase under the formula initiated by the Cannabis Control Commission. This would mean you must have at least 3 retail shops and 9+ special permits for all the "other uses" which are known and with more yet to come in February by the Cannabis Control Commission.

These permits will likely increase as CCC Board mandates additional different use allowances. Where will the Consumable/eatery shops be located? How will home delivery be regulated? We don't know because the Cannabis Control Commission has yet to make their position known.

Moreover, if Bask is first in line to secure the recreational license (as stated several times by the PB) does that mean Bask/AmeriCann (headquartered in Colorado) will hold a monopoly in Fairhaven. Evidently, Bask and AmeriCann have the same executive leadership.

At the PB meeting of 11/1 conflicts in the bylaw were identified, listened to, but without any action taken to clarify the wording — just heavy reliance on the Town Counsel's review which should not be taken as gospel because interpretations and guidance by the Cannabis Control Commission continue to evolve.

Despite all the above, the PB saw no need to support the extended six-month moratorium which would allow the CCC rulings due in February to be considered. Clearly the PB is weary of the issue and just want it to go away. They think passing the combined bylaw will make that happen. But the reality is that it isn't going away. There will be an onslaught of special permits requested and each will require interpretations that will set precedent that will have to be factored into the next permit. Because the language is vague, rather than protect the town, this bylaw will likely confuse and leave the town open to challenges. At the very least, it will make much more work for the Planning Board.

The PB claims that the bylaw can be changed as needed but, if that is

so, why the rush to pass it now? Would it not be wise to fine-tune it as much as possible with consideration to how neighboring towns are proceeding?

Many questions have been asked repeatedly but the answers remain unclear. In fact, abutters have yet to be notified. In fairness to the PB, the town leaders need to communicate what is happening. There are many questions that need to be addressed and town leaders need to communicate to the residents.

Until then — know that at the November 13 Special Meeting Town Members can vote to bypass the bylaw until it is crystal clear regarding what it promotes and how it protects. I urge you to review the bylaw — read it online — and judge for yourself if it is understandable.

A vote to extend the moratorium offers the only safeguard that is risk-free. We have been granted the opportunity for an extension until June 2019 — it would be irresponsible not to use it.

Cathy Delano, Fairhavent

Residents have right to choose on pot shops

Fairhaven Residents and Town Meeting Members,

You will be asked at Town Meeting on Tuesday November 13, 2018 to vote on several very important town altering decisions which will impact us now and long into the future. There will be an article to extend the moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Retail sales until June 2019. The current moratorium expires December 31, 2018.

There will also be an article on the proposed new zoning bylaw for the selling of recreational marijuana retail stores in our town.

Town Meeting Members voted in 2017 to pursue a moratorium to obtain information and knowledge from the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) about how these shops would be executing recreational retail sales. Our Planning Board (PB) created a proposed bylaw based on information available back in 2017. Since then the CCC has consistently changed and adopted new marijuana allowance uses.

Over the next few months the CCC will release more uses, such as, social consumption places (known as pot

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Sea Green Bookkeeping holds grand opening

Press Release
by Ann Marie Dunn

Andrew Ingeme, a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with over 15 years of business management experience started Sea Green Bookkeeping & Tax Services, Inc. in the South Shore town of Marshfield three years ago.

Looking to grow the small business of about 100 clients, Andrew found Scoticut Tax Services for sale. The

owner preferred that his services continue to be offered in the quaint town, as 80% of the decades long customers live in Fairhaven. Fortunately, Andrew was able to secure a beautiful office on Bridge Street.

Sea Green Bookkeeping & Taxes officially opened its doors in January of 2018 providing tax planning before the rush. With a part-time Certified Tax Preparer, a full-time CPA and an

Administrative Assistant, Sea Green experienced major growth in a short amount of time and is hiring more help for the 2019 tax season. Also, Andrew and his assistant Ann Marie Dunn, recently became Notary Publics to offer customers additional services.

The bookkeeping, tax and payroll company

saw 90% retention of the existing clients, which says a lot about both the loyalty and good faith in Scoticut Taxes. Andrew feels lucky to have been able to serve such a large base and live up to the recommendation he received with the transfer of ownership. Sea Green did over 700 tax returns this year, both corporate and personal, trusts and estates, as well as completed monthly/quarterly bookkeeping tasks for over 12 companies and provided payroll/payroll tax services to several organizations.

Currently, Andrew and his team are offering tax planning sessions to help taxpayers prepare for all the new tax laws that will affect tax returns next year. He is happy to offer SouthCoast Chamber members a 10% discount on tax preparation or a 15% discount on a tax planning meeting (up to \$50). Please call 508-993-8659 to schedule yours today. Feel free to contact the office with any questions regarding the tax updates or with your bookkeeping and payroll needs.

Sea Green is located at 145 Bridge Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit our website at www.seagreentax.com



L-R: Fairhaven Selectboard Chair Dan Freitas; Andrew Ingeme, Sea Green Owner/CPA; Ann Marie Dunn, Sea Green Office Manager; Cathy Melanson, Fairhaven Business Association; and members of the SouthCoast Chamber of Commerce cut the ribbon at the Sea Green Bookkeeping office in Fairhaven on 10/25/18. Submitted photo.

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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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Feel free to communicate directly with Gary at gbendiksen@walarms.com or Mike mstpierre@walarms.com. We look forward to working with you.

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission Monday, November 19, 2018 at 6:30 East Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street Fairhaven, Massachusetts

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following Public Hearings pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

- 1) **108 Sycamore Street** Notice of Intent filed by SITEC, Inc. on behalf of Christopher Simmons for the demolition of the existing derelict structure and the construction of a new duplex at the property located at 108 Sycamore Street, Assessors Map 20, Parcel 33. Work to take place within Riverfront Area and the Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.
- 2) **CON-19-018 84 Fort Street** Notice of Intent filed by Foth-CLE Engineering on behalf of Chau and Ly Dang for the construction of a pile-supported pier, gangway, and floating dock, with an 8'x8' deck patio at the property located at 84 Fort Street, Assessors

Map 5, Parcel 7. Work to take place within Land Under Ocean, Beach, Land Containing Shellfish, and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage/Zone AE.

3) **CON-19-020 68 Winsegansett Avenue** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Frederick Miller for a soil evaluation and percolation test, including the removal of a portion of a concrete driveway, at the property located at 68 Winsegansett Avenue, Assessors Map 42A, Parcel 258. Work to take place within Buffer Zone to Beach and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage/Zone VE.

4) **CON-19-021 18 Bonney Street** Notice of Intent filed by Alan and Mary Wolfe for the demolition of the existing house and the construction of a new house with a drive under garage, and the installation of a driveway using the existing curb cut at the property located at 18 Bonney Street, Assessors Map 28B, Parcels 190&191. Work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage/Zones VE and AE.

Copies of the applications listed in this hearing notice may be viewed at the Office of Planning & Economic Development in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA

Gloria McPherson, Agent
Fairhaven Conservation Commission
11/8/18

2018 Curbside Leaf Collection

This year's curbside leaf collection will be from Nov. 6 through 11/30. Leaves must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. Leaves will be picked up the day after your regular rubbish day. After a holiday, collection will be one day later. Place leaves in boxes, barrels or paper leaf bags.

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three Requests for Proposals.

"We begged for bids," said Mr. Freitas, and got only one.

He referred to the 11/1/18 Planning Board meeting, which, in a split vote, voted against recommending the rezoning article that would have to pass in order for the project to be built. He said he disagreed with the comments and the discussion and encouraged people to watch the meeting online.

The project calls for 10,000-square-foot lots, which are smaller than current zoning, but more in line with what is already in the neighborhood, said Mr. Mayo. That would require a variance to build those homes.

Article 11 in the STM Warrant for 11/13, asks TM members to rezone the property for multi-family units to accommodate the condos. That would require a 2/3 vote at TM.

The Selectboard voted to support the article.

Mr. Mayo's original proposal, updated proposal and the report by Stephen Kelleher Architects is available on the town's website at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/rogers-study-committee/pages/rogers-school-project-proposals>

The board still did not take a stand on the retail marijuana moratorium,

leaving it as "yield to the petitioner."

They did, however, vote to support the Planning Board's proposed bylaw regulating where retail marijuana shops can be located in Fairhaven, and establishing that each outlet will require a special permit by the Planning Board.

In another matter, the board met with the Board of Assessors to set the tax rate for FY19. The board agreed with the BOA to keep the tax shift at 1.75. The new rate will be slightly lower than last fiscal year, but because property values rose, residents will see an increase in taxes, not a reduction.

The new residential rate is \$11.67 per \$1,000, down from \$11.75 in FY18. The new commercial rate is \$23.47 per \$1,000, down from \$23.76 in FY18.

The average price of a home in Fairhaven increased from \$272,739 to \$286,122.

No members of the public chose to speak during the hearing.

In other business, the board appointed Bob Espindola to be the board's representative on the Marine Resources Committee, a post that Mr. Freitas often stated he wanted to give up. Mr. Freitas traded the SRTA committee and also picked up Library Board of Trustees so that all board members now have six committees.

The board also announced that BASK, the town's medical marijuana facility, made its first payment of \$17,000 under the host agreement. The quarterly payment is based on the company's revenues.

Tim Keogh said his company hopes it will increase in the future.

"We want to continue to be a quiet success for the town," said Mr. Keogh.

Town Meeting will also be asked to re-allocate funds for the new salaries as agreed upon in the new wage and classification study for town employees. The money has already been budgeted, but now needs to be allocated to specific departments.

TM will also be asked to support the following articles that the Selectboard voted to adopt: an additional \$45,000 for the wheelchair accessibility project at the Academy Building/Visitors Center; \$50,000 to fix the ceiling in the Assessors office; \$147,000 to repair the sewer pipe at the Fire/Police Station; \$75,000 for handheld meter readers for the water department; acceptance of Doane Court and Reynolds Drive.

The board did not vote to support the removal of the restriction on the liquor license at Emma Jean's which requires it to stay at that location. The board will make that decision at Town Meeting. ●●●

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I checked into the media gate promptly at 9 a.m. and through the tunnel I went. Within minutes I was standing on the red clay we see on TV during the games. It's harder than I expected. I had made it this far. Now what?

There were reporters and news crews milling about and it was still cold but warming up. There were maybe 800 season ticket holders that were in attendance in the stands above the first base line and a small stage that had the trophies out on display. I got to go up on stage and take pictures of the trophies before everything started and of course took a selfie to say I was there. But it was still sort of quiet.

That's when I spotted a guy and his son playing out just past the short-stop area in left field. Was it? Could it be? It was Brock Holt and his son. How cool was that. Then everyone spotted him and it was game on and time to get to work.

The event started and the fans went crazy. There were speeches from the mayor, the coach, and some of the players. I got to hear Coach Cora say, "We scored 16 at Yankee Stadium. Suck on it."

But Cora also joked that some might have been ready to have him fired when the team was down 4-0 in the 7th inning of Game 4 of the World Series, with the Dodgers close to evening the series at that point to two games apiece. But the Red Sox rallied and went on to win that game and won Game 5 and the title the next night.

When the players were done with

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their stage appearances they were just milling about on the field casually giving interviews and getting ready for the parade. I got to thank the owner, John Henry for a great season and wish Brock Holt a good offseason. I got to fist-bump a few guys and even big Papi (David Ortiz) was there.

Then it was 11 a.m. and time for the parade. So far I had seen a lot of people but not what I experienced when I exited Fenway and turned the corner onto Lansdowne Street. The fans must have been a half block deep from the parade and they were everywhere. They were on top of the gas station and just about every other building in sight. There were fans on the tops of city trucks and any type of structure that gave you even the slightest height advantage to view those duck boats and the players.

If the sights weren't enough, there was the deafening roar of the crowd and the booms of the confetti cannons. It was insanity, and so worth it! I had made it. It's an experience I will never forget.

Here's a stat that won't ever be mentioned in the books. I have been attending Red Sox games on and off for many, many years. I have seen them lose at home and on the road, during the day and at night. I've seen them lose in the spring, summer, and fall, and in the rain AND snow. I've seen them blow a five-run lead late into the 8th inning. This year I FINALLY saw the Red Sox win this past summer in person. I remember thinking during that game's celebration, wouldn't it be great if they went all the way this year? Wishes do come true and I have the confetti to prove it!

Fairhaven Meetings

Agricultural Commission

Thurs., 11/8, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 11/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Tues., 11/13, Sr. Ctr., 9 a.m.

School Committee

Wed., 11/28, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Sun., 11/11, Town Hall, 11 a.m.

(Goal setting session)

Mon., 11/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Town Meeting

Tues., 11/13, Hastings MS, 7 p.m.

11/14 if necessary

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 11/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Assessors

Tues., 11/20,

Council on Aging

Wed., 11/14, Sr Ctr., 10 a.m.

School Council

Wed., 11/7, Elementary Sch., 4 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 11/13, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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Sunday	11	1005	2233	0300	1537
Monday	12	1052	2324	0335	1610
Tuesday	13	1144	----	0413	1649
Wednesday	14	0019	1239	0458	1742
Thursday	15	0113	1331	0600	1851
Friday	16	0204	1423	0716	1951
Saturday	17	0257	1519	0820	2041
Sunday	18	0354	1618	0920	2130
Monday	19	0446	1708	1017	2218

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cafes); direct-delivery of marijuana to residential addresses; and, uses that have not even been made known yet.

As you read this letter, the commission is still working on current and new uses to be released to the towns and cities in Mass. Therefore, we as a town should support an extension opportunity offered by the Attorney General Maura Healey. AG Healey recognizes that towns and cities need to fully understand the extremely complex issues and ramifications.

This extension helps everyone understand and helps the town get it right the first time when they open the doors — instead of having to correct missteps later. The current Planning Board bylaw allows for “all other uses” and currently over nine other uses are known, but it also will include uses not yet announced by the CCC, which will result in over nine+ Special Permits to be given out. Yet we are allowing “all uses” instead of erring on the side of caution and protecting the town to specific uses. That is how it is currently written in the by-law article.

The PB has worked hard to create a bylaw based on information that is over a year old and with no information of what is to come from the Cannabis Control Board. This approach is not acceptable when it comes to the town and tax-paying residents. It is not of the fault of the PB but the constant ever-changing and increasing allowances from the Cannabis Control Commission.

I heard some people say they had their right to vote for recreational marijuana and that can't be taken away and they are right...no one is trying to take away that right. You can consume all the recreational marijuana you want in your own home. Medical Marijuana is not affected by a moratorium either. You can still use the doctor-prescribed medical card to purchase your medicinal marijuana.

This is about giving Fairhaven residents the right to choose if they want recreational retail shops and unlimited uses being permitted and how to properly regulate them in town. That is our right as well. It is a completely different issue and should not be muddled together.

New Bedford is opening eight retail shops and unlimited permit for all uses. Should we not look to them to see their outcomes and how it is

going there before opening the gates here? We can also look to several of our neighbors, Acushnet for example, to see how it is going with them as the residents declined to allow it to be sold in town even after they voted in favor of legalizing recreational marijuana. Why did they choose this path?

Did our Planning Board discuss the issues with Acushnet's Board or New Bedford in crafting our By-law? This question was asked at town PB public meeting and no proper answers were given.

So, we come down to a crossroad and which path to choose as residents, voters, and town meeting members. I hope you choose to enact the moratorium which will 100% protect the town and is 0% risk to our town for us to get it right. It will give us more knowledge benchmarks from other towns, and new information on allowances from the CCC.

Is that additional time really going to cause any harm to our town? No! On the contrary, the lack of information and guidelines from the CCC and how it affects our bylaws can potentially cause such harm.

We should take advantage of the moratorium extension until June 2019 and pass a more precise zoning bylaw at the May 2019 town meeting.

Bernard F Roderick, Fairhaven

Marijuana still illegal federally

Marijuana is illegal under federal law even in states that legalize it.

The federal government classifies marijuana as a schedule I drug under the Controlled Substances Act, (CSA), (21 U.S.C. 811), having a high potential for abuse and having no medical value. It does not recognize the difference between medical and recreational use of cannabis. This classification puts marijuana in the same category as heroin and a more restrictive category than schedule 2 drugs like cocaine and meth. Who are we to argue? This is federal law.

Federal cannabis laws are very serious and punishment for people found guilty is frequently very steep. Federal law applies throughout the United States and Washington, D.C. not just on federal property. Federal law enforcement officials may prosecute medical marijuana patients even if they grow their own and even if they reside in a state like Massachusetts where medical marijuana use is protected under state law.

Your state laws won't be a defense

in federal court. You can run into trouble with the CSA even if you are not directly involved with the marijuana industry. If you provide services to a business that operates under state marijuana laws, you may also be violating federal law and subject to prosecution.

For example, if you run a janitorial services business and have a client that operates a dispensary, you may be profiting from illegal drug trafficking. The CSA also makes it unlawful to “knowingly open, lease, rent, maintain, or use property for the manufacturing, storing, or distribution of controlled substances.” So landlords that have tenants involved in a state-permitted marijuana industry may risk federal asset forfeiture or other criminal fines.

Simple possession with no intent to distribute is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in prison and a minimum fine of \$1,000.00. That's for starters. Employment, you can be fired from your job for your off-the-clock use of marijuana. So stated by the Supreme Court in *Coats v. Dish Network*, (2015), a case where an employee sued for wrongful termination after testing positive for marijuana. Under federal law, the use of marijuana can be prohibited by an employer.

Doctors cannot legally prescribe marijuana since it is a schedule I drug under CSA. Some doctors have lost their license by doing so.

Lawyers also risk their licenses when advising clients in the marijuana industry since they are providing advice on how to violate federal law.

Many banks and credit card companies are reluctant to provide accounts to participants in the marijuana industry for fear of prosecution under the federal CSA.

So what impact does this have on the Town of Fairhaven by trying to push this through? Can the Town be held liable under CSA for having such establishments in town? What lawsuits could be used against the Town that taxpayers would have to absorb the costs for?

Until the state and federal government can come to terms with working this out, it's best to extend the moratorium to June 2019 and say No to the proposed overlay district and incomplete marijuana bylaws.

*Karen A. Vilandry
Fairhaven resident and taxpayer*



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Veterans are asked to gather at Livesey Park behind Oxford School, 347 Main Street, Fairhaven, by 8:30 a.m. Parade steps off at 9 and marches along Main Street to Fairhaven High School for a short dedication and the raising of the big flag. **Veterans who cannot march should go to the Senior/Recreation Center by 7:45 a.m., where transportation will be provided. Coffee and donuts for all veterans at the Senior Center until the vans leave for the parade. The Lions Club will provide free coffee and donuts at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association building in Benoit Square at 8 a.m.** Homeowners along the route are asked to display the US Flag. Spectators are asked to line the route and go to the High School to show their support.

**From
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Fairhaven,
Vietnam War
Veteran**