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## Candidates make their pitches to the public



Members of the public listen as the candidates for Fairhaven Selectboard (at table on left) answer questions from a panel at the Fairhaven Government Access candidates night on Thursday, 3/7/19, at the Fairhaven High School Library. Lisa Plante is challenging incumbent Daniel Freitas in the 4/1/19 election. See story on page 12. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva.*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Okay, Spring, you can come out now. We're waiting for you!

The election season is in full swing. We had the Government Access candidates night last week (see pages 12 & 17). Yours Truly over here got to ask a few questions. It was fun. I pulled Mary Macedo back from her escape and roped her into writing it up, since it's really weird to write about it if I'm in it, y'know?

She did a great job. I split it up because it was a bit long. One of these years the whole ballot will show up and we'll get two or three weeks out of it.

If you have some time on your hands, you should definitely watch it on TV or online. It's a chance to see the candidates in action, on the spot, before you vote.

There's one more Fairhaven candidates night on 3/29 on West Island. We won't run anything on that because our next issue after it will be after the election. Most years it's like that. But you can go in person (see page 5), or watch it on TV or online.

That one can get really fun because members of the public are allowed to ask questions. So, if you have a question you want to ask, that's your chance.

Acushnet is also holding its annual candidates night, and they have a contested Selectboard race, too. See page 9 or 16 for details on that.

The New Bedford Half Marathon is this weekend, and so is St. Patrick's Day. They just both happen to fall on Sunday. Lots of fun stuff at some of our advertisers' places, especially if you like corned beef and cabbage. Just thumb through and see for yourself, who's doing what. See page 10 for details on the half marathon, where to go to watch it, or which streets to avoid and when.

The happenings pages are starting to get pretty jam-packed. Spring events are happening, whether Old Man Winter clings on or not. We know the old codger can't hold on much longer, so check out those big doings on pages 5, 8, and 9.

It's time to come out of hibernation. Daylight Saving (no "s"...who knew?) Time has arrived.

Until next week then...see ya,

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Getty station keeps license

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard voted to allow Fairhaven Getty to keep its license at its 2/27/19 meeting. The board has been grappling with how to handle a variety of violations by owner Hatem El Rifai, including too many cars on the lot, blocked fire lane, and cars on the street.

Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Agent Kristian White and Town Administrator Mark Rees worked with the Mr. El Rifai and his attorney, Robert Perry, to draft changes to the license to make it easier for Mr. El Rifai to be in compliance. The new regulations include four fewer spaces for used cars on sale, to allow for more spots for repairs and other customers. The business must also paint stripes so it is clear where cars can park.

The business must also provide an engineered plan showing the new layout. All the changes must be done by mid-May, Mr. Rees told the board.

The business agreed to all the changes, he said, but they were "silent" on the recommendation that the business pay \$52/week for weekly inspections to ensure compliance.

Mr. Perry said he was purposely silent on that point.

"It seems unduly punitive, quite honestly," Mr. Perry told the board.

He said to conduct weekly inspections, force the business to pay for them, with no end date, is excessive, especially since they agreed with all the other changes.

He said that Mr. El Rifai will have to spend an "awful lot of money" on the changes, which include fixing a fence and planting arbor vitae in addition to the striping and layout plan.

"It just seems a little over the top, is my position on that one...you've got the bull whip here," said Mr. Perry, adding that he hoped they would agree that the money Mr. El Rifai is already going to spend to satisfy the board and make up for this "indiscretions" would be enough. "I think he's already pretty well punished here."

He added that the business is losing four used car spots, "and they're pretty valuable."

Selectboard member Charles Murphy asked if the board had ever required any other business to pay for inspections.

Mr. Rees offered a compromise:

That the town will not charge them for the inspections while they are working on the premises to comply.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola said he could go along with that but he wanted to make it clear that if there were any issues after the May date that the charge would "absolutely" be part of it. He said he sees Mr. White working late many nights, so it is clear that the extra inspections are taking him away from other work he needs to be doing.

The board agreed not to charge the \$52 unless other violations are discovered, then they will start charging it.

Mr. Perry noted that the business faced a number of "false complaints," and he told the board that those would not stop.

It is no secret that Louis Baptiste from RRR Autos across the street keeps an eagle eye out on his

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If you don't make him  
pay....he's not gonna  
be in compliance  
[Louis Baptiste]

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competition and calls regularly when he finds a violation.

Selectboard Chairperson Daniel Freitas said he received some complaints himself from various people. He said the former building inspector would then go and say there was no problem, even though Mr. Freitas said he saw some problems with his own eyes. He said the former Building Inspector had "blindness on at some point."

"I don't have anything against you," Mr. Freitas told Mr. El Rifai, adding that it had been on the agenda four or five times and has been dragging on for months.

He said he wanted to have things happen automatically instead of having them go before the board again in May. If they comply, the license stays in effect, if not, it automatically is revoked.

Mr. El Rifai said he only gets complaints from his "competition," and motioned toward Mr. Baptiste,

sitting in the public area.

"This person here, it's all from this person here," said Mr. El Rifai, adding that all his customers respect him and trust him.

Both Mr. Perry and Mr. El Rifai objected when Mr. Freitas motioned to allow Mr. Baptiste to speak. Mr. Perry noted that at the last meeting none of Mr. El Rifai's supporters were allowed to speak.

Mr. El Rifai said he would have had his supporters with him but he was told last time they could not speak.

"My decision is, he's gonna talk," said Mr. Freitas.

Mr. Baptiste said that the Getty station has been way over the number of cars allowed, not just by a few. He said the town needs to check the business every week or it will not be in compliance. He also said that the Getty should have a special permit according to the bylaws.

Mr. Baptiste singled out Mr. Murphy, saying he does not want to enforce the bylaws, no matter what the Getty station does.

Mr. Baptiste said he had to spend a lot of money to comply with his license and that everyone should have to live by the same rules.

"I had to jump through hoops to get my license," said Mr. Baptiste, and noted that a mistake was found and he lost some spots, too, this year.

"If you don't make him pay....he's not gonna be in compliance," said Mr. Baptiste.

"For the record," said Mr. Murphy. "I do believe in the town bylaws," adding that he did not "appreciate that comment."

"It's a fact," said Mr. Baptiste.

"I did not appreciate it," said Mr. Murphy.

The motion passed to extend the permit to May 22, when the board has a meeting.

Mr. El Rifai, though, did not let the meeting end quite yet. He asked Mr. Freitas why he was the only one who had to stripe his lot.

That's what he agreed to, noted Mr. Freitas, and told Mr. Perry that if Mr. El Rifai gets caught doing anything it would not bode well. He said if he knew he was being watched, he'd be 100%, and that they could not stop anyone from complaining.

Mr. El Rifai acknowledged that he agreed, but said he was the only one

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**The Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust**

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## WI Candidates Night

The West Island Improvement Association will hold its annual candidates' night on **Wed., 3/27, at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30) at the WIIA Community House, 41 Causeway Rd., Fairhaven.** Refreshments will be served. Come share your views and listen to the issues. Be sure to VOTE on Monday, 4/1!!

## Book Group

When you read "The Sun and Her Flowers" the next book chosen by the Millicent Library's Book Group, you will be reading a "collection of poems about grief, self-abandonment, honoring one's roots, love, and empowering oneself."

The selection written by best selling author Rupi Kaur will be discussed at Fairhaven's Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, on **Thurs., 3/21, at 10 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 from the library's website, <http://www.millicentlibrary.org> For more info, please call Norma Markey at 508-993-3745.

## Sewer Main Work

The Fairhaven Sewer Department will be replacing the sewer main on **Pilgrim Avenue beginning Monday, March 18, 2019.** We will begin work at the pumping station and proceed to Main Street over the course of the project. We expect the work to be completed by March 27th, weather permitting. **The street will be closed to traffic from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. each day of construction** and there will be no parking on the street itself between those hours. Access to your home will be limited during the day, but the sewer department personnel will make every effort to accommodate its neighbors.

Water and sewer usage will not be interrupted during this construction, but there will be a green bypass line running through 5 and 15 Pilgrim Avenue, as well as the Royal and Northeast Maritime properties. We will make sure that rubbish collection is not interrupted as well.

If you have any questions or experience any issues while we are

working please do not hesitate to call the BPW office at 508-979-4030. Linda Schick will be coordinating the work on this project and will be available for any questions at either the phone number listed above, or via email at: [lschick@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:lschick@fairhaven-ma.gov).

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

## Little Mermaid

The Fairhaven High School Drama Club will present Disney's "**The Little Mermaid**" from **Thurs., 3/28-Sat., 3/30, at 7 p.m.; and Sun., 3/31, at 2 p.m.** Don't miss your chance to party "Under The Sea" with Ariel and friends! Relive this classic tale with this fantastic on stage adaptation! This family-friendly classic features all of the songs you know and love as well as some new music you have never heard before! Relive your favorite classic or experience it for the first time. This production features complex special effects, phenomenal acting, and singing!

Tickets will go fast so pick up yours today!

Tickets are \$12 for students/seniors and \$15 for adults and are on sale Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. at the Fairhaven High School Box office (Larch St. entrance). Contact Jeremy Young at [jyoung@fairhavenps.net](mailto:jyoung@fairhavenps.net) for more info.

Join us for a **special meet-and-greet on 3/24 from 12-2** at the high school. We will be giving tech demos, will have cast members in costume and will be offering pictures with the cast. **It is \$5 to enter and \$10 for a professional photo** with the cast that will be signed by the cast members.

## Limerick Contest

### Limericks Are Back!

The Second Annual Millicent's Limerick Contest is open! Entry forms are available at the library, on the library's homepage (<http://www.millicentlibrary.org>), or by emailing [friendsofmillicentlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmillicentlibrary@gmail.com). **The deadline for entries is 5 p.m. April 12,** and winners will be announced at a party on Saturday, April 27, at 1 p.m.

New this year is a **limerick-writing workshop, at 11 a.m., Sat., 3/23, in the library auditorium, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, Walnut St. entrance.** Whether you're new to limerick

writing or your poetic genius needs some fine-tuning, the workshop will be a big help.

The contest is open to people of all ages, with separate prizes for contestants 9 or younger, 10 to 18, and 19+. The judges this year are Cheryl Day (one of last year's winners), Tim Evans, and Mark Badwey.

A special bonus prize in the sports category will go to the person who writes the best limerick whose first line ends in Gronkowski.

Prizes have been generously donated by Cleary's Pub, Emma Jean's, the Euro Store, Kenny's Garden Center, Mac's Soda Bar, Oxford Creamery, Pasta House, and Wah May.

## FALPT Meeting

The Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust will hold its 2019 Annual Members Meeting on **Mon., 3/18, at 6 p.m.** in the Millicent Library Auditorium, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Use Walnut Street Entrance.

## Seeking FHS yearbooks

The Millicent Library is in the process of digitizing all the yearbooks from Fairhaven High School from the school's first year until the present. Unfortunately, the library is missing three years: 1998, 1999, 2005. If you have a copy of these, please consider helping out. You do not have to donate the books, although it would be great if you did. The library only needs to borrow them for the scanning process.

If you have any of these yearbooks, please contact archivist Debbie Charpentier at [dcharpentier@sailsinc.org](mailto:dcharpentier@sailsinc.org)

## Scholarships

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars has more than 25 scholarship opportunities available for high school seniors.

The application period closes on April 20, 2019.

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# Rapoza Family donates FHS drawing to Millicent Library



John Rapoza and his family donated a drawing of Fairhaven High School, created by their father Joseph Rapoza, a former art teacher at FHS, to The Millicent Library. Library Director Carolyn Longworth gratefully accepted the gift for the library on Saturday, March 8. Friends of the Millicent Library's Board member Janice Randall, a teaching colleague of Mr. Rapoza, sought support from the Friends to honor his memory with a plaque attached to one of the 100 new chairs purchased from public donations for the library by the Friends. Her contact to inform family members of the donation led to the reciprocated gift of Mr. Rapoza's drawing of Fairhaven High School to the Millicent Library. Beth Luey, President of the Friends, assisted Ms. Randall in welcoming the family members to the ceremony. ABOVE: Carolyn Longworth, Director of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven, accepts a drawing from John Rapoza at a ceremony on 3/18/19. The sketch was created by Mr. Rapoza's father Joseph. Submitted photo.

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# Pet CPR class is great success, sign up for the next one soon

From Fairhaven Animal Control  
Officer Terry Cripps

What a turn out! Thank you to everyone who came out for our Pet CPR & First Aid Training, held on March 10 at the Fairhaven Police Department classroom.

The idea originally came to mind when we were presented with the situation of a choking dog and realized we didn't know the proper techniques or training. We contacted Paws N Claws 911 and realized what success they have had.

All of our volunteers had the opportunity to get the training paid for on behalf of us. We hope they never have to use it but if an emergency ever were to happen with any of our residents they now have the training. Also a special thanks to Gail Isaksen for her generous donation that was used for our volunteers to get this proper training.

We then opened up the course to the community: Any dog sitters,



TOP: A group of animal caretakers and members of the community pose for a shot on 3/10/19 after taking a pet CPR class in the Fairhaven Police Department training room. ABOVE: Members of the group practice pet CPR on stuffed animals. Photos courtesy of Fairhaven Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps,

doggy day cares, groomers, and most importantly any pet parents! An emergency can happen at any time, at any place and animals are different than humans. This course was very informative and we gained the skills and confidence that we will need in case of an emergency.

We hope to never have to use these skills but we are now properly trained if an emergency were to ever occur.

If you are interested in attending the next course, please contact the Fairhaven Animal Shelter, 508-979-4028. For more information, visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/animal-officer>, or find the Fairhaven Animal Shelter on Facebook. The shelter is located at 200 Bridge St., Fairhaven.



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**Tues., 3/19, 88 Hatch St., #213, New Bedford, with an American Heart Association Instructor**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Class size limited to 12 per class. Questions/Registrations: Send an e-mail to Elaine Vercellone at [evnjemt@gmail.com](mailto:evnjemt@gmail.com) or text/phone call to: 201-388-0225

\*\*\*CPR Certification Classes for BLS/Healthcare Providers as well as HeartsaverCPR/AED Courses are also available at this location or on site.

## NB Half Marathon

The 42nd Annual New Bedford Half Marathon is Sun., 3/17, at 11 a.m. Starts near New Bedford City Hall on Pleasant St. See page 10 for details

## YTI Play

The gripping drama of survival *Kindertransport* by Diane Samuels will open on March 14, 2019, at YTI's accessible space at 136 Rivet St., New Bedford. Directed by Your Theatre's Edward J. Maguire of Fairhaven the play runs for two Thursdays through Sundays: March 14, 15, 16, 17 and 21, 22, 23, 24. Curtain time is 7:30 PM for all performances except the 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinees. 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](mailto:info@yourtheatre.org), or visit [www.yourtheatre.org](http://www.yourtheatre.org).

Just before the outbreak of the Second World War, Britain took in over 10,000 mostly Jewish refugee children from Europe. The rescue effort was known as *Kindertransport*.

Separated from their families and fostered out to British homes, most of the children never saw their parents again. Diane Samuels' extraordinary play is about this emergency immigration and its effect over time on generations. Based on real accounts, centering on the experience of one child, Eva, *Kindertransport* tells a powerful story of survival.

It begins in 1939 when 9-year-old Eva is helped to pack her case by her mother Helga in Hamburg. Nearly fifty years later, Faith discovers a box of papers and photos in her mother Evelyn's attic and wants to know the truth about who this Eva actually is.

Diane Samuels' play traces the way memory, remembered and forgotten, deeply affects the present. As such, *Kindertransport* is a story that transcends time and remains particularly relevant today. Aside from its political and historical context, at its core, the play is centered on a universal human experience, the inevitable separation between a child and parent.

## March for Life F-R

Masquerade Gala To benefit the American Cancer Society, **Sat., 3/23, at 6 p.m., Whaler Inn & Suites, 500 Hathaway Road, New Bedford**

**Tickets: \$40**, includes Dinner, Dancing, Raffles, entertainment by DJ Jordan Paiva. Survivor Fashion Show sponsored by Party Dress Express and Main Street Formals

For more information, contact American Cancer Society, Inc., Northeast Region, 1324 Belmont Street Suite 204 -101, Brockton, MA 02301, [cancer.org](http://cancer.org), 1.800.227.2345

## Teen Art Reception

Celebrate 15 Years of TAIP (Teen Art Internship Program)! This exciting program pairs high school students with an established local artist to create new artworks for a culminating exhibition that opens this Friday and runs to 5/5.

FREE Opening Reception: Fri., 3/15 from 5-7 p.m., NB Art Museum, 608 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA 02740; [www.newbedfordart.org](http://www.newbedfordart.org)

## Dock-U-Mentary

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, in partnership with the New Bedford Whaling National Historical

Park, is pleased to present *Ruthie B*, *Ruthie B* as the Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on Fri., 3/15, at 7 p.m., in the theater at the Corson Maritime Learning Center, at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William Street. FREE and open to the public. This film provides an intimate portrait of a fishing family; the story of Captain Bill Blount and his wife Ruth, the last offshore fishing family on Nantucket. Bill spent more than a half century fishing and even built and designed the boat he named F/V Ruthie B. Learn about their struggles to stay afloat financially and Bill's determination to pursue a career that gives him satisfaction if not monetary rewards. Recently Bill and Ruth relocated to New Bedford and will be attending the screening to answer questions following the film.

For more information, please email [programs@fishingheritagecenter.org](mailto:programs@fishingheritagecenter.org) or call (508) 993-8894.

## Fish Fry FR

The officers and board of directors of the Club Madeirense S.S. Sacramento of New Bedford are pleased to announce the formation of a Vocational Award Committee. This Committee will grant, each year, financial awards to those deserving high school students entering a trade.

Join us at our **Fish Fry, all proceeds will go for Vocational Awards. Fish Fry, Fri., 3/22, 5-8 p.m., Club Sport Madeirense, 626 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA. 02746; \$15 per person**

For Fish Fry tickets contact: Steve Duarte, [duartes1953@aol.com](mailto:duartes1953@aol.com) or 508.728.2708; Brandon Travers, [Btt72@comcast.net](mailto:Btt72@comcast.net) or 508.951.3809; Tim Rodrigues, [timothy.rodrigues@gnbvt.edu](mailto:timothy.rodrigues@gnbvt.edu); or Club S.S. Sacramento, Inc. 508.992.6911

## SAVE THE DATE:

### LGBTQ Winter Film Series

*Transgender Teens & Family Dynamics Highlighted in Latest Film. The Series continues on 3/31 at 1 p.m. at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB.* The third film, *3 Generations*, showcases the life of a young trans boy named Ray (Elle Fanning) who has a family struggling with the transition and family secrets.

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Acush Cand night

ACTION will hold its annual candidates night on Thurs., 3/21, at 6 p.m., at the Acushnet Senior Centr, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet. All candidates have been invited to participate. Candidates will face questions from a moderator and the public. All Acushnet residents are encouraged to attend

## Author Event

The Wareham Historical Society is Celebrating Women's History Month with Author, Beth Luey on **Mon., 3/18, at 7 p.m., at the Methodist Meeting House, 495 Main St., Wareham, MA 02571**

The Wareham Historical Society will proudly host author, Beth Luey, who will present a program about the life and homes of Louisa May Alcott. Generations of readers feel a part of the March family, but the Alcott family, on whom the Marches are based, was much more complicated and interesting. Ms. Luey will talk about the houses where the stories took place and how the families came to live there.

Beth Luey retired as director of the Scholarly Publishing Program at Arizona State University in 2006 and moved to Fairhaven, MA After working at the Adams Family Papers at the Massachusetts Historical Society, she began writing books about historic houses. Her books include; *House Stories: The meanings of Home in a New England Town*, *At Home: Historic Houses of Eastern Massachusetts* and *At Home: Historic Houses of Central and Western Massachusetts*.

Refreshments will be served after the program. **Admission: members-free, non-members: \$2.00.**

For more information about this program or the Wareham Historical Society, please call Angela M. Dunham, President at 508-295-8578

## Free Film

As part of the One Book, Tri-Town Series focused on the novel *The Muralist* by B. A. Shapiro, the public libraries of Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester are screening *Pollock* at the Mattapoisett Library on Wed., 3/20 at 6 pm.

The film stars Ed Harris as Jackson Pollock and Marcia Gay Harden as his

wife and fellow artist Lee Krasner. It opens at the end of the 1940s with the abstract expressionist living a rough life in lower Manhattan, exhibiting only occasionally. He meets Lee Krasner who sees his talent and comes to oversee his life and career, working to keep him sober and focused on his work. He does experience success and fame, as well as a sad and ugly return to his old ways. Rated R, the film ends as abruptly as his life.

One of the films strengths is its depicting of the art scene of the period, its patrons and party-goers. Other well known artists are also woven throughout.

The public is welcome to this free event. The library is located at 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett.

## Woman's Club Mtg

On Thurs., 3/21, the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will hold their **luncheon and meeting at 11:00 a.m. in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett, Mass.**

Our guest speaker is Mr. Robert Field, Principal, (W) Field Engineering Co., Inc. Mr. Field holds degrees in agriculture and civil engineering and will give a presentation about his oyster farming operation in Hammonds Cove.

For more information about our meeting or our Club, please contact Christine Voss at 508-758-3348 or visit our website at <http://www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org>.

## Free Movie

The Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture is a proud sponsor of the US Premiere of the Portuguese film *Soldado Milhões* (English Subtitles), featuring actor Ivo Canelas at the premiere on **Mon., 3/18, at 3 p.m., UMassD Charlton College of Business.** Movie, followed by Q&A with the actor. Free admission, CCB 149. Light refreshments. UMD, 285 Old Westport Rd., No. Dartmouth, MA 02747

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## Rummage Sale

Clothes, accessories, toys, household, domestics, knick-knacks, books, DVDs, etc. New & special items (in the Boutique). Fri., 3/29, 1-7 p.m. & Sat., 3/30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Julie Billiard Church Hall, 494 Slocum Rd., Dartmouth, MA. Sat. noon-1 p.m., 50% off (excludes items in Boutique)

## Wreath Workshop

Create your own Spring Wreath Workshop with Jean Ashworth Fri., 3/29 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Julie's Hall, 494 Slocum Rd., Dartmouth. Tickets \$35 include 18" grapevine wreath & bow. Light refreshments. **Call 508-971-7402 by Mar. 20.** Hosted by St. Julie's Ladies Guild

## Weird New England

The Acushnet Public Library welcomes New England Legends with Jeff Belanger. This multi-media program will take place on **Mon., 3/25 at 6:30 pm.** This free event will be held in the Library Community Room at 232 Middle Rd, Acushnet, MA 02743. Take a multimedia journey through the history, oddities, paranormal, and just plain weird side of New England. This program is constantly changing and is tailored to include stories from the region where the performance is taking place.

Jeff Belanger is one of the most visible and prolific researchers of folklore and legends today. He's the award-winning, Emmy-nominated host, writer, and producer of the New England Legends series on PBS and Amazon Prime, and is the author of over a dozen books on the paranormal (published in six languages). He also hosts the New England Legends weekly podcast.

Books will be available for sale and signing. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library.

## Unclaimed Prop.

Mass. State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg announced the latest grouping of names that have been added to the state's list of unclaimed property owners. Visit [www.findmassmoney.com](http://www.findmassmoney.com) or call our live call center at 888-344-MASS (6277).

## Recipe of the Week

### Orange Bundt Cake

2 sticks unsalted butter  
 3 cups flour  
 1 tsp baking powder  
 1 3/4 cups sugar  
 2 tbsps orange liqueur (such as Grand Marnier Cordon Rouge)  
 2 tbsps orange juice  
 1 tbsp orange zest  
 2 tpsps vanilla  
 5 large eggs  
 3/4 cup buttermilk

Preheat oven to 350°. Butter and flour a 10-cup bundt pan. Beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in orange liqueur, orange juice, orange zest and vanilla; add eggs one at a time until mixed in; add flour alternately with buttermilk, starting and ending with flour.

Spoon batter into prepared pan. Gently tap on counter a few times to remove bubbles. Bake in a 350° oven, rotating at least once, for 1 hour, 5 minutes or until done.

By Chanda Coutinho

## NB Half Marathon this Sunday

City of New Bedford Press Release

One Sunday, 3/17/19, thousands of runners will participate in the 42nd Annual New Bedford Half Marathon. The race is hosted by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, a New Bedford-based fraternal organization, and the City of New Bedford. The course is a challenging one that includes two major hills, features waterfront views, and will be lined with hundreds of volunteers and cheering fans.

Organizers have taken great care to ensure that the NB Half Marathon continues to maintain its reputation as one of the safest races in New England. More than 120 New Bedford police officers will patrol the course and ambulances staffed by New Bedford Emergency Medical Services will be stationed throughout the city. The New Bedford Police Department has asked runners and spectators not to bring bags to the course as backpacks, suitcases and rolling bags will not be permitted near the start/finish area. The NBPD also asks that spectators and runners alike report any suspicious activity to one of the many police officers available throughout the course leading up to,

during, and after the race.

Parking on the race course will not be permitted and the race course is closed to vehicular traffic. Residents are advised to plan ahead as traffic will be restricted from approximately 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Residents who live in the south end of the city, especially those who live on the peninsula, should plan to leave before 10:30 a.m. and return after 1:30 p.m. Residents are encouraged to avoid Rte. 18 southbound from Union Street south while the race is underway.

The NBPD has identified two alternative routes for persons wishing to gain access inside the course perimeter. Persons who may be visiting a patient at St. Luke's Hospital or who need access to the inner perimeter for other reasons should consider the following routes:

1. Rt. 195 Eastbound to Penniman St. exit to County to Parker to Cottage.
2. Rt. 195 Westbound to Downtown Exit to Rt. 18 Southbound to Rt. 6 exit (Downtown) to Mill St. to Cottage St.

Mayor Jon Mitchell has announced that the City of New Bedford will offer

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# Candidates make their pitches to the voters

By Mary Macedo

## Neighb News Correspondent

On Thursday, 3/7 Fairhaven candidates pitched their messages to the public at the annual Government Access Channel's candidates' night held at Fairhaven High School. The event is running on Channel 18 for Comcast customers, and is available online at <https://www.fairhaventv.com>. The election is on Monday, 4/1.

Town Moderator Mark Sylvia emceed the event. Each candidate made a statement and then answered questions by three panelists: Editor Beth David from the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News*; Montana Samuels from *Southcoast Today*; and Mira Yin, a Fairhaven High School senior, National Honor Society member and school representative to the Fairhaven School Committee.

The first to speak were the Selectboard candidates. Voters will vote for one candidate for a three-year term.

Incumbent Dan Freitas told voters that he is a lifelong resident of Fairhaven and has raised his two daughters in Fairhaven's great school system; he has been a town meeting member for 25 years, served on the Board of Public Works for five years, and is finishing his first term on the Selectboard.



Lisa Plante, Selectboard Candidate

In his first term Mr. Freitas said he was able to assist in getting a better town website that allows residents to apply for permits and make payments. He said in his first term they were able to start the sale of the Rogers School and guarantee no changes to the outside of the building.

Mr. Freitas said that he has also been working to get more businesses in Fairhaven to fill vacant storefronts. The Selectboard has also helped increase Fairhaven's bond rating from a AA to AAA.

If elected to a second term Mr. Freitas said he would like to assist in getting a public safety complex built, and get moving on the renovation and expansion

of the sewage treatment plant. He also said he wants to keep the cost of that project down as much as possible.

He said he wants to be available to hear from the residents and work for them to make the town the best it can be.

"Dan, I'm glad to see you're looking me in the eye because it has to do with my first question," Ms. David said, starting the rounds of questions.

She explained that she and Mr. Freitas have had a few conflicts in the past. Ms. David said that conflicts among journalists and elected officials are common and that she has clashed with almost everyone, but her conflict with Mr. Freitas has been different from the others, because Mr. Freitas has chosen not to speak to her, acknowledge her, or return any of her calls or emails. She said Mr. Freitas has also called her newspaper "fake news" on social media as well as less directly in open public meetings.

Ms. David asked Mr. Freitas why he thinks it is okay to treat the press that way and why should residents believe that he will not treat them the same way if a resident disagrees with him?

"I think this is more about you than me," Mr. Freitas responded.

He said that anyone who has come in front of him he has treated fairly. Mr. Freitas told Ms. David that it is true that he will not speak to her because he does not want to engage in a back and forth argument with her.

Mr. Freitas noted to Ms. David that at the end of Selectboard meetings she goes right to [Town Administrator] Mark [Rees] to ask questions and never asks Mr. Freitas, which, he stated, was fine with him. He also said that Ms. David takes his words out of context, but he does not read her newspaper, he only hears about it from others.

Mr. Freitas said he said he does not say bad things about Ms. David, and added that he would rather have a question about anything else, not their conflict.

"I treat all fairly, as far as I'm concerned," Mr. Freitas said.

Mr. Samuels asked Mr. Freitas if he could go into detail on how the Selectboard will manage funds differently.

Mr. Freitas said that the Selectboard has met with the Town Administrator on a few Saturdays for workshops to set goals and to discuss how to manage, maintain, and improve the town.

Ms. Yin asked Mr. Freitas what he will do to help improve education.

Mr. Freitas explained that the school

committee is looking to hire teachers to help teach workforce related skills. He said he would like help get the money to hire teachers for workforce learning.

Ms. David had a second question for Mr. Freitas. She explained that she had some concern with changes happening on the waterfront and what it could mean for the fishing industry in Fairhaven, and the danger of losing a working waterfront.

Mr. Freitas said that he is 100% behind the fishermen. He explained that the fishermen are on his mind as much as every other industry in Fairhaven. He



Dan Freitas, Selectboard Incumbent

said that he does not answer to the Town Administrator, and he works for the town and the residents.

Ms. David followed up by asking what he would like to see at Union Wharf and especially where the permit had been approved for an over-the-water platform.

Mr. Freitas said that he would love to see a fish market there.

Lisa Plante, who is challenging Mr. Freitas for his seat, told voters that she has also been a long time resident of Fairhaven and actually went to school with Mr. Freitas.

She said she has been a town meeting member for over 20 years, has served on the Commission on Disabilities, and has been on the Finance Committee for eight years, two as the Vice Chairperson. Ms. Plante said she believes the town needs to be fiscally conservative and that town government has become too big too fast.

"We need to keep up with what we have created," Ms. Plante said.

She said she believes her experience on the finance committee will be helpful if she is elected to the Selectboard. She said she would make sure residents' voices are heard, and that she would be open and honest with the public. She also said that she admired the Selectboard for having office hours to speak to residents, and she would do the

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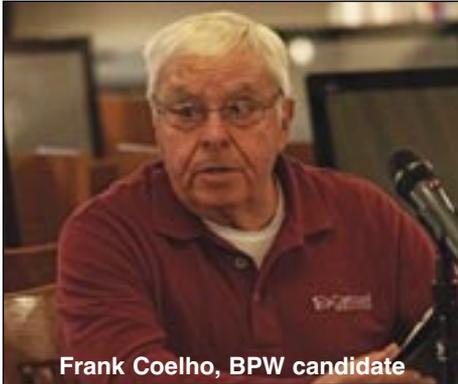
same.

Ms. Plante said that sitting in the Selectboard seat is important and that she does not take it lightly. She said she wants to do the best for the town, not for herself.

Ms. David noted that Ms. Plante has been very outspoken in public and has stated strong opinions on subjects. Ms. David asked Ms. Plante if she will have an open mind with residents or if she will "stick to her guns" no matter what.

Ms. Plante admitted that she has been outspoken and says what she feels, sometimes with no filter. She said she has learned from being on FinCom that she needs to reflect and think before speaking.

Ms. Plante also said she will always be fair, transparent, and honest whether it makes her look good or bad, and she will represent the people of the town. She said it is not about herself or her opinion; what is best for the town comes first.



Frank Coelho, BPW candidate

Mr. Samuels asked what Ms. Plante meant by the town government getting too big too fast.

Ms. Plante answered that Fairhaven recently added new positions in departments quickly. The town needs to be careful and fiscally responsible with taxpayer money.

Ms. Plante said the town needs to make sure police and fire have enough workers, and that schools have adequate funding to keep them at the high level they have reached. She said there has been more growth on the government side of things and the town needs to be careful.

Ms. Yin asked Ms. Plante what she thinks the most important characteristic is a Selectboard member.

Ms. Plante said a person needs to be fair, impartial, honest, and available at all times for residents.

Ms. David explained that Fairhaven has fees for parking, beaches, etc. She said it would be nice to have free places to go, and she asked Ms. Plante how she

felt about fees considering Ms. Plante said she thinks the town needs to be conservative with money.

Ms. Plante agreed that there need to be more free places to go. She explained that when she says conservative she does not mean taking every penny from people, but that the town needs to watch where the money is being spent.

The next race was the School Committee, with two seats up for election, although there is not a contested race. Incumbent Stasia Powers is running for re-election, but there will be no candidate name on the second line. Kyle Bueno is running a write-in campaign, and did attend the candidates night.

Ms. Powers told voters she has lived in Fairhaven for 20 years and has three children who have gone through the public schools. She said she started the junior tennis program, coaches her daughter's basketball team, and helped facilitate building the trails behind the schools. Ms. Powers said she does it all for the kids and wants them to have the best education possible.

She told voters that she has been on the SC for 12 years, and when she first got elected, the district was reeling from scandal, the buildings had maintenance issues, the district had a bad quality audit from the state, and there was a lot of tension within the town.

Ms. Powers said that now the schools are doing amazing and enrollment has grown. She said they have forward thinking administration and amazing teachers.

Ms. Powers said in the future they want to spend funds wisely, focus on improvement and the hiring of innovation pathway teachers.

Ms. David asked Ms. Powers what specific policies she advocates for keeping students safe in the schools,

Ms. Powers explained that they are focused on prevention and on the social emotional wellness of the students and making sure that no student is ignored. She said every student has an adult that pays attention. They also have a civil rights policy and that bullying is being prevented or stopped before it gets out of control. Ms. Powers also cautioned, though, that some of the measures taken in regards to school safety cannot be made public.

Mr. Samuels asked what discussions will be had regarding recreational marijuana being legalized and how it will affect students.

Ms. Powers said that she would like to educate students on the effects of drugs,

as well as parents on the signs of drug use. She said that students do get education on drugs in their health classes.

Ms. Yin asked Ms. Powers what she would like to see accomplished in the future.

Ms. Powers said she hopes to see school budgets brought up to a fair level across the districts throughout the state. She said she would also like to expand on technology, bring back full-year science and social studies for the sixth grade, and bring back math and literacy coaches.

Ms. David also asked if the SC will be sure to keep up with the maintenance of the existing school buildings, including two new ones, and not let them fall into disrepair like the Oxford and Rogers schools did.

Ms. Powers said those schools were neglected for a long time and it was not economically feasible to renovate them, so they had to build two new schools.



Albert Martin, BPW candidate

She said things have already needed to be fixed in the new elementary schools and the district has been staying on top of it.

She added that the middle school needed a new roof, new windows, and new doors, and those renovations were done.

She added that they have submitted plans to the town to renovate the old part of the High School building.

"We are staying on top of it," Ms. Powers said.

Write-in candidate Kyle Bueno stated that he was the student rep for the School Committee when he went to Fairhaven High. He said he is a first generation American and attended Fairhaven schools his whole life. He noted that he played violin, soccer, and was class of 2014 president for four years.

Mr. Bueno said he went to Bridgewater State for economics,

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Join us for the eleventh annual flashlight egg hunt. Children will search for their eggs on the Recreation center grounds and return them to the Easter Bunny for a special treat. Don't forget to bring your flashlight & camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny. In event of Rain, event will be held indoors at the Center. Date: April 12th Time: 7:30 PM Place: Recreation Center Ages: 10 and under. \$5 due at registration. **Deadline to register is Tuesday April 9th. No late registrations** will be accepted. No walk-ins will be allowed on the night of the event.

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## Special Activities

### Meet and Greet

Brad Fish, Fairhaven's New Veterans Agent, Monday March 18th 2019 from 1-2:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Enjoy coffee and pastry and hear about what Brad has to offer the Veterans of Fairhaven.

### Weather Cancellations

If we have any amount of snow accumulation, there will be no shopping that day and activities may be cancelled. Call the Senior Center (508-979-4029) to confirm. So please stock up on non-perishable food items. If the Town Hall is closed because of bad weather, the Fairhaven Senior Center will also be closed.

### Southcoast VNA & Hospice

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

### Sewing Circle

Mondays 1-3 p.m., Mar. 18; and Thursdays 5:45-8 p.m., Mar. 14, 21, 28. Call 508-979-4029 for additional dates.

### Computer Technology for Seniors

9-10:00 a.m. Participants must sign up at the main desk at the Senior Center. Bring your own laptops. The first 10 to sign up will be accepted. March 4, 6, 8, March 11, 13, 15. Unlimited number for 18, 20, 23. all classes are from 9-10:00 a.m.. Please call the Fairhaven COA to sign up.

### Got Talent?

The Fairhaven Rotary Club will be sponsoring the fourth Annual Senior Talent Showcase, Sunday, April 28 from 1-4:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Town Hall. If you are a senior with a special talent that you would like to perform at the show, please contact Melissa Kurcharski at 508-330-4837 or [Melissa@fsuinc.com](mailto:Melissa@fsuinc.com)

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# Acushnet news

## Acushnet Candidates Night

ACTION will hold its annual candidates night on Thurs., 3/21, at 6 p.m., at the Acushnet Senior Centr, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet. All candidates have been invited to participate. Candidates will face questions from a moderator and the public. All Acushnet residents are encouraged to attend



## Dog License Reminder

Dog Licenses are now available in the Town Clerk's Office. All dogs (indoor and outdoor) 6 months or older must be licensed

by the Town Clerk. Each license is valid from January 1, 2019 thru December 31.

### COSTS

- \$10.00: Spayed females and neutered males; \$15.00 for all unaltered dogs
- \$20.00: Kennel license for 3-4 dogs
- \$50.00: Kennel license for 5-15 dogs
- \$100.00: Kennel License for over 15 dogs

According to the Town of Acushnet By-Laws, all owners are required to license their dog(s) between January 1st and March 31st of each calendar year. If an owner obtains or takes possession of a dog(s) after March 31st, he/she must license their dog(s) within three months of possession. Failure to license will result in a \$50.00 citation fee and a late fee of \$15.00 for each unlicensed dog.

Failure to vaccinate your animals against rabies will also result in a \$100.00 citation fee for each animal. mPlease remember, State Law requires that you present a valid rabies vaccination certificate of dogs 3 months and older to the Town Clerk prior to licensing.

To license your pet by mail, please send us a copy of the rabies certificate from your Veterinarian, a check payable to the "Town of Acushnet," 130 Main St., Acushnet, MA 02743 and a self-addressed stamped envelope. The Town Clerk's Office will promptly return your rabies certificate, along with your 2019 Dog License and tag.

If you have any questions, please

call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-998-0215.

Office hours are Monday, Wednesday & Thursday - 8:00 a.m. thru 4:00 p.m., Tuesday 8:00 a.m. thru 7:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. thru 11:30 a.m.



## Rabies Clinic

Acushnet will hold its 2019 Rabies Clinic on Sun., 3/24, at the Acushnet Town Barn, 700 Middle Road, from 9 a.m.-noon.

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# FHA Candidate makes his pitch to voters

By Mary Macedo

## Neighb News Correspondent

On Thursday, 3/7 Fairhaven candidates pitched their messages to the public at the annual Government Access Channel's candidates' night held at Fairhaven High School. The event is running on Channel 18 for Comcast customers, and is available online at <https://www.fairhaventv.com>. The election is on Monday, 4/1.

Town Moderator Mark Sylvia emceed the event. Each candidate made a statement and then answered questions by three panelists: Editor Beth David from the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News*; Montana Samuels from *Southcoast Today*; and Mira Yin, a Fairhaven High School senior, National Honor Society member and school representative to the Fairhaven School Committee.

The Fairhaven Housing Authority has a contested race, with incumbent Anne Silveira facing a challenge from Nick Sylvia. Ms. Silveira did not attend the candidates night, but Mr. Sylvia did face the panel.

In his statement Mr. Sylvia said that he is a business owner and

attorney and wants to help administer affordable housing for the elderly, disabled, longtime Fairhaven residents and veterans. Mr. Sylvia said he wants FHA residents to be proud of their homes.



Nick Sylvia, Housing Authority Cand.

Ms. David asked about who gets into the housing authority apartments and what the preference is, specifically noting that in recent years, veterans have been getting top priority even if they are not Fairhaven residents.

Mr. Sylvia said he did not believe it

should be automatic that a veteran is selected over everyone. He said it should be about the resident's whole story, as well as whether they are a good tenant. He said he did not know specifics of the current policy.

Ms. David also asked about some of the rules residents have complained about, such as no candles and bird feeders. Ms. David asked what he would do about these kind of complaints.

Mr. Sylvia said he would listen to what residents have to say and sit down and come up with alternative solutions.

Candidates in uncontested races who did not attend, include: Carolyn Hurley for Town Clerk; incumbent Peter DeTerra for Board of Health; incumbent Barbara Acksen for Commissioner of Trusts; incumbent Wayne Hayward for Planning Board; incumbent Jay Malaspino, who is running a write-in campaign for his seat on the Planning Board because he failed to return his nomination papers on time.

See page 12 for a story on the other candidates who attended on 3/7.

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# Fairhaven candidate statements



## SCHOOL COMMITTEE Kyle Bueno

My name is Kyle Bueno and I am running as a Write-in Candidate for the open Fairhaven School Committee seat. I am proud my parents called this historic, beautiful, blue-collar community their home to raise my older brother and me. My mom immigrated to the United States from Saint Michael, Azores. She is a proud 14-year 1199SEIU employee at Tobey Hospital,

having worked as a Certified Nurse Assistant and now working as a sitter for patients. My dad immigrated to the United States from Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil. He has been working at Titleist as a Machine Operator for the past 24 years. They saw America, and Fairhaven in particular, as a place to raise a family and achieve anything through hard work, being kind, honest, and compassionate.

I am a byproduct of the Fairhaven Public School system as I attended East Fairhaven School, Rogers School, Hastings Middle School and Fairhaven High School. It was at Rogers School where I found a passion for the Arts in 4th grade and played the violin. This initial involvement led me to other opportunities to get more involved. It was in High School where I served as Class President for the Class of 2014 for four years, served as Student Representative for the entire student body in Fairhaven in School Committee meetings and played soccer. I also received the Outstanding Community Award back in 2015 for helping register millennials to vote in elections.

After high school, I went on to receive my bachelor's degree from Bridgewater State University in Economics with minors in Political Science and Portuguese.

Bridgewater reminded me so much of home as I was a part of a diverse, blue-collar community. I was involved in Alternative Winter and Spring Break Trips, learning about immigration in Florida, Habitat for Humanity in Connecticut, and installing water refiltration systems in Cambodia. I was also involved in Student Government, representing 11,000 students on the Board of Trustees, working with the President and members of his cabinet to discuss campus issues like the budget, residential housing, campus dining services, and safety. The skills and perspectives I gained from these experiences can be valuable as a member on the School Committee. Now, I am pursuing a Master's in Public Administration back at Bridgewater State University.

If elected to the Committee, I want to help continue moving our schools and community forward. Some of the issues I want to explore are expanding the foreign language requirement to our elementary schools, looking at initiatives surrounding social/emotional/mental health, continue promoting an inclusive environment particularly for our LGBTQ community because, as a gay man myself, I understand the societal pressures of fully embracing yourself, and collaborating with our phenomenal police and fire departments in keeping our schools safe.

We can do just that and so much more!

On Monday, April 1st, please write my name and address under the open School Committee seat: Kyle Bueno, 117 Pleasant Street, Fairhaven, MA, 02719. Thank you!



## FAIRHAVEN HOUSING AUTHORITY Nicholas Sylvia

My name is Nicholas Sylvia and I am seeking an opportunity to serve the Town of Fairhaven on the Housing Authority board. I believe that the skills and experience that I have gained as a business owner, public servant, and attorney will allow me to immediately contribute to the board in a valuable way. I view this opportunity as a chance to advocate for the people of Fairhaven.

I currently sit on Fairhaven's Conservation Commission and Community Preservation Committee. I thoroughly enjoy listening to and acting on the wants and needs of the residents of this Town. As an attorney a large part of my practice is devoted towards representing landlords and tenants in Housing Court. I know what the law requires which makes me keenly attuned to the duties and responsibilities each party to a tenancy owes one another. I believe that my perspective as a legal professional with a focus on housing would be a resource for the board to draw upon.

If elected I will dedicate myself to making sure that residents of our Housing Authority can have dignity and pride in the place they call home. Nevertheless, I fully appreciate and understand that the Housing Authority is a public entity that needs your hard earned tax dollars to operate. Therefore, if elected I will do what I can to make sure the Housing Authority is run in a cost effective manner. I am proud to live in Fairhaven and the opportunity to preserve affordable housing for individuals and families in need would be a tremendous honor.

Please consider voting for Nicholas Sylvia on April 1st. Thank you.



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**CANDIDATES: cont'd from page 13**

Portuguese, and political science. He was also a student trustee in college and helped do budgets, manage housing, and public safety.

If elected he wants to explore the options of having the world language requirement in elementary school, continue to promote social-emotional, and mental health services, and continue collaboration efforts for public safety and technology.

Ms. David asked if he would have trouble speaking or going against the administration and teachers who once had authority over him as a student just a few years ago.

Mr. Bueno said he had thought about



**Stasia Powers, School Committee**

that, but he believes it is very important to disconnect himself from the personal aspects of his life when serving on the committee. He said he would do what he believed was right and fair, and that he is very open-minded and will look at all sides.

Mr. Samuels asked Mr. Bueno the same question about marijuana.

Mr. Bueno said it is about being proactive and getting students excited about extracurricular activities. He said those activities helped him grow into who he is today and helped him make the right choices.

Ms. Yin asked how Mr. Bueno would help bring the community together.

Mr. Bueno said he would like to first get to know the community better and find out what type of things students are going through now.

The next race was a contested race on the Board of Public Works, with two people running for one open seat.

The first candidate, Frank Coelho, stated that he has lived in Fairhaven since 1964, has been a town meeting member for 20 years and is currently the chairperson for the Marine Resources Committee.

Ms. David asked if Mr. Coelho planned on staying on both the BPW and Marine

Resources Committee if elected and if he did how he would handle the conflicts that could arise from it.

Mr. Coelho explained he would like to stay on the MRC if he could but with Robert "Hoppy" Hobson already on both committees, there could be an issue of having two people on both boards. Mr. Coelho said if need be he would leave his position on the MRC and just attend meetings and speak up as a resident.

Ms. David also asked if Mr. Coelho's friendship with Mr. Hobson would affect his opinions on issues or affect the way he would vote.

"I'm my own person," Mr. Coelho said, adding that he and Mr. Hobson fight and disagree all the time on issues.

Ms. Samuels asked Mr. Coelho why he would want to "make the shift" from the MRC to the BPW.

He said that he had been involved for a few years, since a couple of large increases went through for water and sewer, and he believed that it was not clear to the public and Town Meeting that it was a 24% increase. He said the BPW almost got abolished when the town switched forms of government a few years ago, but the voters decided to keep the BPW independent. Now, however, there are efforts to take back some power from the BPW and put it in the hands of the Selectboard and Town Administrator.

He noted that four positions received raises totaling more than \$60,000 in the public works department. He said he wants to get the BPW "back where it needs to be."

By that, he explained, that TM can clear up language in the bylaws.

Ms. Yin asked Mr. Coelho how he would promote the well being of the citizens.

Mr. Coelho said he would get citizens involved, listen and work with them to resolve issues.

Mr. Coelho then addressed Ms. Yin, thanking her for being involved and stating, "It is so good to see the youth getting involved in the town."

"You are the future of the town," Mr. Coelho said. "Us old-timers are going to be gone soon and it's up to you guys to fill the gap."

Also running for the BPW is Albert Martin, who reminded voters that he ran for BPW last year and tied with Mr. Hobson. Mr. Martin said he conceded for personal reasons, but wanted to try again. He said he has lived in the town since 1979 and worked for the highway department for 23 years.

Ms. David asked Mr. Martin a question

regarding his election statement last year, when he said the "catastrophic" failure of the wastewater treatment plant was the number one problem facing the town and that it would take all departments to fix it. She asked him why he believed he would be able to help in that collaboration.

Mr. Martin said he still believed the treatment plant is the biggest issue facing the town. He said it is going to cost a lot of money to upgrade it, and residents are already paying a lot for water and sewer. He said the town will need to borrow a couple million for the project and they have a plan and timeline in place.

Ms. David also asked Mr. Martin if he feels the bike path and parks are an important part of the BPW's responsibility, citing some "rather dismissive remarks" he made in his statement last year regarding them.

Mr. Martin said that they need to try to get additional seasonal help to maintain the parks because right now they only have one park employee and the rest of the employees are pulled from the Highway Department.

"We cannot let the parks go," Mr. Martin said.

Mr. Samuels asked Mr. Martin why he wanted to run again, saying no one



**Kyle Bueno, School Committee Cand.**

would "knock him" for not running after the situation with the tied vote last year, and asked why he wanted to "invest so much time" into the BPW.

Mr. Martin said he invested 23 years of his life working in the highway department. He has also been a TM member and has been "quietly involved" in the past.

"I feel I still want to give something back," said Mr. Martin.

Ms. Yin asked what are some goals Mr. Martin has for the BPW.

Mr. Martin said he would like to find a new location for the recycling center because the expansion of the sewage treatment plant will take over that area. He would also like to keep the parks and roads maintained.

*See page 17 for Housing Authority.*

# Public Hearings/Legal Notices

NOTE: All legal notices are available on the Neighb News website, [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com), under the "Legal Notices" tab on the top of the main page. Legal ads are also available at <http://masspublicnotices.org>, search under "Fairhaven Neighborhood News"

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS Fairhaven Planning Board

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 6:30 pm  
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at the above date and location.

- PL-19-017 Utility pole #43216, in town public right of way, adjacent to 6 Fort Street, Fairhaven, MA. Celco Partnership d/b/a as Verizon Wireless is requesting a Special Permit application for installation of Small Cell Equipment. Installation includes (1) cylindrical antenna side mounted at a top height of 25.9' above ground level, two (2) remote radio heads and associated wires, cable, meter and junction boxes to an existing 33' tall utility pole. Plans titled FAIRHAVEN MA SC07 rev.08/09/2017. Assessors Plat: 1 Lot No: 11.

Copy of the application 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.

Wayne Hayward  
Department of Planning & Economic Development  
FNN: 3/7/19 & 3/14/19

## Fairhaven Public Schools Annual Budget Hearing on the FY'20 Budget

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## FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2019-2020 Academic Year REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Children who are expected to enter Kindergarten or First Grade in the Fairhaven Public Schools next September must be registered at their neighborhood school on **March 26, 2019 — (Last Name A–J), March 27, 2019 — (Last Name K–R), or March 28, 2019 — (Last Name S–Z)**. Prospective students do not need to be present. Registration will be from **8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.** Registration forms are available at each of the schools or on the district website ([www.fairhavenps.org](http://www.fairhavenps.org)).

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 Last Name: A–J  
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Thursday, March 28, 2019 Last Name: S–Z

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- Registration for first grade is not necessary if your child currently attends kindergarten at East or Wood School.

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Another place for spectators is at the top of the County Street hill (around the 12.2 mile mark). From this vantage point spectators will appreciate the make-or-break point for the runners as they near the end of the course.

Many make this trek between the start, the five mile mark and return to catch the County Street hill, then the finish on Purchase Street.

admitted that you were out of compliance," said Mr. Espindola, adding that town employees spent time to come up with a solution that he agreed to. "This is a special case because you have been repeatedly out of compliance. So that's what it amounts to."

He said he hoped they could all agree and "move forward."

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 3/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Economic Develop. Comm.

Thurs., 3/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Finance Committee

Thurs. 3/14, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 3/21, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 3/28, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 3/26 Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 3/27, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Thurs., 3/14, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Mon., 3/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Sustainability Committee

Tues., 3/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Assessors

Tues., 3/19, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Old Colony District

Wed., 3/20, ORR Caf., 6 p.m.

### Planning Commission

Thurs., 3/28, Parting Ways, 6:45 p.m.

### Selectboard

Tues., 3/19, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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

Mar. 2019		HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	14	0222	1450	0746	2000
Friday	15	0320	1551	0855	2108
Saturday	16	0426	1701	1004	2218
Sunday	17	0533	1804	1119*	2333*
Monday	18	0630	1855	----	1222*
Tuesday	19	0719	1943	0037*	1312*
Wednesday	20	0806	2031	0134*	1401*
Thursday	21	0855	2121	0232*	1451*
Friday	22	0945	2209	0327*	1536*
Saturday	23	1033	2257	0410*	1615*
Sunday	24	1121	2346	0448*	1650*
Monday	25	----	1212	0525*	1727*
Tuesday	26	0039	1308	0607	1809
Wednesday	27	0136	1404	0713	1909
Thursday	28	0230	1458	1013	2035
Friday	29	0325	1556	1123	2336

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
\*\*Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

## From our readers

### Everyone should be responsible

Spring is right around the corner and I would hope that people have a little pride about the condition of their properties, the environment in general.

On March 11th, I decided to take a walk to enjoy the bright sunshine and the wonderful area in which I call home. This is what I observed about the Sciticut Road area:

About a month ago, Verizon delivered their "New Bedford Yellow Pages" to Fairhaven. The books were in clear plastic bags and dropped at the base of everybody's mail boxes. Well, many of them are still there because the residents are either away, or did not care to pick theirs up and take them into their house. I know that Verizon is not allowed to put them in the mail box or newspaper box. I would ask Verizon to modify the delivery method to have the books at a central location(s) in order for those who are interested in having one could pick it up. This would stop having the books becoming trash fodder in the first place.

I took a drive up and down "the Neck," to notate other problems. I am using street numbers (not names) as examples, and this list is NOT all inclusive.

422 SNR: The property should either be fixed up or torn down. Rusted trucks litter the property and appliances rust on the door step.

171 SNR: Please remove the junk from the front porch, and the trash that litters your land.

In the 100 section of SNR, get rid of the boats and cars littering the yard.

The town of Fairhaven is guilty too. The Safety Annex on the Neck is in deplorable condition. If this were in the center of town, the residents would complain.

On the corner of SNR and Winsegansett, the business that operates there is nothing more than a permanent yard sale. Clear it out and clean it up!

770SNR: Your car repair business is nothing more than a grave yard for cars that will never be repaired. Flat tires and water levels to the door of these vehicles indicate that they will never be more than oil leaking rust buckets. Get rid of the eye sores.

As an aside here, residents bring your trash barrels back onto your property once they have been emptied of their contents. When I was on my walk, I noticed three barrels on their sides at 732 SNR. I moved one of the barrels from the middle of the driveway entrance. I left the other two were they were. On my way back, the barrel that I moved was moved back onto the property, and the other two were still on the road. In my book, that personifies LAZY. This resident RARELY takes their barrels back onto their land.

Lastly, I was walking down Cushman Street. On my right is Webster Pond. In the brush that abuts the pond I counted no less than 72 empty beer cans, most of which were one liter cans of Natural Light beer. It is disgusting. That pond is home to many swans, ducks, geese, fox, some deer, and many other types of animals. I swear by everything that is holy if I find out what beer swilling slob is contaminating this not-so-pristine area with trash, I will be more than happy to report him/her to the police and have them arrested for not only littering, but for DUI as well. What is it? Are you afraid to bring the cans home in case your spouse will see them?

Use common sense! Have some pride! We are all in this together. We have ONE earth, let's take care of it and keep it clean.

*Donald Degagne, Fairhaven  
A resident of "The Neck"*

### Abortion is wrong

Despite what the critics and cynics say or would have you believe the word of God will stand forever. I wholeheartedly believe the scripture of Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will by no means pass away.

Our minds are small and finite and we are by nature selfish and self seeking. We cannot grasp the majesty and holiness of God. Think what you want, everything you think that matters when you reach the end of this short existence will not matter. The only way you enter into Heaven is if you have truly repented and plea the blood of Jesus.

The Bible is clear in what it says about marriage, abortion, and homosexuality. Concerning marriage and divorce Matthew 19:4-10. Abortion Genesis 1:26 and Exodus 20:13. Homosexuality First Cor 6:9-11. The majority of today's churches are silent about these issues. They are accommodating and will not speak out on these issues. However not all, and some churches and Christian organizations are willing and do speak and preach the word of God fearlessly and faithfully.

Samaritans Purse is one, Franklin Graham who is Billy's Graham's son is one. They serve as the helping hands of Jesus throughout our country as well as the world. The list of their disaster and relief projects and efforts would be far too many for me to list or remember. I invite anyone interested to go on line to samaritanspurse.org see for yourself. Whether it be hurricanes floods, fires, mass shootings, they provide services housing, food, clothing in addition to grief counseling for families and victims of shootings and disasters.

I can say that when Franklin Graham preaches, his message is the same of his father's. He preaches the Gospel. We are saved by the love and grace of God and the blood of Jesus.

I have a message to Jane Brayton and to any one else, please join me for a Sunday service at 10:30 at Calvary Bible Church located in Westport on Route 6. You will find a welcoming body of believers and you will hear a message that is Biblical which is accurately, faithfully, and unapologetically preached we would love to have you.

*John Pond, Fairhaven*



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**41 Balsam Street | FAIRHAVEN, WEST ISLAND | \$345,000**

Summer cottage on West Island with sunset water views. Seller has quotes for making it into a year 'round home: A/C, Heat and insulation quotes from contractors available upon request. Walking distance to beaches. This three bedroom one bathroom seasonal home has been fully renovated in the last six years including new siding, new roof and new windows, updated electric. Fenced back and side yard for your private enjoyment. Spacious one car garage. Double lot provides plenty of space for family activity or relaxing. Small but serviceable kitchen with solid surface counters. Washer and dryer located in master bedroom. Back deck, outdoor shower and storage shed. West Island charm. Plan now for your Summer getaway!

For further information on this property or to schedule a showing, please contact our listing agent, Timothy Evans

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**35 BAYVIEW AVENUE | FAIRHAVEN, SCONTICUT NECK | \$493,000**

Enjoy breathtaking views looking out over Buzzards Bay. You'll be able to enjoy both the sunrise and sunset from your sprawling tiered deck. A private staircase takes you directly to the ocean where you can enjoy the beach in lower tides or launch a kayak. The main level has an open floor plan, and you're able to enjoy the views from inside as well. The kitchen is bright and airy with room to eat in at the peninsula or spread out in adjacent dining area. The bathroom on the first level has been updated and has a charming coastal feel. Two bedrooms are located on the first level and two additional bedrooms are on the lower level. The lower level also has a laundry room, plenty of storage and a designated workshop area. Seller will convey a deep-water mooring with sale of home. Home has 50-year roof installed less than 10 years ago. Newer insulated windows. Furnace and hot water tank replaced in 2016. In 2018 seller rented the home seasonally bringing in \$70,000 in revenue.

For further information on this property or to schedule a showing, please contact our listing agent, Elizabeth Moses.

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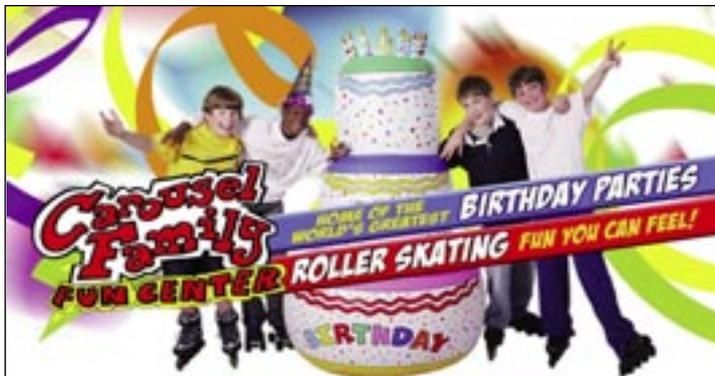
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