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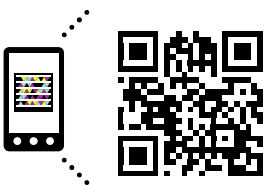
At least 120 people jump into the water at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on 1/1/19 for the annual Polar Plunge. Hundreds more line the shore to watch the show. This year weather gods were much more favorable for the plungers than last year, which had to be postponed because of how cold it was. The first day of 2019 greeted plungers with temperatures of 55° in the air, and 43° in the water. See page 12 for more photos. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva.*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a fabulous holiday break. I did. I had a great time with family, with friends, and even got a couple of things done around the house.

Now, it's back to the grind.

The observant among you will note that this is now Volume 14. That means we are starting our 14th year of publication. It's just a coincidence that we also started on the first week of the year.

Fourteen years. Wow. Time does fly by.

Our very first cover story was the polar plunge. I've put it on the cover every year since then, too, except last year because we didn't have it. I admit, my headlines have not improved much. The word "balmy" and "BRRR" and "crazy" came up, for sure.

During the last 14 years, we've covered some fun stuff, and the plunge is right up there with the best of them.

Coming up this weekend is the *Moby-Dick* Marathon (see page 3) at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. It's a local event with an international following. Pretty cool stuff.

Stay tuned as we scout out some cool stuff to do on the weekends, even in the winter.

Meanwhile, we have some meeting coverage for you, and other news within these pages.

You'll have to thumb through to find them, though. My deadline is fast approaching.

Before I go, though, I'll make a pitch for the food pantry. The weather has been unusually warm, but, it's still cold enough to require heat. And you know it's bound to get freezing cold pretty soon. So, while you're still in the glow of holiday giving and New Year bliss, think of the people who use the food pantry. They could use some extra help this time year.

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Tax deductible donations may be sent to Shepherd's Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit [www.shepherdsparnry.org](http://www.shepherdsparnry.org)

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Nothing? Really? Is everyone paying attention?

# Moby Dick Marathon this weekend

**January 4–6, New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB.**

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

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

*Friday, January 4 (not free)*

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

*Sat., 1/5: The Marathon Experience*

**From 10 a.m. Sat. to 1 p.m. Sun.** (timing dependent upon reading pace.)

**10 a.m. Stump the Scholars** Test

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

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

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

**3 p.m. Portuguese Mini-Marathon** Join us for the fourth annual reading of Tiago Patricio's abridged version of *Moby-Dick* in Portuguese. Read Melville

in the Azorean Whaleman Gallery with forty other intrepid souls.

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

Special thanks to the Azorean Maritime Historical Society and the Portuguese Consulate of New Bedford.

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

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

*Sunday, January 6*

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

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

*(Timing of Marathon is dependent upon reading pace.)*

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



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# Fairhaven Getty faces licensing hearing...again

By Beth David

Editor

At its meeting on 12/17/18, the Fairhaven Selectboard issued a temporary license to Fairhaven Getty to allow the business to operate only until the next Selectboard meeting when a licensing hearing will be held to address problems at the business reported by Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Agent Kristian White in November.

Mr. White reviewed his findings with the Board on 12/17, noting that he discovered too many cars on the lot, employee cars parked on the street, fire access blocked, encroachment of the setback on Grinnell Street. The report also alleges that there were several unregistered cars at 51 Mangham Way, which is owned by Hatem El Rifai, the owner/operator of Fairhaven Getty, which is located at 371 Huttleston Avenue.

Mr. White also told the board that Mr. El Rifai also had nine unregistered vehicles at Custom Floors, located at 405 Huttleston Avenue, in an alleged deal to store Getty vehicles there in return for mechanical work on Custom Floors vehicles.

Attorney Robert Perry, representing Mr. El Rifai, disputed some of the findings in the report. Mr. Perry said that there were no employee cars on the streets and said the fire lane was not blocked.

He said sometimes there was some overlap between cars that were for sale and customer cars. He also stressed that the station is an official Mass. Inspection Station. Customers are allowed to show up without an appointment and Mr. El Rifai is required to inspect them for a sticker. Mr. Perry said with the new requirements for a sticker, it takes much longer to perform the inspection, and a lot of gas stations no longer do them, resulting in more customers requiring the service.

Customers sometimes have cars towed to the station overnight, said Mr. Perry, which is out of the station's control. He said Mr. El Rifai does not like to let his repair customers down. They need their cars fixed and he tries to accommodate them.

"Here's a guy who really cares about helping the community," said Mr. Perry, adding they cannot turn customers away because there are too many cars on the lot. "It's tough.

He tries his best."

As for the cars on Mangham Way, Mr. Perry said that one was there to block the door of the shed because the contractor had materials stolen from it in the past.

Mr. Perry explained away some other vehicles that put the numbers over the limit, saying they had broken down and were awaiting servicing. He said the deal with Custom Floors was misunderstood, one of those vehicles had broken down on the road, another was being fixed.

Mr. Perry also disputed the setback violation, saying that it was not lined, so they were estimating the distance, and they would be happy to paint lines to make it clear.

He also said some cars are on the lot, and have been for a long time because they were abandoned, or the owners were trying to get the money to pay for repairs.

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something has to be done  
[Daniel Freitas]

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Mr. El Rifai also addressed the board directly, saying he was trying to work hard to build his business, and he does not "play games."

"I will not change, I will stay honest," said Mr. El Rifai.

He said cars are in and out all day long, so the number of cars on the lot changes constantly. He said he wants to keep his customers happy, so he moves the cars out quickly.

All three board members said they did not want to shut down a business in Fairhaven, but that they also were dealing with the same complaints over and over, and the neighbors were still not happy with the way the business operates and disrupts the residential neighborhood.

Board members did note that they got a lot of emails and letters in support of Mr. El Rifai, and a show of hands in the packed room also showed that about 15 people were there to support him, although a few were there to complain.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola

noted, though, that the complaints were the same as before, for several years. He said Mr. El Rifai should be able manage the situation by now.

"You have to find a balance," said Mr. Espindola, adding that the board cannot keep holding hearings without taking any action. "It's just a matter of management."

Town Counsel Thomas Crotty said it sounded like Mr. El Rifai was "over-purchasing." He suggested reducing the number of spots for used cars and adding repair spots.

Selectboard chairperson Daniel Freitas said nobody was saying that Mr. El Rifai was a "bad guy," but added that the situation could not stay the same.

"I don't want to shut a business down," said Mr. Freitas. "But something has to be done."

He acknowledged Mr. El Rifai's complaint that he was being watched very closely by the man across the street, referring to Louis Baptiste of RRR Auto, who frequently complains about the cars at the Getty, and often has photos to prove his point.

"There's not much you can do about it," said Mr. Freitas.

The board did not take any public comment, but voted to agree with the findings of the inspector and set a licensing hearing date of 1/14

At that time, the board will hear from Fairhaven Getty about a plan to comply with the licensing. Town Administrator Mark Rees will work with the business and town counsel to come up with a "modified" license to make it easier for Fairhaven Getty to comply. Meanwhile, the business was granted a temporary license with the same conditions as last year to continue operating.

At the 1/14 meeting the board has a range of options to choose from, including not renewing the license, or suspending the license temporarily.

In other business, the board approved Mr. Rees's appointment of Whitney McClees as the new Conservation Agent/Sustainability Coordinator. A Fairhaven resident, Ms. McClees worked as a Recycling Enforcement Agent in Fairhaven this summer, inspecting recycling bins around town. She holds a Master of Science in Environmental Science and Management, and has experience in her field in a variety of research and internship positions. She starts this month.



# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Members for Fiber Optic Committee

The Fairhaven Board of Selectmen will be appointing a Municipal Fiber Study Committee to oversee a feasibility study to determine if the Town should consider building a Municipal Fiber Optic Network.

This work will be supported by a qualified consultant to be chosen by the Town Administrator with input from the committee.

The Town may consider building a municipal fiber network if the study reveals that doing so would significantly reduce the cost and increase the capacity of internet service available to all Town residents and businesses.

The committee will be comprised of one member of the existing Economic Development Committee, one member of the existing Cable Advisory Committee, a Board of Selectmen Representative, an appointee of the Town Administrator, and three (3) At Large members.

The Town is looking for individuals with Technical knowledge of the subject, a background in Finance or Project Management (or any combination of the three) to serve as At Large members.

Anyone interested should submit a letter of interest of the Board of Selectmen office by **Thursday, January 10th, at 4:00 P.M.**

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Wednesday                Thursday, 1/17

Thursday                    Friday, 1/18

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## Photos Wanted

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

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

## Snow Parking Ban

No vehicles shall be permitted to remain on the hydrant side of all streets in Fairhaven from December 1 to March 31 from midnight to 8:00 a.m. and also during the time of any snowfall or snow removal operations.

On streets with no hydrants, NO vehicles shall be permitted to remain either on the east side of streets running north and south or on the north side of streets running east and west.

The BPW is authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, to some convenient place, including a public garage, any vehicle interfering with the work of removing or plowing snow or ice from any way, and the cost of such removal with all storage charges resulting there from shall be paid by the owner of such vehicle.

The Fairhaven Police Department will strictly enforce this Parking Ban. Violators will be towed and/or ticketed.

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## Historical Society Scholarship

A \$1000 scholarship for a graduating Fairhaven-resident high school senior interested in history will be awarded by the Fairhaven Historical Society.

The scholarship, to be presented for the first time in 2019 and annually thereafter, honors Enrique Goytizolo's dedication to preserving the history of the Town of Fairhaven and his vital and long-time leadership role with the Fairhaven Historical Society. The Fairhaven Historical Society is a 501C3 organization.

**Deadline for scholarship applications is January 31, 2019.**

To obtain an application students can contact the Fairhaven Historical Society, [historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com](mailto:historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com). In addition to the application, students must submit an essay of no more than 400 words focusing on Fairhaven history, what it means to the applicant, and how that has impacted the applicant's interest

in the further study of history. Three references as specified on the application are also required.

Applications and essays must be submitted via email to [historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com](mailto:historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com). The scholarship award recipient will be notified via email on or before April 1, 2019.

Recognition of receipt of the scholarship will be made at graduation and at the Annual Fairhaven Historical Society Annual Meeting and Dinner in June. The one-time award of \$1000 will be presented to the recipient upon proof of successful completion of semester one classes.

A minimum of three hours of volunteer time at the Fairhaven Historical Society Museum or Fairhaven Historical Society events/activities within one year of scholarship award notification is required of each annual scholarship recipient.

For more information or an application email [historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com](mailto:historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com).

## Buzzards Bay Swim Registration Open

Make your New Year's resolution to have a great time for a good cause at the 26th anniversary Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, June 22, 2019. Registration is now open at [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim)

The Buzzards Bay Swim is an exciting outdoor experience that welcomes swimmers of all abilities and fitness levels ages 11 and up. Over 300 swimmers complete a scenic 1.2-mile point-to-point open water course from New Bedford's South End, past the iconic Butler Flats Lighthouse and New Bedford Hurricane Barrier with a crowd of hundreds watching and cheering.

At the finish line at Fort Phoenix State Reservation in Fairhaven, swimmers and their guests are welcomed with a beach party featuring a live steel drum band, pancakes cooked to order, gourmet coffee, free massages, local craft beer and awards and prizes. First-time and beginner swimmers can swim with a personal kayak or paddleboard escort for added support.

Last year, swimmers raised a total of \$158,000 to support the Coalition's ongoing work .

# Fairhaven couple charged with animal cruelty

By Beth David  
Editor

Two Fairhaven residents were arraigned in New Bedford Third District Court on 11/30/18 on animal cruelty charges due to the emaciated state of a pit bull that they owned. Todd Michael Sylvia and Michelle L. Ventura, both of 417 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, were charged after police were called to the residence by a concerned neighbor. The dog was unable to recover from her condition and was euthanized.

Fairhaven Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps visited the home on 10/8/18 and 10/9/18, accompanied by a police officer both times.

According to court documents prepared by Sgt. Daniel Dorgan, the dog, a female pit bull named Chyna, was "emaciated and visibly shaking."

On the 9th, the dog was removed from the home and taken to New England Animal Hospital in Fairhaven, where she weighed in at 28 pounds. Records at NEAH showed that Chyna was seven years old and had weighed 45 pounds in 2013.

"Needless to say, this did not hap-

pen overnight," wrote Nicholas Dagenais, DVM.

According to the police report, Mr. Sylvia went to NEAH to retrieve his dog, but was refused. He left without incident.

"Sylvia would never be seen or heard from although requested throughout the remainder of this incident," wrote Sgt. Dorgan.

Court documents show that Ms. Ventura did speak with police

on several occasions. She told police that the dog had been sick and was not able to keep food down. She stated that the dog got two small meals a day and always had water in the dish, although police noted that the water dish was empty when they visited.



Todd Michael Sylvia (center) listens to Judge James McGovern's decision during the bail hearing in New Bedford Third District Court on 11/30/2018. Mr. Sylvia and Michelle Ventura (behind screen) were charged with Animal Cruelty due to the emaciated state of a pit bull they owned. Mr. Sylvia's attorney Stephen P. Dalrymple, is at left; Ms. Ventura's attorney, C. Lipou Laliemthavisay, is at right. Judge McGovern agreed that the two should be treated as one case. They were released on personal recognizance, but are not allowed to own animals while the case proceeds. Photo by Glenn C. Silva.

In a conversation at the police station with Sgt. Dorgan and ACO Terry Cripps, Ms. Ventura admitted to "poor judgement" in not taking the dog to the veterinarian.

She was informed that the dog was being treated for malnourishment and had tested positive for Lyme

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# Dorothy Cox's Chocolates cuts ribbon on new location

By Beth David  
Editor

Dorothy Cox's Chocolates has new digs. The well-known Fairhaven business, which will celebrate its 91st year in 2019, has moved to 21 Berdon Way, in the Job Lot Plaza.

"It's beautiful," said patriarch Francis J. Cox at the official ribbon cutting on Saturday, 12/15/18. "My grandson Brian did a very good job in here."

Dorothy Cox, namesake of the founder, her grandmother, agreed that the new space will work out well for the company.

"It's very nice," she said, noting that the store sells ice cream all year, carrying their own brand, made at their Wareham facility.

Matt Cox said they are hoping to add a few seats inside for eating ice cream all year round. They also hope to have some outside seating in the

summer.

To learn more about the company visit [www.dorothycox.com](http://www.dorothycox.com)



ABOVE & RIGHT: Little Harper Cox isn't giving away Santa's secret (she knows who his helper is) at the ribbon cutting for Dorothy Cox's Chocolates on 12/15/18, now located at 21 Berdon Plaza in Fairhaven. Photos by Beth David.



ABOVE: Geraldine and Francis Cox cut the ribbon on the new storefront for Dorothy Cox's Chocolates, at 21 Berdon Way in Fairhaven, on 12/15/18. Photo courtesy of Carrie Murphy.

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## Moby Dick Marathon

Jan. 4-7. See page 3

## Tree Pickup in NB

### Holiday recycling tips for New Bedford residents

After the gifts have been unwrapped, New Bedford residents are encouraged to recycle as much of their holiday waste as possible.

"Residents may have questions about which items can be recycled curbside or at the transfer station as well as what to do with their Christmas trees after the holiday. We are sharing this information now to help our residents prepare," said Mark Champagne, Director of the Department of Facilities and Fleet Management.

Here are a few tips to help ensure holiday waste ends up in the right place:

- Wrapping paper: Recycle plain wrapping paper (no metallic accents) in the curbside recycling cart. Metallic wrapping paper, bows, and ribbons cannot be recycled; reuse if possible. Place cardboard boxes, gift boxes, greeting cards (no metallic inks, foil, batteries or glitter), catalogs, bottles, and cans in the recycling cart.
- Styrofoam blocks and Christmas tree lights: Clean blocks of Styrofoam can be recycled at the Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station at 1103 Shawmut Avenue. Christmas tree lights can be placed in the scrap metal pile at the transfer station. These items do not belong in the recycling carts.

And, once your Christmas tree has been undecorated, here are several ways it can be properly disposed of:

- Christmas tree collection: ABC Disposal will pick up Christmas trees **from January 7 to January 11**. During this week only, residents may place trees at the curb by 7 a.m. the weekday after trash and recycling collection. Please note, if your trash is usually collected on Friday, Christmas trees will only be collected along your route on Monday, January 7th. If your trash is usually collected on Mondays, Christmas trees will only be collected along your route on

Tuesday, January 8th and so on. The City will not collect Christmas trees curbside at any other time; if placed at the curb any other time, property owners may be issued a violation notice. Please remove all ornaments, stands, holiday lights, and tinsel. Do not place trees in plastic bags.

Christmas tree drop-off: Starting on Dec. 26, Christmas trees can be brought to the following locations.

- East Rodney French Blvd. beach lot, between Hudson Street and Seymour Street, ends January 11, 2019.
- Brooklawn Park, near Pony League Field, enter at Irvington Street, ends 1/11/19
- Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station, 1103 Shawmut Avenue, open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, noon to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For additional tips, follow @NBRecycling on Twitter, or visit New Bedford Recycling Facebook page. If you have questions, please contact the recycling office by phone at (508) 979-1493 or by email at [recycling@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:recycling@newbedford-ma.gov).

## NB Science Cafe

**The next New Bedford Science Café: Tuesday, 1/8h, 6:00-8:00pm, . At Greasy Luck Brewpub, 791 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, except for beer and food! (If possible, come early & place an order!)**

"PFAS contaminants in the nation's drinking water supplies. Where these non-stick chemicals come from, how they affect our health, and what we can do to reduce our exposure." The New Bedford Science Café's next guest will be Laurel Schaidler, Ph.D., an environmental chemist and research scientist at the Silent Spring Institute, a scientific research organization based in Newton, MA.

Contaminants in groundwater, surface water and drinking water have been identified as a rapidly emerging health threat, with the U.S. Congress last September calling on the EPA to move faster in assessing their potential hazards.

Laurel Schaidler singles out a group of chemicals known as PFASs, which have been linked to immune system problems, certain cancers, thyroid

disruption and adverse effects on pregnancy. They are in products we use every day, "and eventually they make their way down the drain," she explains. "What's concerning is that we are potentially re-exposed to them through our drinking water." On Cape Cod, Schaidler has spearheaded private well and septic system testing in conjunction with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Superfund Research Program Center (STEEP). The five-year project is a collaboration between URI, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Department of Environmental Health, and Silent Spring Institute, based in Newton, Ma.

What is a Science Café? There are dozens, if not hundreds, worldwide. They are informal gatherings, often at a pub or restaurant, between a local scientist or expert who sheds light on a certain topic and anyone interested. Café-goers range from techies to those with little exposure to science. For more info, call Victoria Pope, 202-333-0604. Keep track of events by visiting <http://www.nbsciencecafe.com> or join our Facebook page (New Bedford Science Café).

Stay tuned: Our guest on Tuesday Feb 5 will be Seth Garfield, aqua culturalist and co-manager of Cuttyhunk Shellfish Farms, who will discuss: "Down On A Watery Farm: Lessons learned by A Local Shell-Fisher & The Hurdles That Lie Ahead." Seth and his wife Dorothy began one of New England's first off-bottom oyster farms 37 years ago.

## Art Exhibit

The New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! is pleased announce our newest exhibition, *Who Saved Who?* is an exhibition that explores the bond between humans and their pets that reaches beyond the general use of animals to a strange and magical human-animal attachment. A mix of curated, professional artworks (including renowned artist William Wegman) and images selected from a community open call for creative expressions of beloved pets, this exhibition illustrates the universal bond between humans and their familiars.

Please contact the Museum with any questions, 508-961-3072.



## La Salette Lights until 1/6/19

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

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

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

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

## Owl Prowls

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

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

## Bird Club Mtg.

The Paskamansett Bird Club's first meeting of 2019 will be on **Wed., 1/9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Hall of Friends Meeting, 739 Horseneck Rd, So. Dartmouth.** Jonathan Eckerson will speak about his recent summer, spent working as a field technician on the plains of Kansas.

Jonathan Eckerson is a young

birder from Southeastern Mass. who has already been avidly pursuing birds for the past seven years. He is currently enrolled at the University of Mass./Amherst, where he focuses on Wildlife Ecology and continues to follow his passion for birds and the environment. He will be talking about his experiences this past summer, when he worked in Kansas as a field technician, conducting field ecology studies on the plains of Kansas.

His project entailed studying the effects of cattle grazing on Conservation Reservation Program lands. He says, "From nearly getting struck by lightning to more flat-tire stories than you care to hear, it was a roller coaster of a summer!"

The meeting is free, open to the public, and accessible.

## Auditions

Theatre By The Sea announces Equity and Non-Equity Adult Auditions for its 2019 Summer Season. Seeking strong actors, dancers and singers. Performers must be available for all rehearsal and performance dates. Local talent is strongly encouraged to audition. All roles are open for the following productions:

Love and Other Fables to be presented from May 29 – June 16

Singin' in the Rain to be presented from June 19 – July 13

Disney's Newsies to be presented from July 17 – August 10

Saturday Night Fever to be presented from August 14 – September 8

Auditions will be held on Saturday, January 26 and Sunday, January 27, 2019 at: URI – Fine Arts Building, 105 Upper College Rd, Kingston, RI 02881

Parking and entrance behind building.

The schedule for both days will be as follows:

9:00 am – Sign-in begins

10:00 am – 3:00 pm – Open Call

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Dance callbacks

Additional information and character breakdowns are available at [www.TheatreByTheSea.com](http://www.TheatreByTheSea.com). Please email Matthew Chappell, Casting Director, with any questions at [mchappell@nsmt.org](mailto:mchappell@nsmt.org)

Performers of all ethnicities and backgrounds are strongly encouraged to attend this audition.

## Bike Transpo Plan

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that the Draft Mass. Bicycle Transportation Plan is now available for public comment. Members of the public may review the plan and provide feedback online at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/bicycle-plan>

MassDOT is focused on making the Commonwealth's transportation system more sustainable – to make it safe for people to choose to walk, bike, and take transit for more of their daily trips. The Plan is important because residents, members of the business community and visitors choose to use a bicycle for daily trips, choosing bike to work, to school, to run errands, for recreation or to reach transit locations.

The Draft Plan defines a vision for Massachusetts in which all people have a safe and comfortable cycling option for short trips. The goal is to have a plan which presents an action-oriented strategy which will lead to increased use of trails for short trips made by bicycling. Travel on designated bike and pedestrian thoroughfares will also lead to safer conditions, helping to prevent injuries and fatalities. The draft plan goes into further detail about the state of biking today.

In addition to the Plan, a companion document was created, called the Municipal Resource Guide for Bikeability, in recognition of the important role local cities and towns play. The purpose of the guide is to support cities and towns in their efforts to improve bikeability as the vast majority of roadways and shared use paths statewide are under local ownership. A draft guide was released in November of 2018 and an updated version will be published with the final Bicycle Plan early next year.

The Massachusetts Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board served as the steering committee for the plan. Over the last two years, the Bicycle Plan and Municipal Resource Guide for Bikeability were informed by public feedback and data analysis.

For more information on the Bicycle Plan and to provide feedback: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/bicycle-plan>.

## Recipe of the Week

### Easy Pineapple Chicken

3 tablespoons soy sauce  
3 tablespoons olive oil, divided  
1/2 teaspoon paprika  
salt to taste

1 pound boneless, skinless  
chicken breast, cut into strips  
1 red bell pepper, cubed  
1 bunch scallions, trimmed and  
sliced into 1/2-inch lengths  
1 (12 ounce) can pineapple  
chunks, drained and juice  
reserved

1 tablespoon cornstarch

Combine soy sauce, 2 tbs olive oil, paprika, and salt in a bowl. Add chicken strips and let marinate while preparing the remaining ingredients.

Heat the remaining 1 tbs of olive oil in a wok. Add bell pepper and stir-fry for 3 mins. Add scallions and cook for 2 more mins. Remove wok; discard marinade. Cook, stirring occasionally, until chicken is cooked through and no longer pink in the centre, 10–15 minutes.

Combine pineapple juice and cornstarch in a bowl; mix together. Add pineapple chunks to the skillet and cook for 2–3 mins. Pour in pineapple juice mixture and bring to a boil. Simmer until sauce has thickened, about 3 mins.

*From allrecipes.com*

## Nomination papers available

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Plungers jump in for the New Year

By Beth David  
Editor

More than 120 plungers registered to jump into the cold waters of the Atlantic at the annual Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge on January 1. This year's plungers were greeted by much better weather than last year, which had to be postponed because temperatures were sub-zero. This year, the air was 55° and the water was 43°, down-right balmy for the... well, balmy among us.

Proceeds of the event, which is held in honor of domestic violence victims, and Nancy L. Schonheinz, for

whom the original plunge was named, now go to the Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars Program. Plunging is free, although people are asked to register. Funds are raised with t-shirt sales.

This year's theme was the 1940s, with many plungers dressing in their favorite vintage outfits.

Cousins Bella, Shiloh, and Malaka, 6 & 7 years old, plunged for the first time with a few other members of the Fernandes clan.

Bella said it was "freezing," but Shiloh said it was "okay."

Malaka, however, would not succumb to the cold. He said he liked

it and it was NOT cold.

Best friends Mischa and Olivia, 9 and 8, plunged for the first time. Mischa said she did it to support her friend. Olivia said she did it because her family plunges.

"It was so cold," said Mischa. "I ran in and out. My legs were frozen."

"My feet were numb," said Olivia.

To see a video visit <https://youtu.be/YsEmYHKhoPk> (courtesy of Lisa Mucciarone)

For a video by Fairhaven Community TV, visit <https://www.fairhaventv.com/single-post/2019/01/02/Polar-Plunge-2019>



LEFT: A woman throws up her arms in victory after jumping into the cold waters of the Atlantic on 1/1/19 at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven for the annual Polar Plunge. MIDDLE: A couple of friends decide their buddy needed some help. RIGHT: People react to the cold water at the annual Polar Plunge. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



LEFT ABOVE: L-R: Devin, Ryan, Ron, Peter and Grant are all smiles (well, mostly) after jumping into the water at Fort Phoenix for the annual Polar Plunge on 1/1/19.

RIGHT: Mischa (left) jumped into the cold waters of the Atlantic to support her friend Bella (right), and both seem none the worse for wear after the annual Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge on 1/1/19. ABOVE: Plungers react to the cold after plunging *Photos by Beth David.*



BELOW LEFT: Members of the Fernandes Family really ARE all smiles after jumping into the water at Fort Phoenix for the annual Polar Plunge on 1/1/19.

*Photo by Beth David.*



## Fairhaven Police fill the bus and join “shop with a cop”



Members of the Fairhaven Police Department participated in two programs to help local children have a brighter Christmas last month. The Department worked with the community to “fill the bus” that was parked at WalMart in Fairhaven on Saturday, 12/15/18. Officers and members of the community donated toys that were given to local children for Christmas. Fairhaven police officers also participated in “Shop with a Cop,” taking 16 children on a shopping spree at WalMart. Officers donated money out of pocket, the union doated \$25 for each child, and WalMart gave each child a \$25 gift card toward the shopping spree. Fairhaven Police Chief Michael Myers said it was heartwarming to see how many children opted to use their shopping spree to buy gifts for siblings, and not only for themselves. *Submitted photos.*

## Hastings Middle School students donate toys



Students at Elizabeth Hastings Middle School collected toys for local children in need last month for Christmas, including toys donated to the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program, and the Fill the Bus program by the Fairhaven Police Department. LEFT: The National Junior Honor Society at Elizabeth Hastings Middle School conducted a toy drive for the Toys for Tots program run by the U.S. Marine Corps. L-R: Alan Days (USMC), Mrs. Lisa Cadima (NJHS Advisor), Elizabeth Edminster (NJHS President), Lucia Batista (NJHS Vice President), Kayleigh Joseph (NJHS Secretary), Sydney Burke (NJHS Treasurer), and Don LeBlanc (USMC) pose with the toys the students collected. RIGHT: School counselors, Joan Tracey and Michelle Gunschel, with some of the toys collected for the “Fill the Bus” program in collaboration with the Fairhaven Police Brotherhood. *Photos submitted.*

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December 1, 2018 Pee Wee (Co-Ed)  
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5th, then every Saturday, (10 am to  
11:30 a.m., and Wednesday, 6 p.m.-7:  
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## Special Activities

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items. If the Town Hall is closed  
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### Southcoast VNA and Hospice

Grief Support Group, 1st Tuesday  
of the month Widows and Widowers  
Grief Support Group 5:00-6:30 p.m.  
3rd Tuesday of the month General  
Loss Grief Support Group 5:00-6:30  
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### Family Caregiver Support Group

Open to ALL Caregivers 1st Friday  
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mouth COA 228 Dartmouth Street,  
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24 31. Call 508-979-4029 for additional  
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computer skills are required. Must  
sign up at the Senior Center please  
call the Fairhaven Senior Center to  
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### Computer Technology for Seniors

9-10:00 a.m. Participants must sign  
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# Acushnet News

## Extended hours at the Library

The staff and Trustees of the Acushnet Public Library are pleased to announce that service hours will be extended, and the Library will be open on Fridays, beginning January 4, 2019. Acushnet residents and members of the library community have indicated they would welcome the addition of Friday hours.

In surveys conducted during the Library's Strategic Plan process in 2017, the majority of patrons noted they were pleased with existing hours but that Friday hours would allow for greater flexibility and more opportunities for use. Some residents noted that they were unable to visit the library on any day but Friday and, as a result, weren't library users at all.

With the recent addition of a Children's Room Assistant, the library now has the staffing levels to support the increase in hours, allowing it to be open six days a week.

Visit us at 232 Middle Road soon!

New hours, effective January 4, 2019: Mondays and Wednesdays 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Tuesdays and Thurs-

days 1–8 p.m., Fridays 1–5 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

For information on the library's services, programs and events, visit [acupl.org](http://acupl.org), or like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/AcushnetPublicLibrary](https://facebook.com/AcushnetPublicLibrary).



with used needles and syringes to the fire stations on Middle Road and Russel Street. Start the New Year in a home safe from unwanted and used needles! We now sanitize and destroy them in-house.

## Acushnet Fire Department receives SAFE Grant

The Acushnet Fire Department has

been awarded \$6,154 in SAFE grant funds for 2019. These funds will allow us to continue our elementary school based fire prevention program as well as presentations for our seniors. A special congratulations to Firefighter/Paramedic Tom Farland for spearheading these programs.

## Peer Check-In Group

New Bedford Area Recovery Connection Center will offer a Peer Check In Group at the Acushnet Senior Community Center, 59 1/2 South Main Street, on the last Tuesday of every month from 11 a.m.–12 noon.

Come stop in for a cup of coffee, conversation and to give each other social support and recovery encouragement and to make new peer to peer connections.

For more information contact Krista Cormier, Community Liaison, 508-675-3137. This group is 100% Peer Run for those with mental health/substance abuse/dual diagnosis/or even if you're helping a family member or friend who needs support.

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## From our readers

### Unitarian Church is crumbling

*The heart of Fairhaven's architecture is failing and facing a bleak future.*

While visiting the English Gothic Unitarian Memorial Church during the Old Time Holiday events, I was alarmed at the deterioration of the Church. One of Henry Huttleston Rogers's gifts to Fairhaven, and his church, it is the finest example of such architecture in America, built of granite taken from the Rogers estate near Fort Phoenix.

Since Juliet had not seen the interior, and I had not been in the Sanctuary for over a dozen years, we were alarmed by mortar falling down from the soft limestone interior and Juliet having to brush it off her clothes. I took a photo of one of the pew seats and you could see the limestone and cement debris. As Church attendance shrinks and I'm sure the Unitarian Society has as well, I'm sure the society has been doing its best to keep abreast of repairs. Most likely the roof needs to be replaced to start...and what do you find underneath?

I guess it would take millions to make permanent repairs to the church and seal it from the entering moisture. I think the [Fairhaven] selectmen should ask the Unitarian Society if a committee of town residents can be formed to study the problems and find a solution.

Would one answer be deeding the church to the town to allow it to be used as a multi denomination church and museum/performance center?

*Mike and Juliet Merolla, Fairhaven*

### President not above the law

President Trump (Liar in Chief) is not above the law. When I make this statement to my Republican friends they immediately stated that "yes no one is above the law." If Republicans and Democrats hold this fundamental democratic belief then President Trump should be indicted.

The US Attorney in the Southern District of New York (SDNY) has named President Trump as an unindicted co-conspirator. This means that there is enough evidence to try him in federal court once he leaves office. Justice Department guidelines state that a president cannot be indicted while president. These guidelines have never been

tested legally, and if upheld by the Court, it would mean that during his presidency the president is above the law. This runs counter to American Justice and should not be allowed to stand. The newly elected Democratic Congress should seek an opinion from the Supreme Court to see if the president can be indicted.

Republican Senators, Fox News outlets (State TV), and the White House have dismissed the findings of SDNY prosecutors by stating that election law violations are not a serious matter or that the words of Michael Cohen do not have any standing since he is a liar.

How does this stand up to scrutiny? Whenever a prosecutor goes forward with charges using the statements of someone who has credibility issues, they back up the accusations with credible sources. The SDNY has backed up the statements of Michael Cohen with documents, tapes, and the statements of others.

The other issue that needs to be addressed is the veracity of the felony charges that have been filed. This is a serious violation of the campaign finance laws. Several weeks before the presidential election, hush money was paid to keep a Playmate and a porn star from having their affairs with Donald Trump go public. The law states that all campaign contributions by corporations and individuals must be reported, but this did not happen. It further states that individuals can contribute no more than \$2700 to a campaign but Trump authorized \$230,000 for these two affairs alone.

The most troubling aspect of this case is that prosecutors laid out an elaborate scheme put into place by Trump, Cohen, and David Pecker to keep this from getting out into the public. Federal Law is clear that spending must be reported to the Federal Election Commission. These payments were concealed from the voters just before the presidential election. If these stories were made public, it would have impacted the election. This is why this finance campaign law violation is so serious.

Republicans and Democrats passed bipartisan campaign finance laws because we do not want large sums of money paid out as hush money to keep information from voters during an election. One can

only imagine the rampant corruption that would occur if both political parties were allowed to pay out bribes to keep damaging information about their candidates from the voters. The result would undermine our democracy and would lead to rampant corruption.

It is clear, unless you are living in an alternate reality, that Donald Trump has committed two felonies.

The President of the United States should not be above the law.

*Kenneth Pottel, Fairhaven*

### Comcast must face competition

[Fairhaven] Selectman [Robert] Espindola deserves praise and applause in his effort to try and get a new fiber network installed to provide services in Fairhaven. It is long past the day when Comcast MUST face competition. Just a few days ago they instituted another annual price increase on services. Their increases tend to average 5%-7% annually and there is no end in sight.

Mr. Espindola seems ready to do all he can do to look at the feasibility of such a network in Fairhaven. I am certain it CAN work here. In Braintree and Chicopee MA these services are offered to the residents at a fraction of the prices charged by Comcast. Competition is essential to competitive pricing and Mr. Espindola clearly sees that internet service is essential in today's lifestyle.

Students and others need access to the internet, and to be held hostage by the non-competitive system our Congress has created is unfair. If you do not subscribe to Comcast Cable services and you want internet service the monthly fee for their "Blast" internet service is \$95. However, if you subscribe to their cable TV services the internet service cost is a fraction of the \$95 fee. It is a strategic penalty by Comcast designed to "force" you into their Cable services. It should be illegal and it would be illegal if we had a Congress that worked for the people instead of one bought and paid for by big business and special interests.

Today, for high speed internet, there is NO COMPETITION in Fairhaven or throughout most of the USA. None.

We all know that the costs of

**LETTERS: cont'd on page 20**

# Acushnet COA thanks students



## Thank You Acushnet Elementary Students

The patrons of the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59½ South Main Street, would like to take this opportunity to thank the students of the Acushnet Elementary School for their beautiful handmade holiday cards. Several were distributed to our homebound residents, and the rest are decorating the building, greeting visitors as they come in!  
*Submitted photo.*

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# Town of Fairhaven Board of Health

Town Hall • 40 Center Street • Fairhaven, MA 02719  
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**From the desk of the Board of Health Agent 12-29-2018:**

I wish to take this opportunity to wish all of our residents a happy, safe and prosperous New Year. I would also like to thank all Fairhaven residents who took the time to understand the new recycle cart program. These changes were not always easy. Recycling has become a market driven industry and as new technologies develop our list of what goes in the bin could change.

DEP created a web site with real time information on what is allowed in your cart. You can visit <https://recyclesmartma.org/> any time, for more information.

We worked together as a community and I am happy to report we reduced our top contaminates and unacceptable bins by 82%. We have made tremendous strides in cleaning up our recyclables as you can see by the chart below. This effort will put Fairhaven in a better position when we negotiate our new Recycle contract.

We have more work to do. We still have plastic bags and thin plastic over wrap going into the carts. Foam of any kind should not go in to the cart. The only items allowed in the orange covered recycle bin are clean and dry bottles, jugs, jars, paper, plastic and cardboard (flattened boxes). We implemented a textile recovery program where we diverted 630 tons of materials out of the landfills. We also diverted 7 pallets of paint from going to the landfills. We had a booming Household Hazardous waste day. Thank you all for participating in

diverting that waste out of the municipal waste stream. We offered Rain barrels at a discounted rate. We, along with Mass DEP and the generosity of the Rotary Club, offered compost bins to residents for a discounted rate of \$10.00. Residents saved \$42.00 on this Item. We were granted over \$30,000 to collect residents' mattresses at the recycle center and divert them from the waste stream at no charge to the residents.

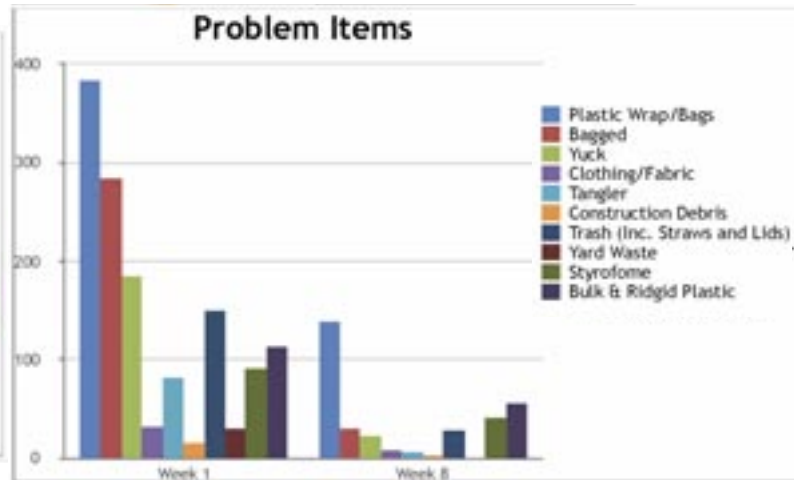
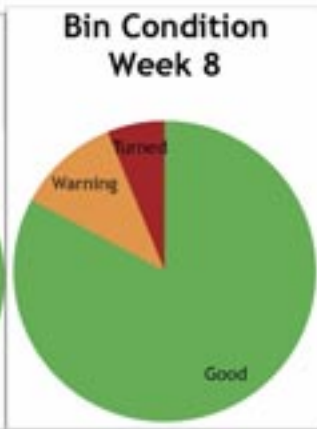
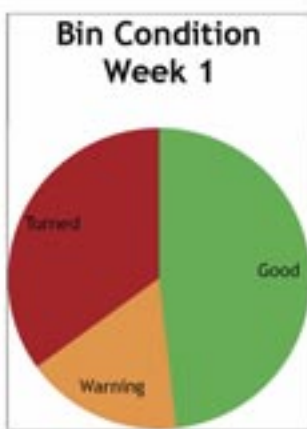
These efforts we all put in helped to reduce our waste/recycle fees. We, along with Fairhaven Public Access, produced numerous public service announcements which hopefully cleared up any confusion about Recycling. We continuously update information on our Board of Health page on the Town website, along with Facebook and Instagram. Follow our links on YouTube or the town web site to watch the video.

We couldn't have done it without all the town Departments, DEP partners and residents of Fairhaven.

I am especially looking forward to great NEW things in 2019.

Mary Freire-Kellogg, Health Agent

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## LETTERS: cont'd from page 17

Comcast monthly service are significant and competition will lower costs for the residents. It is simple supply and demand. This plan will put real money back in your pocket and internet/cable competition will also make Fairhaven more attractive to others looking to buy a home or run a business here.

I remain hopeful that Mr. Espindola and the other Selectmen will see this plan through to completion. Recently,

all three Selectmen said one of the main complaints they hear from people is the high cost of internet/cable service.

This plan cannot be done overnight, but if we move the process forward in 2019 it will bring us closer to the day when we will not be held hostage by Comcast.

Take the time and look at the Braintree and Chicopee models as well as others throughout the USA. It

is working.

Let us have Fairhaven lead the way in this area to lower the cost of living for our residents while providing good services and good bang for the buck. I will do all that I can do to support Selectman Espindola in this endeavor. I hope others in the Town will do the same.

Success in this endeavor is your success.

*Adam F. Abelha, Fairhaven*

## Think summer! Huttleston Markeplace looking for vendors

### Press Release

The Huttleston Marketplace in Fairhaven, MA, will be starting its second season on Saturday, June 1, 2019, after a successful run last summer. Application forms for vendors are now available at a link shown below.

The marketplace, operated by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, is held on Saturdays on the lawn of the Fairhaven Visitors Center, 141 Main Street at the intersection of Route 6, next to Fairhaven High School.

In 2019 it will run from June 1 through September 14. The following Saturday, September 21, the seventh annual Harvest Fun Day will be held at the same location. Huttleston Marketplace vendors have the option of adding Harvest Fun Day to their schedule.

The following link downloads the application form that includes all the

specific rules and guidelines. <http://fairhaventours.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Application-Form-2019.pdf>

Categories for Huttleston Marketplace vendors are: arts, crafts, photography (crafts must be handmade); local authors; antiques, vintage collectibles, used books; whole fresh farm produce, plants; prepared food (requires food vendor permit from BOH); the Huttleston Marketplace does not accept representatives/consultants for commercially produced, direct sales products.

Vendors may sign up for single Saturdays of their choice at \$20 for an 11'x11' space. There is a nine-week discount rate of \$100 for any nine weeks, and a full season discount of \$150 for the 16-week season. (Plus another \$20 can be tacked on for Harvest Fun Day.)

One does not need to choose all of the weeks at the beginning of the season.

The cost of the space is a donation to the Tourism Gift Account and that money is used to promote the marketplace, purchase related supplies, and to hire local musicians to perform during the day.

Last season a total of 65 vendors participated during the course of the season. Each Saturday there were about 30 to 35 booths set up. The majority of vendors are eager to return in 2019, and we expect the marketplace will grow in its second season.

You can visit the web page here: <https://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace/>.

There is also a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HuttlestonMarketplace/>.

If you have any other questions, feel free to call the Fairhaven Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085 or email [FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov).

Some vendors sign up for one or two Saturdays at the beginning of the season and then add on dates at \$20 each as the summer goes on.



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**CRUELTY CASE: cont'd from page 6**

Disease, which increased her risk for kidney disease.

On October 12, Mr. Cripps told Sgt. Dorgan that Chyna's results showed she was in kidney failure and that her prognosis was not good.

Sgt. Dorgan visited the dog at NEAH and noted in his report that the technician stated Chyna was receiving IV fluids, and she had been eating and had not vomited. Sgt. Dorgan said the dog had seemed in good spirits, and no longer seemed timid.

On October 14, Mr. Cripps notified Sgt. Dorgan that Chyna's health had "drastically declined," and she was in "complete kidney failure." The doctor advised that the dog should be euthanized as soon as possible, "as anything else would be cruel to her."

Ms. Ventura went to the station to sign the consent form, and Chyna was euthanized on 10/16/18.

At the arraignment and bail hearing, Assistant District Attorney Olivia Cataldo told the court that Ms. Ventura was very cooperative with the investigation, but that Mr. Sylvia was not. She asked for \$5,000 cash bail for both, "due to the severity of case," and citing prior arrests by Mr. Sylvia.

Ms. Ventura's attorney, C. Lipou Laliemthavisay, called it "extremely excessive." She said both are on public assistance and are taking care of four children in the household.

Judge James McGovern released both on personal recognizance, with restrictions, including that they may not possess animals for the duration of the case. He cautioned them not to get arrested or they could be held without bail until the end of the case.

They are due back in court on 2/8/19 for a pretrial hearing.

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 1/8, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Community Preserv. Comm.

Thurs., 1/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 1/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Marine Resource Comm.

Thurs., 1/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 1/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 1/16, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 1/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Assessors

Tues., 1/29, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Golf Committee

Thurs., 1/3, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Tues., 12/18, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal/Wing's Neck

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Wednesday	9	0953	2221	0248	1520*
Thursday	10	1035	2306	0325	1553*
Friday	11	1122	2356	0404	1629*
Saturday	12	----	1213	0447	1712
Sunday	13	0046	1304	0542	1805
Monday	14	0135	1354	0648	1905
Tuesday	15	0226	1448	0751	2000
Wednesday	16	0323	1551	0851	2056*
Thursday	17	0424	1652	0956	2156*
Friday	18	0518	1743	1057*	2255*
Saturday	19	0606	1830	1151*	2350*
Sunday	20	0653	1919	----	1243*
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Tuesday	22	0834	2104	0145*	1432*
Wednesday	23	0926	2155	0242*	1518*

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# Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, January 7, 2019 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. CON-19-024 **7 Union Street** Notice of Intent filed by Fairhaven Shipyard Companies, Inc. for the construction of a pile-supported platform, gangway and pile-anchored float, the demolition of an existing building, construction of a new building, installation of a temporary building, and the repaving of existing paved areas at the property located at 7 Union Street, Assessors Map 7, Parcel 11. Work to take place within Designated Port Area, Land Under Ocean, Land Containing Shellfish, and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage/Zone AE.
2. CON-19-025 **5 Almond Street** Notice of Intent filed by David and Sharon Armistead for the expansion of an existing front deck at the property located at 5 Almond Street, Assessors Map 43B, Parcel 19. Work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage/Zone V. Work has already been completed on this project.
3. CON-19-026 **Clark Street** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by The Clark Street Real Estate Trust, David K. Sykes, Trustee, for the construction of a single-family home, with associated utilities, filling and grading at the property located at Clark Street, Assessors Map 20, Parcels 196 & 197. Work to take place within the Buffer Zone to an Intermittent Stream.
4. CON-19-027 **46 Scoticut Neck Road** Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation filed by Joshua

Alves, Alexander Grey Development LLC, requesting confirmation of a boundary delineation of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Bordering Land Subject to Flooding, at the property located at 46 Scoticut Neck Road, Assessors Map 28, Parcel 24.

5. CON-19-028 **Hiller Avenue & Timothy Street** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Robert Rodrigues for a determination of whether the proposed subdivision is subject to the jurisdiction of the Fairhaven Wetlands Bylaw based on a still-current Order of Conditions, for the property located at Hiller Avenue & Timothy Street, Assessors Map 28C, Parcels 71 & 71A. Work proposed to take place within the Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

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  
1/3/19

2. PLN-19-014 **279 & 287 Mill Road** Special Permit Amendment application filed by Clean Energy Collective LLC on behalf of the Antone Jr & Carol A Deterra Revocable Trust, pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Section 198-29.6, Solar Photovoltaic Energy Facilities (SPEF), for a proposal to add an energy storage system at two locations within the previously approved solar array at the property located at 279 & 287 Mill Road, Assessors Maps 38 & 39, Parcels 5, 6 & 32, in the Rural Residential Zoning District.

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, Director**  
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1/3/19, 1/10/19

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS Fairhaven Planning Board

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6:30 pm  
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

- 1) PLN-19-013 **20 Yankee Lane** Special Permit Amendment application filed by Clean Energy Collective LLC on behalf of Fairhaven MA 2 LLC, pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Section 198-29.6, Solar Photovoltaic Energy Facilities (SPEF), for a proposal to add an energy storage system at two locations within the previously approved solar array at the property located at 20 Yankee Lane, Assessors Map 39, Parcels 16, 23 & 30, in the Rural Residential Zoning District.

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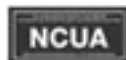
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