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Hundreds brave rain for annual egg hunt



Hundreds of children of all ages rush down the hill to the hidden goodies in Livesey Park for the annual egg hunt sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association on Saturday, 4/20/19. 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

Well, it's all here...all the spring events are happening fast. This weekend is jam-packed with fun stuff to do, next weekend is even more packed, and so it will stay for the rest of the play-outside season.

Unfortunately, the temperature and rain haven't gotten the memo. But I'm confident they can't win for long.

Soon I'll be complaining that it's too hot and my garden is too dry, right?

Meanwhile, enjoy what's happening this weekend. We've got indoor stuff, outdoor stuff, physical stuff, and stuff to watch. See page 3 for a start, and pages 5, 8, & 9 to see what's happening in surrounding communities.

This week's cover is about one of my favorite events, the Egg Hunt at Livesey Park (see page 12). Glenn got some great pictures to capture the spirit of the event. The threat of rain did not dampen the enthusiasm, although I suspect the ground was pretty damp.

We've got some meeting coverage for you this week, too. The Selectboard (page 4) is all ready for Town Meeting next week. Now I have to get ready for it.

Moon rocks were in Acushnet last week. No, really, real moon rocks (see page 19). How cool is that?

Coming up this weekend is the baseball opening day, the West Island 5K, the bike path clean-up, and all kinds of other stuff to get you outside. So thumb through and mark your calendars so you can take advantage of it all. Next Saturday is Town Meeting, a loooonnnngggg indoor meeting, so, chances are it'll be the sunniest and warmest day of the year. So, if you're a Town Meeting member, put your big-boy pants on plan to go to TM so we have a quorum. If you're not a TM member, get outside and enjoy. If you have a nice loud motorcycle, buzz around the parking lot a few times so they speed things up.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Weekend offers variety of events

Fairhaven-Acushnet Baseball Opening Day Parade

Join Fairhaven-Acushnet Youth Baseball (FAYB) this **Sat., 4/27**, for our **Annual Opening Day** at 11 a.m. and join us for the dedication of the Acushnet Tee Ball Field. The field will now be known as the CJ Crooks Field. Charles "CJ" Crooks Jr. was an AYAA All-Star until his life was cut way too short after a courageous battle with Leukemia on May 14th, 2004 at the age of 14. For those who knew CJ, he could always brighten your day with his larger than life smile.

PARADE

Players should be at St. Francis Xavier School on Main St. in Acushnet at 10:30 a.m. to assemble with their teams. The parade kicks off at 11, and heads over to Pope Park.

There will be FAYB apparel on display, and some great specials at our concession stand. Games will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Visit <http://fairhavenacushnetyouthbaseball.leaguetoobox.com/site>

Limerick Contest Party

Limerick Contest Party! All are welcome! **Sat., 4/27, 1 p.m., Millicent**

Library Community Auditorium, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. The winners will read their limericks, and refreshments will be served! See ad on page 17.

West Island 5K

Join us on **Sun., 4/28, at 9 a.m.** for the eighth annual run/walk and kids mile run to benefit the Fairhaven High School Cross Country program, the 501(c)3 non-profit, Strive and Achieve, Corp and the West Island Improvement Association. To date, the race has provided scholarships to 50 graduating seniors and other support to the FHS Cross Country program. After seven years, the race has raised \$70,000.

\$25/adults; \$15 K-12 students; \$5 Kids Mile Run. Step off at 10 a.m. for kids run, 11 a.m. for 5K. Cash prizes for top three; prizes in other categories/age groups. Start/finish at West Island Improvement Association community house, 41 Causeway Road, West Island, Fairhaven. Free parking at Hoppy's Landing. Number pickup **Sat., 4/27, WIIA, 6 p.m.**, free clam chowder for runners at number pickup.

Register online at <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=10211>

For more information visit <http://westisland5k.org>, email info@westisland5k.org, or call 571-765-0910.

Bike Path Cleanup

Join us on **Sun., 4/28, 9 a.m. to noon**, for our sixth annual volunteer clean-up of the Fairhaven Bike path. It's great fun for the entire family! Meet behind the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 229 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven. We will have gloves, pickers and bags. Please bring your own gloves if you have them.

All participants will be entered into a raffle to win a Stop and Shop gift card. Coffee and donuts provided by the Clean Out Crew.

Event is rain or shine, but hopefully shine. You can show up anytime after nine. Hand tools and pickers provided by operation clean sweep

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See pages 5, 8, 9 for more happenings



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Selectboard changes health care policy for part timers

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 4/22/19, the Fairhaven Selectboard discussed the appointment of members to committees, the upcoming Town Meeting and the town employee health benefits policy for part-timers.

Board member Robert Espindola told the board that the Economic Development Committee met last week and the new Planning Director, Paul Foley, attended the meeting. Mr. Espindola said that Mr. Foley offered a lot of insight and was very helpful.

Mr. Espindola also announced that the next Dog Park Committee meeting would be on May 7 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. He said committee members wanted to make sure the public is aware of the meeting so more residents can attend and give their opinions on locations for a dog park.

The board also appointed Mr. Espindola to the South Coast Bikeway Alliance. Mr. Espindola recused himself from the discussion. In his letter of interest to be a formal member on the SCBA he stated that he has been an informal member for some time. He explained in his letter

that the SCBA is looking for funding for a feasibility study to create a bike trail connecting Fall River, Westport, Dartmouth, and New Bedford.

He also stated that to help get the funding, the neighboring cities and towns would like to see a Selectboard member from each town on the SCBA for support, and he would like to be that member.

The board also discussed and voted on the policy on health insurance for elected officials.

Town Administrator Mark Rees said that the new policy will state that there will be no health insurance for part-time town employees unless the current employee is already using the insurance, in which case he or she will be allowed to keep it.

Mr. Espindola explained that he agreed with the policy, but he said it should be that all current employees are grandfathered into the health insurance, whether they are using it or not, in case they need the insurance in the future.

A motion was made to approve the amended policy eliminating health insurance from part-time employees, but allowing all current employees to

be grandfathered in.

The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Murphy abstaining because he currently uses the town health insurance.

The board also discussed a few remaining articles for Town Meeting.

Mr. Rees stated that money for Article 5 needed to be added, to pay out the rest of the retiring Town Clerk's vacation and sick time, which would be \$14,000.

The board voted to add the money.

The board also voted to support roadwork for Billy's Way for \$60,445, Fir Street for \$96,185, and Brown Street for \$193,370.

Mr. Murphy also explained that the annual Town meeting will be on May 4 and the Selectboard will meet right before it to discuss final votes.

The board had a bit of a discussion about appointing one full member and one associate member to the Sustainability Committee.

The board received two letters of interest, one from Denise Barr and one from Karen Gent, both of whom were interested.

Mr. Murphy informed the board

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Limerick Contest Party

Sat., 4/27. See page 3 for details

Bike Path Cleanup

Sun., 4/28. See page 3 for details

West Island 5K

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Tour Guides

If you are interested in a fascinating piece of local history, come join us to pass this information to the hundreds of visitors who tour our facilities each year. The first Japanese person to live in the USA was a young boy named Manjiro who was rescued from a small island near Japan by the John Howland whaling ship from New Bedford in 1841. He was invited by Capt. William Whitfield to obtain his first schooling ever in the USA at the Old Stone School in Fairhaven which is part of the Manjiro Trail.

We of the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society have been hosting visitors from around the world to the Captain's home (now museum) and the Manjiro Trail. We wish to invite you to join our efforts as we pass this unique piece of local history to those visitors who will join the 6,000+ who have made the journey to date.

Available to our volunteer tour guides are: complete instructions with demos, 20% discount at museum gift shop and "happy coat" uniform.

For inquiries and/or application, contact Gerry Rooney at the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House Museum, 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven, office tel. 508-858-5303; or home, 508-995-1219; or cell, 508-269-4659. Or e-mail Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org

Stop the FCC

Stop the FCC from defunding local public access stations, PEG (Public, Education, Government), These are the channels that allow the towns to record and run all government meetings; allow the schools to run sports and other school events; and allow members of the public to tape and run their own shows.

Find more information at <https://youtu.be/yDif0cOab-Y> or FairhavenTV.com. Sign the petition a :

<https://www.petition2congress.com/ctas/stop-fcc-from-defunding-peg-channels>

Create Beach Art

Create something beautiful, and leave a beach cleaner than you found it! Join the Buzzards Bay Coalition, the Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust, and New Bedford-based artist John Middleton on Sat., 4/27 for a trip to Fairhaven's Marsh Island in search of strange and interesting "shoreline objects" to create one-of-a-kind pieces of art.

The group will meet at the Buzzards Bay Coalition office (114 Front Street, New Bedford) at 9:45 A.M. to carpool to Marsh Island. Coalition educators will serve as guides to Marsh Island and explain its ongoing restoration, while John will help you find objects worn and transformed by the tides.

To RSVP for this free event, visit <https://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/marsh-island-cleanup-art-workshop-apr-27-2019/> or contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at 508-999-6363 ext. 219 or bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org.

SAVE THE DATES:

Senior Talent Show

The Fairhaven Rotary Club's Fourth Annual Senior Talent Showcase at The Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium, 40 Center St. Fairhaven, on Sun., 5/5 (NOTE DATE CHANGE), from 1-4 p.m. The event is free to the community.

The event offers a platform for the seniors to show off their various talents on stage. In the past we have seen Comedians, Belly Dancers, Magicians, Spoon Players, Singers, Piano Players etc. Every participant receives a gift for participating.

For more information, please contact Melissa Kucharski at 508-330-4837 or melissa@fsuinc.com

Blessing of the Bikes

St. Joseph School's 21st annual Blessing of the Bikes on Sun., 5/5 (rain date 5/19). Sign up at 10:30 am until 12:00 noon. Kickstands up at NOON SHARP, from Fort Phoenix rear parking lot \$15 per bike.

Ride is about 2 hours ending at the Ice House Bar & Grill in Fairhaven. Live music on the outdoor stage by

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Cherry Blossom Festival

Japanese Cherry Blossom (O-hanami) Friendship Festival at the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House Museum, 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven, Sun., 5/5, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE (except for box lunch), open to the public. Bento box lunch (nothing raw), \$20/adults, \$10/children under 12.

Program includes: Names in Japanese, Origami instruction/demo, Taiko (Japanese) drumming, Aikido demonstration, Ryukyu Kobujutsu demo, Raffle and sales, Kamishibai, museum tours, kimono display, document display, bonsai display, Ikebana demo (flowers)

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Drive a Car FR

The Junior & Senior Classes are holding a joint fundraiser that only happens once every 4 years and does not cost any money! It's the Ford Test Drive Please come for a FREE test drive of a brand new Ford here at Fairhaven High School on May 5th between 9 am and 4 pm. For every test drive we get \$20. That's it!

Mr. Fairhaven Contest

On Sat., 5/3, the Fairhaven High School Prom Committee will host the Mr. Fairhaven contest at 7 p.m., in the Performing Arts Center. It is one of the largest fundraisers for the after prom committee, so we can ensure that our kids have really fun and safe prom night.

Seniors boys will compete against one another to see who is "Mr. Fairhaven." Categories include formal wear, dance, beachwear/summer wear, casual wear, talent, and answering questions by a distinguished panel of judges from the business community.

The winner gets a tux to wear at the prom from our sponsor, Main Street Formals.

Tickets: \$10 at door. Get there early because they go fast.

And...there goes another one



Getting the boats in the water is the ritual of the season. For the recreational boaters, launch day comes when the weather gets as warm as the captain likes it. For the commercial boaters, the calendar decides, and if the warm weather is a little late getting here, then so be it. The boat goes in when it's supposed to go in. In any case, pretty soon the waters around here will be dotted with all manner of boats, large and small, sail and motor, recreational and commercial. ABOVE LEFT: Marty Niemiec runs the heavy equipment to launch the Kimberleen, a 42' Bruno Stillman dragger owned and captained by Mike Figuenick, at Niemiec Marine on Thursday 4/18/2019. ABOVE RIGHT: The Kimberleen makes its way out of New Bedford inner harbor after launch. RIGHT: Captain Mike Figuenick checks the Kimberleen's bilge pump shortly after launch. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva*



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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Exercise Tiger 75th

The City of New Bedford Veterans' Advisory Board will honor the 749 United States sailors and soldiers who lost their lives during the devastating April 28, 1944 attack on the United States military training operation, Exercise Tiger. Exercise Tiger was a D-Day dry run which was ambushed by a German E-boat flotilla and resulted in America's costliest incident of World War II, second only to Pearl Harbor. The surprise attack sank two American vessels and severely damaged a third. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of Exercise Tiger. It is the 30th annual commemoration in New Bedford.

A memorial ceremony is planned to honor the service members who perished in this incident on **Sat., 4/27, at 1:00 p.m. at the Exercise Tiger Memorial at Fort Taber Park, 1000 Rodney French Boulevard in New Bedford.** In case of inclement weather, the indoor ceremony will be held inside the Low Tide Yacht Club, also located at Fort Taber Park immediately adjacent to the Exercise Tiger Memorial.

The ceremony will include remarks by Mayor Jon Mitchell and guest speaker, Col. Don Cupple, Chief of Staff of the Massachusetts Army National Guard. Families of the late Louis Souza, Vincent Ricciardi, and William O'Connor, Exercise Tiger participants, will be recognized.

Additional participants will include the United States Army Brotherhood of Tankers, WWII re-enactors and local veterans organizations.

All veterans are invited to attend and are asked to proudly display their service insignia. Refreshments will be available inside the Low Tide Yacht Club following the service. For more information, contact Peter Clark, Chairman of the Exercise Tiger Service at peter.clark@newbedford-ma.gov.

LGBTQ Film Series

The last film in the Winter Film Series is **"Pariah" on Sun., 4/28, 1 p.m., at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB.**

Teenage Alike lives in Brooklyn's Fort Greene neighborhood with her parents and younger sister. A lesbian, Alike quietly embraces her identity and is looking for her first lover, but

she wonders how much she can truly confide in her family, especially with her parents' marriage already strained. When Alike's mother presses her to befriend a colleague's daughter, Alike finds her to be a pleasant companion.

For more information, visit <https://www.sclgbtqnetwork.org>

Free Folk Service

First Unitarian Church in New Bedford presents the **Sixth Annual Folk Service — Women Folk on Sun., 4/28, at 11 a.m., 71 Eighth Street, New Bedford, MA (Corner of Union, County and Eighth)** Concert of folk music from women's heritage. Free, donations gratefully accepted. Join us for refreshments and bake sale after the concert

Marijuana ed. panel

At the Co-Creative Center 137 Union St. New Bedford 02740, on Thurs., 5/2, 5:30 p.m.

Bask Premium Cannabis and MedWell Health and Wellness present a Cannabis Educational Panel featuring experts in the industry from Bask Premium Cannabis, MedWell Health and Wellness, AmeriCann, Howl's Medicines and the Cannabis Community Care and Research Network (C3RN). Panelists will discuss topics including the medicinal benefits of cannabis, the adult use vs. the medical cannabis market, the state of legalization in MA, and more. This educational event is open to patients, healthcare practitioners, and the community at large. There will be an opportunity for Q&A following the panel discussion.

Harbor Update mtg.

New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site Public Meeting, **Thurs., 4/25, 6pm-7:30pm, National Parks Building, 33 Williams St. New Bedford, MA.** Agenda items: Outreach on Fish Advisories, Kelsey Dumville; Progress Report on Overall Project, Dave Lederer; Shoreline Cleanup Updates for Fairhaven, Acushnet, New Bedford, Dave Dickerson; Aerovox Site/Interim Sediment Cap, Laurie O'Connor; Upper Harbor Dredging, including Cable Crossing work and Subtidal Dredging, Dave Lederer.

For more info: Kelsey Dumville: 617-

918-1003, Dumville.Kelsey@epa.gov

Letourneau Family Fund-raiser

Please join us for a fund-raiser in support of the Letourneau family who have recently been displaced after a devastating house fire.

Join us on Sun., 4/28, noon-5 p.m. at The Bar, 266 Dartmouth St., New Bedford. Featuring entertaining 50/50 raffle, Chinese auction, free buffet, live entertainment by Off Kilter.

CSC Pride vendors

South Coast Pride is Sat., 6/1 from 11-4 p.m. in Buttonwood Park, New Bedford. Food and business artisan vendor space is available for \$50 per 10x10 space (Nonprofit organizations are free). Sponsorships and program book ads are also available.

Visit www.sclgbtqnetwork.org to register online. **The deadline for ads, sponsors and vendors is May 3.** All proceeds benefit the South Coast LGBTQ Network (a 501c3 nonprofit organization) and programs and services for LGBTQ individuals and families across the age spectrum in the Southcoast.

For more information email eileen@sclgbtqnetwork.org or call 774-775-2656.

Whale Dance

The New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB, will host a truly one-of-a-kind contemporary dance performance interpreting the newly installed exhibition Whales Today on April 28, 2019, as part of Mass. ArtWeek.

An exclusive talk with the dancers will take place after the performance. **Whales Today Live runs from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Reception with cash bar at 6 p.m., followed by the performance and Q&A at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for Whaling Museum members; \$20 for non-members, and can be reserved online at www.whalingmuseum.org or by calling 508-997-0046.** Themes of the Whales Today exhibition consist of whale biology and behavior, marine mammal conservation, ocean health, and how human interaction with these giants of the deep has evolved over time.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Jewelry Sale

Variety of New, Used, Vintage & Fine plus jewelry cases, handbags, etc. to be held on **Sat., 4/27, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Julie Billiard Church Hall, 494 Slocum Rd., No. Dartmouth.** Sponsored by the Ladies Guild.

Comedy/Hypnosis

Steve Wronker's Dinner & Comedy Hypnosis Show, **Sat., 4/27. Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner at 6, show at 7:30, at VFW Freetown Memorial Post 6643, 89 Middleboro Rd., E. Freetown. Tickets: \$20.** Cash bar. All proceeds go towards our Scholarship programs. For tickets call 508-763-4580 or 774-930-4392, or get tickets at VFW Post Lounge. Tickets at door will be limited, so get yours now.

Youth Baseball

Fairhaven-Acushnet Youth Baseball Opening Day is **Sat., 4/27.** See page 3 for details.

Festival of Arts

The 2019 Albert F. Ford Middle School Festival of the Arts will be held on **Thurs., 5/2, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., 708 Middle Road.** Join us at our annual celebration of art and music in our school, including exhibits of art works by F.M.S. students in grades 5-8, Art Club, Media Club, Art Award winners, and more. The F.M.S. Chorus will kick off this year's festival with their Spring Concert at 6:30.

FREE, open to the community. Students or groups of students attending should be under the supervision of an accompanying adult or staff member.

SAVE THE DATES:

Elder Resources

Southcoast Optimal Resources for Elders "SCORE" is proud to sponsor: Cinco De Mayo Celebration at Wareham Healthcare, 50 Indian Neck Road, Wareham, MA 02571, **Mon., 5/6, 2:00-4:00 p.m. FREE ADMISSION.** Food & Beverages, Live Music, Door Prizes & More. Learn about the services that are available to you in your community! **RSVP: pphillips@visitingrehabservices.com by May 1.**

Plant Sale

The Garden Club of Buzzards Bay will hold its annual plant sale on **Sat.,**

5/11, from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Mary's Parish Center, 783 Dartmouth St., Dartmouth. Members have been propagating plants all winter at the Club's greenhouse and will offer a wide variety of annuals and perennials at very reasonable prices. Gardeners will be able to buy unusual perennials from member gardens, colorful and varied annuals, an array of popular geraniums and special coleus, striking succulents, heirloom tomatoes, herbs, ground covers, and boxwood cultivars from the Rotch-Jones-Duff House Garden.

The Club uses proceeds from the sale to fund community projects, including grants, scholarships, and maintenance of the gardens and greenhouse at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum in New Bedford. The club has awarded more than \$40,000 over the past decade to small projects that promote gardening and conservation. Grants have been used to support food bank gardens, help school gardening programs, and create several butterfly gardens in the area, as well as other projects.

The event is free and open to the public. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.

Meet your Farmer

The Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Rd., is holding its third annual Meet Your Farmer event which highlights the Acushnet farming community. We have invited local farmers and growers to set-up and display their farm offerings on **Mon., 5/6 from 5-7 p.m.** Local residents are encouraged to attend and learn how they can eat healthy and support their local farmers.

Farmers will list and share what their farm raises or grows, hand out promotional materials, educate patrons, offer CSA information and display or demonstrate some of their recipes.

All Acushnet Library events are free and open to the public. The event will be held in our community room, on the library deck and lawn.

New this year: Touch a Tractor. A local farmer will provide a tractor on site for young visitors to check out.

Additionally, an Acushnet Community Health Nurse and Dietician will be on hand to offer Tick Talks and healthy recipes for fresh produce.

Hopefully, we will also have some live music provided by local students.

Author Event

Author Jane Healey will visit the Acushnet Public Library and share her Washington Post Bestseller, *Beantown Girls*, which chronicles the young women who staffed the Red Cross Clubmobiles in the later part of WWII. With much research Ms. Healey shares their stories as told through their numerous journals and diaries. Their bravery, compassion, strength and sense of humor in the face of constant danger were nothing short of extraordinary. This historical fiction novel is a wonderful account of the war from a female perspective.

Jane Healey left a career in high tech to become a freelance writer. Her passion for historical fiction became her new career when her debut novel, *The Saturday Evening Girls Club*, was published in 2017. Based on the true story of a group of Jewish and Italian immigrant women in Boston's North End at the turn of the twentieth century, the Amazon bestseller was hailed by Redbook as "a breathtaking ode to female empowerment and the American dream". With the release of *The Beantown Girls*, she continues to fulfill her dream of writing about lesser-known stories of women in American history.

This free event will be held in the Library Community Room at 232 Middle Rd, Acushnet, MA 02743.

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

Tiara Run

Registration is now open for the 13th annual Tiara 5k Run held by the Women's Fund of Southeastern Mass.s on Mothers' Day, 5/12, at Oxford Creamery, Mattapoissett. Kids Fun Run at 9 a.m.; Run/Walk at 9:30.

Early registration is \$20 for the 5K and \$5 for the kids fun run.

For more information about the Women's Fund, to become a sponsor, or to register for the Tiara 5K visit www.womensfundsema.org or call 508-717-0283. To be involved as a volunteer, please email tiara5kvolunteer@gmail.com.

Recipe of the Week

Crab Cakes

2 tablespoons olive oil
 6 green onions, chopped
 3/8 cup olive oil
 1 (16 oz) can crabmeat, drained
 1 egg
 1 tbsp mayonnaise
 1 tsp dry mustard
 8 oz. buttery round crackers
 1/2 tsp ground cayenne pepper
 1 teaspoon garlic powder
 1/4 tsp Old Bay Seasoning
 Salt & pepper
 1 cup bread crumbs

Heat 2 tbsps oil in a skillet over high heat. Saute green onions briefly until tender; cool slightly.

Combine crabmeat, sauteed green onions, egg, mayonnaise, dry mustard, crushed crackers, cayenne pepper, garlic powder, Old Bay seasoning, salt and pepper. Form into 1/2 inch thick patties. Coat the patties with bread crumbs.

Heat 1/2 cup oil in a skillet over medium high heat. Cook cakes until golden brown on each side. Drain briefly on paper towels and serve hot.

From allrecipes.com

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that Ms. Barr's letter was submitted first. Mr. Murphy also read a letter of recommendation from Sustainability Coordinator Whitney McClees, suggesting that the board appoint Ms. Gent to the Sustainability Committee full-time because she has been attending all the meetings.

Mr. Espindola explained that normally he would agree to appoint Ms. Barr because her letter of interest was received first, but because of Ms. McClees's recommendation Mr. Espindola believed they should appoint Ms. Gent as the full member.

Board member Daniel Freitas disagreed explaining that they should appoint Ms. Barr as the full member because her letter of interest was received first.

Mr. Murphy agreed stating that he believes that they should go with their usual policy of appointing the person who shows interest first.

Mr. Freitas made the motion to appoint Ms. Barr as the full

member and Ms. Gent as the alternate member.

The motion passed 2 to 1 with Mr. Espindola voting against the motion.

The board also discussed the electricity aggregation agreement and some confusion by residents who have received letters.

The town entered into the program with a group of other towns three years ago to be able to negotiate electricity rates for residents.

Residents who have questions about the program or why they received letters, should call Mass. CEA (Community Electric Aggregation) 844-627-7232, or visit www.masscea.com

In another matter, the board voted to approve "no parking" signs on Reynolds Drive.

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Hundreds brave threatening skies for annual egg hunt

Hundreds of people braved the rains to hunt for goodies at Livesey Park on Saturday, 4/20/19, for the annual North Fairhaven Improvement Association Egg Hunt. The time got moved to 11 a.m. (from 9 a.m.) to avoid the morning rain. The threat of returning showers (rain came back

later in the afternoon) did not stop the Easter Bunny either.

Our roving photographer Glenn C. Silva was there to capture the many moments of joy the annual free event brings to so many. After the hunt was over, participants hung around for a bit to see if they won any of the many

raffle prizes donated by local individuals and businesses.

To learn more about the NFIA email northfairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com. Photos this page and next by Glenn C. Silva. See more of his photos on Instagram: @asttphoto



ABOVE LEFT, L-R:Kady and her father John Lopez stand next to Anna, her mother Mei, and brother Jesse Chen just before the start of the hunt. ABOVE MIDDLE: How Sweet it is! Porter Guillemette enjoys his finds from the hunt. ABOVE RIGHT: Logan Oliveira of New Bedford proudly carries the Easter basket he won. BELOW LEFT: The Evans family (L-R) Jennifer, Little JR, Johnny, and Avery, tally their treasures after the hunt. Little JR found four while Avery found six. BOTTOM LEFT: Children scour the grounds of Livesey Park for hidden goodies. BELOW RIGHT: With ticket in hand, this guy is feeling lucky, hoping to win one of the larger baskets in the raffle. BOTTOM RIGHT: Destyn high-fives the Easter Bunny. Photos by Glenn C. Silva. See more of his photos on Instagram: @asttphoto



More photos from the egg hunt



ABOVE LEFT: Miss New Bedford 2019, Meighread Dandeneau, calls out the winning numbers for some of the 160 prizes this year at the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association on Saturday, 4/20/19, at Livesey Park. ABOVE RIGHT: Emily Baptista poses with Miss New Bedford. BELOW LEFT: Allyson Panek and her brother Lucas pose with the Easter Bunny. BELOW RIGHT: NFI volunteer Heidi Hacking holds plastic bags, shaped like carrots and filled with candy, which were given to every child who participated in the egg hunt. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva. See more of his photos on Instagram: @asttphoto*



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Kool Kids Summer Vacation

**Registration: April 26 & May 4,
8 a.m.-1:45 p.m.** Kool Kids is for
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senior counselors with projects, etc.
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Friday are included. Program runs for
2 week sessions. Cost per session
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Mall Trips

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5/1 There will be no trip on May 1 5/15 Derby Street Shop, Hingham

Entertainment: 12:30-2:30 p.m.

4/25 Jordan Paiva • 5/1 Dave & Deb • 5/2 Ray J.

Special Activities

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
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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. on April 29;
Thursdays 5:45-8 p.m. on April 18, 25.
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.
The participants must commit to all
three classes, Seniors signing up for
this class must have a USB storage
device with saved photos to be
brought to class for tutorials. April
22, 24, 26 from 9-10:00 a.m. please
sign up at the senior Center.

Got Talent?

The Fairhaven Rotary Club will be
sponsoring the fourth Annual Senior
Talent Showcase, Sunday, May 5

(NOTE DATE CHANGE) 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
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American Sign Language

The Fairhaven Commission on
Disability will be sponsoring an eight-
week American Sign Language Course
for Fairhaven Residents. Please call
The Fairhaven COA to sign up
508-979-4029. (There is no cost to
attend this course). Runs May 8 to
June 26, 6-7 p.m.

FREE Healthy Aging Fair,

Friday, May 10, from 10-2:00 p.m. at
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Southcoast Mobile Van will be on-site
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Memory Cafe

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p.m. At The Fairhaven Council on
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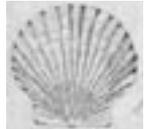
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Acushnet selectboard & School Comm. re-appoint Boulay

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet School Committee joined the Selectboard at its meeting on 4/23/19 to re-appoint Evelyn Boulay as the Old Colony School District Representative. The Selectboard members and the three School Committee members, Vice Chairperson, Jennifer Downey, Sarah Gomes and Craig Sumner, stated that Ms. Boulay has done a wonderful job, and has confirmed her interest in being re-appointed.

The Selectboard also heard from Building Commissioner Jim Marot who reviewed the Green Communities grants the Town has received over the last six years, and all the upgrading they have done in town

He said, except for 2014, the Town of Acushnet has received over \$125,000+ in grant funding each year, for a total of

nearly \$660,000. Mr. Marot said they have applied for \$244,000 in the next round, and that Acushnet was the second town in Bristol County to become a Green Community. He also said that if they are awarded the grant money this year, they will be working on the Middle School Lighting Project.

A discussion with Dan Menard from the Department of Public Works confirmed that Acushnet's trash pickup has been changed to Waste Management, which bought out Howland Disposal. Waste Management has taken over the Town's contract.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar, in reviewing the numbers, told Mr. Menard that something was not adding up. He said that the budgeted amount vs. the contracted amount was different. Mr. Menard said he did not have the information in front of him so he could not advise Mr. Gaspar on what

the discrepancies were from. Mr. Menard and Mr. Gaspar agreed they would review the paperwork and contract together.

In other business, the Selectboard voted to approve golf rate increases as recommended by the Golf Committee: approximately one dollar for their services, with no change to residential and junior golfer rates.

The Selectboard also approved a request from Les Dakin to air the documentary regarding the transmission of LNG DVD on channel 18.

The board also announced that on Monday, 4/29 at 5 p.m. in Town Hall, officials will hold a Town Meeting forum to review articles that will be voted on at TM in May. The public is invited, and the "mock" town meeting will run on Channel 18, and will be available online at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQLn-V7X9rp0JdWXh445neQ>

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Rain holds off for annual Easter sunrise service



The Interchurch Council of Greater New Bedford held its annual Easter Sunrise Service at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on Sunday, 4/21/19 at 5:55 a.m., with about 125 hardy souls who turned out under threatening skies. The rain held off, just barely, with no real sunrise to speak of. But the sky did lighten to mark the sun's rise behind the clouds. The rain started to drip a bit, just at the end of the service. With a quick reference to a "monsoon," about to move in, the Rev. David Lima suggested a quick exit to the crowd. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva. Find more of his photos on Instagram at @asttephoto*



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Joe Cote of Acushnet, a NASA Solar System Ambassador, took telescopes, computers, lots of knowledge, and a couple of rocks and soil collected by the crew of Apollo 11 during the first moon walk 50 years ago to Acushnet Fire Station #1 on Friday, 4/19. Students of all ages got to ask questions, learn about the moon and even touch a moon rock. TOP LEFT: Mr. Cote talks

about the surface of the moon while displaying a virtual tour on the computers. TOP RIGHT: Mr. Cote talks about the samples while Victoria, her mom Jennifer, and her brother Vincent take a closer look. LEFT: Jackson Taylor checks out a moon rock. ABOVE RIGHT: Solar System Explorers from the Ford Middle School pose with Mr. Cote. L-R: Jayden Taylor, Morgan Roderiques, Kiana Akin, Teacher Joe Cote, and Nathan Roderiques. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*

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From our readers

President could use some of that religion

A couple of letters, narratives or opinions have been published by the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News* in the last two weeks. Both were written by the same author and both were themed at bringing attention to where we all are on the Christian Religion calendar. It seems the author always gets busy with his pen during Christmas and Easter, two hallmark Christian events.

Detailed quotes and verses from the bible are always used as reference in supporting the education attempted.

There are many more religions in the world. The various sects of Christianity being one.

I refer to the phrase in describing various religions: "one river many streams."

All religions carry a moral guide to follow. If everyone followed this guide, the world would be a better place.

I wish the author would somehow direct his attempted effort to the current POTUS [President of the United States].

It seems there is no moral compass at the White House today.

Lying, infidelity, treating staff like fodder, bringing back the concept of prejudice and hate, and duping the US citizens is against any moral code of ANY religion.

Our POTUS is the human Teflon man...nothing sticks.

Here's a quote a from the novel written by Charles Dickens's novel *A Tale of Two Cities*: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."

My translation would leave out "the best of times" in describing the current political atmosphere in Washington DC.

It was AND is "the worst of times."

In my lifetime, there has never been an administration that is so corrupt in so many ways. It's an atmosphere that portrays a label of sacrilegious.

We need role models for the youth of this great country. The current POTUS is anything but that. To paraphrase an opening statement by a self help group...My name is Stephen and I am a liberal democrat.

Stephen C. Bender, Mattapoissett

Sheriff Hodgson's assertions are suspect

If you watch the April 10, 2019 southcoasttoday.com video of the 287g immigration hearing held at the Bristol County House of Correction (BCHOC), you will see Sheriff Hodgson describing MS-13 gang members, violence, drug dealing and gun trafficking.

The gangs are terrorizing communities throughout Massachusetts, according to the sheriff, yet; in the December 13, 2018 edition of the Boston Globe, U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling reported his office's stunning takedown of MS-13 gang members as one of the biggest success stories of the last year. According to Lelling, MS-13 has all but been eradicated in the Greater Boston area, and his office was running out of MS-13 targets. (<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2018/12/13/primer/WD2nvWGnwnW831K4aVfwak/story.html>)

In light of what U.S. Attorney Lelling said: is Sheriff Hodgson willfully ignorant or just spending too much time at the White House angling for a job?

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Board of Appeals

Tues., 5/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health

Thurs., 4/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 5/6, Senior Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Mon., 5/13, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

Dog Park Committee

Tues., 5/7, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 4/25, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 5/14 Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 5/1, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 5/6, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

TOWN MEETING

Sat., 5/4, Hastings MS, 9 a.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 5/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 4/25, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

- 149 Dogwood Street — 198-18: Variance for 14' on front setback in a RR District; Variance 10' on side setback; Variance for 2' on side setback on South Side; Variance for 28% request on total building coverage; Variance 36% request on total lot coverage for adding 206 sq feet living space addition to the rear of the existing house & an increased size deck. (cont. from April Meeting)
- 102 Fir Street — 198-18: Variance request for 47% Uplands on a minimum lot area that requires 80% in an RR District for new home. 198-18: Variance request short 7' in a 30' required front setback. 198-18: Variance request, short 16,053 of contiguous upland whereas 24,000 is required in a RR District. 198-21 (D): Variance request for restoration within 2 years for new home. (cont. from April Meeting)
- 3 Bass Creek Road — 198-16: Special Permit request for temporary placement of a camping trailer for 15-20 days during a 60 day time frame.
- 8 Phillip Street — 198-18: Variance request 8.5' short on a rear setback of 20' in a RA District.
- 3 Jenna Drive — 198-18: Variance request 1.9' short on a rear setback of 20' in a RA District, after the fact filing.
- 15 Jefferson Street — 198-16: Special Permit for an Accessory Apartment in a RA District.

7. 8 Friendly Street — 198-16: Special Permit request for 5 chickens in a RA District.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman
4/25/19 & 5/2/19

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:30
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:

- CON-19-050 **46 Sconticut Neck Road** Notice of Intent filed by Joshua Alves, Alexander Grey Development LLC, for the construction of an 8-house subdivision, roadway, stormwater facility, and utilities and for wetland mitigation of historical impacts at the property located at 46 Sconticut Neck Road, Assessors Map 28, Lot 24. Work to take place within Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

Copies of the applications listed in this hearing notice may be viewed at the Conservation Office in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

Whitney McClees, Agent
Fairhaven Conservation Commission
Fairhaven Neighborhood News, 4/25/19

Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Case # 2019.05.07A — A case on Andrea Erica Andrews, of 915 Hathaway Road #401, New Bedford MA, who is petitioning to convert an area above the garage of the property located at 4 Kimberly Way, Acushnet, owned by Cesar Cardoso Marcelino, into an accessory apartment. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 Section "B" 1 and 3.4 "B" — Accessory Apartment.

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a jail, not promote irresponsible Immigration and Customs Enforcement policies that use impoverished migrants as bargaining chips. Law enforcement duties must be left to trained professionals.

Again, straying off topic, Hodgson alluded to "huge quantities" of opioids flooding our streets and his ongoing efforts to keep our communities safe. So, just what steps is the sheriff taking to keep us safe? Well let's examine that area.

With many incarcerated people suffering from substance use disorder (SUD), how many new treatment beds has the Bristol County House of Corrections set up for treating SUD? What is the effectiveness of treatment and associated rehabilitation? How are effectiveness of program/ rehabilitation activities monitored? Does staff recognize the signs and symptoms of

an impending suicide? What measures does the sheriff incorporate to prevent suicides among those he detoxes "cold turkey"? The medical literature says opiate/alcohol withdrawal without appropriate medical supervision can lead to death/suicide.

If the sheriff is serious about keeping the community safe, he must think long-term when addressing the opioid problem in his facility and use evidence-based techniques for fighting addiction, for example, tapering techniques and medication based treatments like Suboxone film strips that dissolve in 30 to 60 seconds and psychological support all help prevent suicide, ensuring a smoother transition back into the community. (<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMra1604339>)

*Julia Kiechel, South Dartmouth
Eileen Marum, Marion*

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Friday	26	0157	1428	0725	1932
Saturday	27	0249	1521	1035	2257
Sunday	28	0344	1619	1133	2356
Monday	29	0445	1719	----	1215
Tuesday	30	0542	1808	0037	1235
May 2019					
Wednesday	1	0628	1849	0101	1202
Thursday	2	0707	1925	0038	1226
Friday	3	0744	2002	0101	1258
Saturday	4	0823	2041	0135	1334
Sunday	5	0904	2123	0215	1415*
Monday	6	0948	2207	0259*	1501*

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