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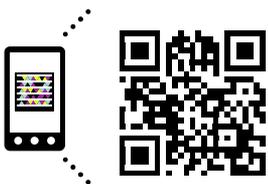
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Cherry Blossom Festival defies rain



Rita Campoli on guitar and students from Holy Name-Holy Family perform to some hardy souls who braved pouring rain on Sunday, 5/5/19, for the annual Cherry Blossom Friendship Festival at the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House Museum in Fairhaven. See page 12 for more. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh...Town Meeting was fun, as always (see page 6), spent \$50+ million of your tax dollars in about four hours. Pretty cool, huh?

We also had an interesting Selectboard meeting this week. News on the Colonial Club and the house and all that, remember? Looks like the town will benefit from the sale of the house after all.

The board also held a public hearing about very disturbing events at Rasputin's Tavern. For once I agree with Dan Freitas (really, I do). He said it sounds like Animal House in there, and I agree. It sounds like it is out of control. They kept referring to the police report, which spells it all out, with pictures, too. However, I did not get that report until the story was all done.

The excuse was that some names had to be redacted. Well, that's a bunch of baloney. It's in the report, it was entered into the record. There are a few minors' names in there, fine, it doesn't take two days to redact a few names. Of course, I don't have the BULK of the report, so maybe there is a lot more redacting going on. I got a few pages at the very end of the day, and a link to the larger report, but the link did not work. In any case, it was too late for me to use it in my article. I had to go by what they said in the meeting. Watch it yourself, it's popcorn worthy. And, the public hearing was continued, so I think the next one might be even more popcorn worthy. There were only a couple of members of the public there, and they did not seem to be there specifically for that item, because they were not neighbors. I have a feeling that the neighbors did not know it was happening (note: the legal ad did not run in the *Neighb News*).

I always thought it was a curious name for a pub: the Rasputin of history was a scoundrel and a con artist who was assassinated. But, whatever.

THIS Rasputin's has Bikini Fridays, and my disgust with the whole concept cannot be exaggerated. Because the women are covering the right places, I guess it's legal. But dancing on the tables is not, and body shots (ugh) are not okay, either. Really, people. Take it home, or to the strip club. This is beyond demeaning to women, I don't care how much money you're making at it.

After I read the report and get more details, I'll let you know what I find.

Meanwhile, the owners will be back in front of the board in a couple of weeks. That should be fun, too.

Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Weekend events: Let the outdoor activities begin

Bike Rides

Come ride along the South Coast Bikeway. Join us for a Bay State Bike Week Ride on **Sat., 5/11, at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven. Registration at 9 a.m., ride starts at 9:30.**

THREE rides: You choose the best route for you!

Nine-mile Bike Path route, 18-mile Fort Phoenix to Fort Taber Bike Path route, 35 mile Fort Phoenix to Snipatuit Pond Return to start.

For more information and pre registration visit www.southcoastbikeway.com.

This family event is brought to you by the South Coast Bikeway and the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee along with the support of SRPEDD. Bay State Bike Week is a partnership with MassDOT, MassBike, and MassRIDES. **Helmets are required.** Water and snack suggested. SCBA representatives will ride with you.

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

This Saturday, 5/11, leave food in or around your mailbox or porch for letter carriers to pick up and distribute to local food shelters. See

letter on page 10 for details.

Riverside Cemetery Walking Tour

Fairhaven's lovely Riverside Cemetery will be the setting of two Office of Tourism walking tours during the month of May. **A Saturday morning walk is scheduled for May 11 at 10:00 a.m. An evening tour will be held on Wednesday, May 22, at 6:00 p.m.** Both tours begin inside the cemetery's entrance at 274 Main Street. They last about 90 minutes and are free of charge. Office of Tourism volunteer Joanne Zych will act as guide.

The cemetery was created in 1850, on land donated by Warren Delano II, grandfather of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. It is considered to be one of the most beautiful rural-style burial grounds in the region.

The walking tour route traces the quiet winding paths past the final resting places of some of the town's most famous residents, including the Delano family tomb designed by Richard Morris Hunt, the H.H. Rogers mausoleum designed by Charles Brigham, and the grave sites of

Captain William H. Whitfield, artist William Bradford, William F. Nye, John I. Bryant, and others. At each site, the guide discusses some of the history connected with the people buried there.

Nature lovers will see a wide variety of trees such as beech, black tupelo, birch, holly, cherry, dogwood, weeping willow, ash, sugar maple and more. Those interested in tombstone art will find fine examples of monuments and early slate markers bearing carvings of angels, willow trees, urns and other traditional symbols.

There is no need for advance reservations. Walkers are urged to wear comfortable shoes and to be prepared for some hills and uneven ground. The tour will be cancelled in the event of rain. Parking is allowed on the roads inside the cemetery, however two or three car lengths must be left open directly inside the gate. There are no public restrooms in the cemetery.

The Office of Tourism will also offer tours of the cemetery in June, July, August, September, and October.

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Selectboard ponders sanctions for Rasputin's

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard held a public hearing at its meeting on Monday, 5/6/19, to discuss a variety of neighborhood disturbances and bad behavior at Rasputin's Tavern. The board made reference to a compilation of police reports about 130 pages long that detailed the findings by undercover police inside the bar and a variety of instances when police were called.

Selectboard chairperson Charles K. Murphy, Sr., started the discussion by disclosing that his daughter used to work at Rasputin's. He said she no longer works there, but is a witness in one of the police reports. He stressed that she was a witness and not a participant.

Mr. Murphy noted in his statement that neither he nor his daughter have a financial interest in the bar and he was cleared to weigh in on the matter. In a follow-up communication, Mr. Murphy confirmed that his daughter has not worked at Rasputin's for more than two years.

The bar, owned by Matthew and

Ellen Cebula, has been the site of a number of fights, health board violations, underage drinking, over-serving of intoxicated individuals, and a series of loud encounters that have disturbed neighbors.

The bar also hosts "Bikini Fridays," when female waitstaff wear bikinis while serving guests throughout the bar. According to the discussion at Monday's meeting, undercover police witnessed the bikini-clad workers dancing on the bar and on the tables; and participating in "body shots," which is when shots that require salt or sugar are downed and then the salt or sugar is licked off an exposed body part. The report also, reportedly, includes photos, some graphic, of bloody patrons after fights.

The *Neighb News* was denied access to the report and correspondence from the attorneys by press time, despite repeated requests to the Town Administrator and his staff, even though both the report and the attorney letters were officially entered into the record during the meeting.

Attorney Christopher Markey,

representing Rasputin's and with Ellen Cebula present, said they would not dispute most of what was in the report. They said the bar does not want to be known as a place where drugs are done, and referred to an incident when a group of men went to the rest room together, presumably to do drugs.

Mr. Markey said the scanner that detects fake ID's was not working, and they would get a new one. He referred to his letter, which was not available to the *Neighb News*, asking if the board wanted him to "elaborate" on it.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola said the magnitude of the charges was "alarming" to him and the over-serving was of "significant concern" to him. He also said they had a responsibility to the neighborhood not to have fights, and the incidents were happening too frequently.

Selectboard member Dan Freitas was more forceful in his response, referring to the report's 130 pages, pictures of beatings, blood on the sidewalk, "girls on the bar."

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Beth, who is president of the Friends of the Millicent Library, co-president of the Colonial Club, and secretary of the Fairhaven Mothers' Club, moved to Fairhaven in 2006 from her teaching position in Arizona. She is currently working on a book about writers' houses in New England.

The discussion is free, open to the public, with accessibility to the meeting room through the Walnut Street entrance. To borrow the book, contact either the Millicent Library or SAILS, the inter-library web site. For questions or directions please contact Norma Markey at 508-993-3745.

Open House

New Business. See page 7.

Health Fair

In celebration of Older Americans Month, Coastline Elderly Services, Inc., in collaboration with the Fairhaven Council on Aging, will host its annual **Healthy Aging Fair on Friday, 5/10, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Fairhaven Recreation Center at 227 Huttleston Avenue.**

More than 70 vendors will display information and provide education on a host of services that are available in the community. South-coast Mobile Van will be on site for free blood pressure checks, cholesterol screenings, and pneumonia vaccine. Elders will also be able to discuss their dietary needs with a nutritionist or meet with a pharmacist.

There is no charge to attend and lunch/refreshments will be available through the generosity of sponsors, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas Quinn, Royal of Fairhaven, Atria Senior Living and Tufts Health Plan.

Boating Courses

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary 65 Announces Public Education Classes at ARSBC, 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

ABS. About Boating Safely. \$40 book fee Sat. May 11 or May 25, 8 a.m.– 5 p.m. This beginning boating class will give you the knowledge to obtain a boat license or safety certification.

SIC Suddenly in Command. Free. June 11, 9–11:30 a.m., or June 22, 7–9:30 p.m. This four-hour boating safety class is designed to help you be prepared with basic skills in case of an emergency.

Paddlecraft Safety. Free. June 22, 9–11 a.m., or July 8, 7–9 p.m. This course is for novice paddlers to be aware of basic issues of paddling and safety equipment needs.

For more information, visit www.flotilla65.com. Click on Public Education for all course information and registration.

Toastmasters

Come for the pizza, leave with a new you! Do you want to improve your self-confidence, speaking ability, and leadership skills? Come to a Toastmasters meeting and see how we can help. Guests are always welcome, and **on May 15th were holding an Open House with pizza and prizes, noon–1 p.m. at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 0219.** We meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month, from noon to one. Free. Visit <https://whalingcitytoastmasters.toastmastersclubs.org>. Whaling City Club offers a fun and friendly environment that fosters personal growth. Contact Stephen D. Rogers President, 508-275-3048, sdr633@hotmail.com

Immigration Stories

The Friends of the Millicent Library invite you to tell about your families' immigration to our country by filling out a card at the Walnut Street entrance of the Millicent Library, or at the main desk. We are preparing the community for our annual meeting on May 20th, with a speaker from UMass Dartmouth, discussing immigration policies as they presently affect our community. If you have a story to tell about you or

your family, there are colorful cards available. After filling out any history that you would like to share, either pin the card to the Friends of the Millicent Library's bulletin board located in the downstairs entrance, or leave at the desk for one of the Friends to properly display it.

You are also welcome to write about your family on an 8x11 piece of paper, bring it to the library, so that it can also be displayed, read, and saved by the Friends. We would like to have a community archival history of Fairhaven's residents' immigration history for our future citizens.

SAVE THE DATES

Bless of Bikes RAIN DATE

The Blessing of the Bikes was postponed from last week due to rain. St. Joseph School's 21st annual Blessing of the Bikes on Sun., 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 Johnny's Basement, Texas Barbeque, Outside Cash Bar, Vendors. Event Sponsored by St. Joseph School and Ice House Bar & Grill. Benefits St. Joseph. Call Tracy at St. Joseph's 508-996-1983 or Ice House at 508-992-2337

Foxwoods with the Lions

Fairhaven Lions Club day trip to Foxwoods Resort and Casino, **Sun., 5/19, \$35 pp.** Pick up 10 a.m., return 7 p.m., 1 Fairhaven Commons Way. Free buffet or \$10 meal voucher. \$10 slot play. Contact Bill, 508-996-3420, or lc1914bb@aol.com

Fitness in Park returns

Eight years and counting! Fitness in the Park is scheduled **FREE TO THE PUBLIC** this summer for 10 weeks of Yoga and Exercise classes in Cushman Park, Green Street Fairhaven, on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m., June 18 to August 22. **RAIN OR SHINE!** Charlene Conway, owner of Carousel Family Fun Center has generously offered Carousel Fun Center, 4 David Drown Boulevard, Fairhaven, as an indoor venue for classes in the case of inclement weather.

For more information about Fitness in Cushman Park and how to become a sponsor for the fitness classes call 508-287-2482 or email sgrace@encorent.com

Town Meeting zips through warrant

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Town Meeting members zipped through the warrant of 50 articles between the annual and special TMs, ending at about 1 p.m. on Saturday, 5/4. Most budget items passed with little or no discussion, and bylaw changes also passed with almost no discussion. TM approved more than \$50 million in spending for the operating budget, and \$1.7 million in capital spending.

Some of the smaller items got some of the most discussion. Article 12 of the annual TM included a jump in the stipend for the Selectboard from \$5572/year each to \$7500/year. Several TM members spoke against the raise, noting that the Selectboard has gotten regular raises, and that this particular jump would be more than 34%.

Theresa Szala suggested a 20% raise, or \$2060 total (\$6686 each).

"I just think 34 percent is excessive," said Ms. Szala.

Selectboard member Dan Freitas said that board members are required to pay for a lot of things out of pocket, such as flowers for funerals, fundraising breakfasts, etc. He noted that another change is that future selectboard members would not be allowed to get health insurance through the town.

Mr. Freitas said he spends 20-30 hours a week on Selectboard business, so it comes to just over \$5 an hour. He said it is more than a part time job.

"I'd appreciate it if you'd support it," said Mr. Freitas.

The \$7500 would put Fairhaven as the second highest in the state, said one TM member.

"It's a volunteer position," he said, noting that \$5200 is in the "middle of

the pack."

Ms. Szala said a lot of Selectboard members before them have worked just as hard.

"This isn't a job where you calculate how much to make in an hour," said Ms. Szala. "You didn't have to run for this position. You chose to run for this position."

In the end, the smaller number, \$20,060, to be split three ways, passed.

A similar discussion took place around a proposed raise in the stipend for the Board of Health members from \$4308 (split three ways) to \$5816. Ms. Szala made the same suggestion, to go up 20% instead of 35%, and the smaller number passed, \$5170.

There was significant discussion around an article in the Special TM to spend \$32,000 for engineering/



Theresa Szala (Glenn C. Silva photo)

facility. He said the police and fire departments waited, first for the high school project, then East Fairhaven School, then Wood School. Meanwhile, the aging fire and police station building is deteriorating.

He said the building was "seriously deficient," and they have spent close to half a million dollars in recent years to fix it.

After some discussion back and forth, the article passed by a huge margin, with only a handful against it.

The installation of traffic cameras passed, after some discussion about privacy. Chief Myers said the cameras would be in high traffic areas and would not be monitored. He said they would be available as an investigative tool after crimes had been committed.

Town Meeting also passed changes to the Town Administrator Act, albeit with lots of discussion and a bit of confusion on exactly what was being changed. The changes are necessary to clear up conflicts between the Special Act that created the Board of Public Works and the switch to the TA form of government. The changes spell out who has authority over BPW employees.

The article to add a bylaw to record all government meetings also passed, with an amendment to require that the meetings be available online, despite former Selectboard member Michael Silvia saying it could create an "unfunded mandate" in the future.

Rich Griffiths also pointed out that the article itself did not say it was a bylaw change, so it was amended to reflect that.

The meeting is available in its entirety at <https://www.fairhaventv.com/townmeeting>



Rich Griffiths (Glenn C. Silva photo)

architectural services related to purchasing land for a public safety facility. During the discussion, the parcel was identified as the G. Bourne Knowles property on Huttleston Avenue/Route 6.

Bernard "Bernie" Roderick spoke against the article, making it clear more than once, that he was not against a public safety facility. He said he wanted TM to wait and consider the long impact. The town is facing tens of millions of dollars in repairs to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and should wait before considering \$20 million for a public safety facility.

"I'm asking you to think seriously about this issue," said Mr. Roderick.

Police Chief Michael Myers assured TM that the \$32,000 was only for a preliminary study to see if that piece of property is feasible for the



Bernie Roderick (Glenn C. Silva photo)

Little Mermaid at Keith Middle School

Press Release

SouthCoast Children's Theatre proudly presents Disney's *The Little Mermaid*. The show will be performed at the Keith Middle School in New Bedford on Friday May 10 at 7 p.m. and Saturday May 11 with a matinee at 1 p.m. and an evening performance at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students. You

may order online by visiting www.southcoastchildrenstheatre.com or purchase them at the door.

Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, Disney's *The Little Mermaid* is a beautiful love story for the ages. With music by eight-time Academy Award winner, Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater and a compelling book by Doug Wright, this fishy fable will capture your heart with its irresistible songs, including "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl" and "Part of Your World."

Ariel, King Triton's (Jacob Rocha) youngest daughter (played by Hadley Fitton), wishes to pursue



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Open House at Silly Goose Playroom



Join us at Silly Goose Playroom, 52 Main St., Fairhaven, 774-955-0990, on Sat., 5/11, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., for an Open House. Silly Goose Playroom is for children 2-6 years. Come in and check out our facilities this Saturday. Free to enter, \$10 play time.

At Silly Goose Playroom we are all about the toddlers but we want adults to enjoy and get in on this, too, so we have a special room for our adult guests. Come on in and sit and relax while your kiddos are having fun and exploring in our magical land

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YTI veteran director Bob Gillet has cast 14 Southcoast area actors to take the stage in this gripping drama. Performances are held at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse located at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church complex. Free off-street parking entrance is on County Street.

This tragic historical drama offers a brilliant portrait of Sir Thomas More in his last years as Lord Chancellor of England during the reign of Henry VIII. When Henry fails to obtain papal approval for a divorce from Catherine of Aragon to marry Anne Boleyn, he mandates his subjects to sign an Act of Supremacy making him both spiritual and temporal leader of England. Sir Thomas cannot in good conscience comply. Cromwell, Cardinal Wolsey, his family, and the King himself are all unable to convince More otherwise, as he maintains his integrity and belief in silence. Ultimately accused of high treason, this very silence leads the man to his execution, and later his canonization in 1935.

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

The Little Mermaid

This weekend, see page 7.

Rain Barrels

This spring, rainwater collection barrels offered by The Great American Rain Barrel Company will be available for residents of New Bedford. Harvesting rainwater with a rain barrel can mitigate the irregular patterns of rainfall. To help homeowners and the City manage their water supplies and encourage water conservation, New Bedford is

offering residents the opportunity to purchase rain barrels at a discount.

Saving rainwater helps homeowners hedge against the cost of water. Rainwater is a free healthy alternative; it is organic, has no chloramine, no fluoride and no chemicals. It is an excellent water source for plants, gardens, lawns and any non-potable use. Regular use of a rain barrel can pay for itself in one season. One tenth of an inch of rain on a 1000-square-foot roof – about 25 minutes of moderate rainfall – will fill a 60-gallon rain barrel. New England typically receives 17" of rain during the growing season from May through September. This provides enough water to fill 170 rain barrels. Homeowners can expect to save about \$200 worth of water annually (based on current New Bedford water rates).

To learn more about the barrels, and to order a barrel, please visit: www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com/community and select New Bedford. Residents may also order a barrel by calling 1-800-251-2352. The deadline to order barrels is June 2, 2019. Once ordered, the barrels will be available for pick up on Saturday, June 8 at the New Bedford Department of Public Infrastructure's office at 1103 Shawmut Avenue in New Bedford from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Artmobile Donations

New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! is thinking about the summer ahead. Soon schools will be out and some youngsters will be piling onto buses for the ride to camp, where arts and crafts projects will consume at least a part of their time. In New Bedford, not all children can or will go to camp. Still, the purple vans known as the artMOBILE will be making the rounds in their neighborhoods beginning the first week of July. These striking purple vehicles bring two art educators and lots of art supplies right to 20 community locations, including parks and subsidized housing projects each summer, allowing youth to get creative for free. The Museum's artMOBILE has been a staple of New Bedford for over 23 years, and has received Award of Merit from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

Donations are being sought to help

the program reach its full potential for the summer, touching the lives of as many young artists as possible. While donations of any amount are welcome, sponsors who give \$1,000 or more will be recognized with right on the highly visible purple van.

Contributors may mail their gifts to the New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 or online at newbedfordart.org/artmobile

Scanning Day

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., NB, will host their monthly Scanning Day on Sat., 5/11, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Scanning Day is an opportunity for the public to share and preserve a digital copy of their fishing industry photographs, documents, and other records for future generations.

Center staff will scan the materials and record any information the owner shares about each piece. The owner will leave with their originals along with a digital copy of the scans on a flash drive. The Center is working to create a digital archive of these materials which will be made available to researchers and the public. These documents will help us to tell the story of the fishing industry. Scanning Day takes place the 2nd Saturday of each month.

If you have an item you would like to contribute to the Center's digital archive and are not able to attend Scanning Day, please call 508-993-8894 or email operation@fishingheritagecenter.org to make an appointment to have your item scanned.

Mother's Brunch

Mother's Day Brunch, at the Zoo, 425 Hawthorn St, New Bedford, Sun., 5/12, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Make this Mother's Day extra special by treating her to a fancy brunch at the Buttonwood Park Zoo! Join us for a lavish spread by our very own Bear's Den Cafe & Catering team! Taste scrumptious foods that appeal to all ages. Complimentary mimosas for all adults, omelette station, a cereal bar, lunch items and a tantalizing dessert station. Enjoy many extras, including full zoo access. Adult: \$45 Child: \$25

Children under 2 are free

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

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, Mattapoisett. 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.

Herring Festival

Enjoy food, festivities and outdoor fun during the fourth annual Acushnet River Herring Festival on Sat., 5/11 from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m. at The Sawmill (32 Mill Rd., Acushnet). This family-friendly festival will celebrate the ongoing restoration of the Acushnet River during the annual river herring migration.

The Herring Festival is free and open to all. The event will feature live animal shows, fishing demonstrations, canoeing, guided walks, kids' activities, a performance by the Toe Jam Puppet Band and more.

Visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/acushnet-river-herring-festival-may-11-2019/

Schedule: 12:30-1:30 p.m., Birds of Buzzards Bay with the Buttonwood Park Zoo; 2-3 p.m., Native Wildlife with Cape Cod Wildlife Center; 3:30-4:15 p.m., Toe Jam Puppet Band Live Concert; 12-3 p.m., Oxcart Food Truck; ALL DAY: Canoe the Acushnet River, Be A Baywatcher, River Exploration, Bird Observation, Learn About River Herring with MassFisheries, Sawmill Restoration Tour

Indoor Farmers' Mkt

Sat., 5/11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Acushnet Council on Aging and Senior Community Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet.

Miss Inspirational

Young women and girls with special needs and disabilities from across the state will once again grace the stage and amaze the audience at the 4th Annual Miss Inspirational Program to be held at the Old

Rochester Regional High School auditorium in Mattapoisett on Saturday, May 11, at 6:00 p.m. This year's ticket sales will once again benefit Boston Children's Hospital.

Admission is \$15 at the door, pending availability. The auditorium will open to the public at 5:30. Refreshments, raffles, and Chinese auction will be available in the foyer. For more information, email MissInspirationalProgram@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/MissInspirational/.

Lobster Roll Dinner

Includes chowder, coleslaw, chips, drink, coffee and strawberry shortcake. **Tickets \$25. Friday, May 17 at 6 p.m., St. Julie Billiard Church Hall, 494 Slocum Road, Dartmouth.** Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call 508-991-1590.

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.** 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.

Proceeds from the sale fund community projects Free and open to the public. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.

Animal Advocates

Animal Advocates is celebrating Mother's Day by having a fundraising event on **Sat. & Sun., 5/11 & 12, from Noon to 5 p.m. at The Sail Loft Restaurant, 246 Elm St., So. Dartmouth.** The restaurant serves lunch and dinner, and has delicious food and a beautiful atmosphere on the Padanaram Harbor.

Our Mother's Day Gift Sale will feature beautiful handmade gift items. There will be fragrant bouquets of flowers in vases, plants, chocolates, sweets and bakery goods, jewelry, handmade gift items and lots more. Many of the items at the Mother's Day Sale are unique: you won't find them anywhere else.

Please bring your mom, wife, sister

or friend to benefit homeless local abandoned cats and dogs. For information, please call (774) 888-9008, (508) 991-7727, or e-mail animaladvocates@comcast.net Bring a friend and help us spread the news; if you are able to donate or volunteer, call us.

Yard Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging will be having a yard sale on Sat., 5/18, at the COA on Barstow Street, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Rain date is May 19. No furniture or electronics, and no early birds.

Pathway to Planting

Are you looking for a different Mother's Day or thank you gift? **For \$10 you may purchase a Pathway to Planting Passport** from the Mattapoisett Woman's Club (MWC). **On May 18 & 19, 2019 enjoy savings on your Spring gardening needs.** Some local Garden Centers & Nurseries are offering discounts to those holding a Pathway to Planting Passport! Passports are available at the Town Wharf General Store at Shipyard Park, 10 Water Street, Mattapoisett or the Pen & Pendulum at 67 County Rd. (Rte 6).

All proceeds go to the MWC Scholarship Fund. For more information, contact Sue Mitchell at 508-758-9464

Animal Club/Kids

Looking for a safe, fun, educational experience for your kids this summer? The Humane Society & Shelter-SouthCoast hosts their annual SouthCoast Kids Club for ages 8-12 years old. The Shelter offers three different sessions on July 8-12, July 22-26 or August 5-9. We'll offer hug and cuddle time with shelter animals, professional animal care speakers, lots of great daily activities and a fun place for kids to make new friends and be with their Kids Club friends too. Cost is \$200 per week. Hours are 9:30-1:30 and all participants should bring their own lunch. Space is limited so please sign up soon. If you have any questions or want to register, call Traci Martin at 508-995-6661 or stop by the The Humane Society & Shelter South-Coast 31 Ventura Dr. in Dartmouth between 12:30-5 pm Mon.-Sat.

Recipe of the Week

Herb Watermelon Feta Salad

1/2 large chilled seedless watermelon, cut into 1-inch cubes
 1 small red onion, sliced
 1 c thinly sliced fresh basil leaves
 1 c chopped fresh cilantro
 1/2 c minced fresh mint leaves
 2 limes, juiced
 4 ounces of crumbled feta cheese
 3 tablespoons olive oil
 2 tbsps+ balsamic vinegar, or more to taste
 Salt & black pepper to taste

Gently toss watermelon, onion, basil, cilantro, mint, lime juice, feta cheese, olive oil, balsamic vinegar, salt, and black pepper together in a large bowl.

From our readers

Thanks to Pub 99 for Bike Rack

Many thanks to the 99 Restaurant in Fairhaven for the generous donation of their bike rack for the jetty in the Little Bay Conservation Area.

No more bikes blowing off the jetty on windy days into the water or mud, and no more bikes laying on the ground or leaning up against the fence or bench.

Years ago, a friend once told me she worked at the very first 99 Restaurant, and the owners were kind, decent and generous people to work for. Their spirit has not changed over the years.

Sallie Lou Johnson, Fairhaven

Stamp Out Hunger is This Weekend

It's that time of year when kind individuals, such as yourselves, can help the less fortunate in your area. How? By leaving non-perishable food by your mailbox

or on your porch, to be picked up by your local letter carriers or their helpers, on Saturday, May 11th.

Each year, for the past 26 years, on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers from every 50 States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands, deliver mail and pick up non-perishable food left by their postal patrons. Last year, nationally, over 71.6 million pounds of food was picked up and eventually delivered to local pantries, shelters and food banks that helped local needy individuals. And, for the past 26 years of this food drive, over 1.67 billion pounds have been collected.

This yearly venture, known as "Stamp Out Hunger," is the biggest one-day food drive in this country. According to Postmaster General,

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Rain does not deter Cherry Blossom Festival faithful



Although there were about 30 people at any given time at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Fairhaven on Sunday, 5/5/19, there were people visiting throughout the day, ending up with about 100 people showing up for the annual commemoration of Fairhaven's special relationship with Japan. The first Japanese person to live and be educated in the US, was 14-year-old Manjiro Nakahama, who was rescued from a desert island in the Pacific in 1841 by the John Howland whaling ship, captained by William Whitfield who brought young Manjiro back home to Fairhaven. Japan was a closed society at the time, and Manjiro played a key role in opening up Japan to the west. To learn more about the Manjiro story and the renovation of the house on Cherry Street in Fairhaven, visit www.whitfield-manjiro.org or email gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org. ABOVE LEFT: Ayako M. Rooney tells the Manjiro story at the Cherry Blossom Festival. ABOVE MIDDLE: Yasuhiro Yamauchi from the Consulate General of Japan in Boston speaks at the festival. Fairhaven Selectboard Chairperson Charles K. Murphy, Sr., speaks at the festival. BELOW LEFT: Monica Donnelly (Center) teaches the art of Origami to Terry Berard (LEFT) and Taylor Lambert (RIGHT) at the Festival. BOTTOM LEFT L-R: Kristine Audette, Barbara Owen; and Louise Tapper sell Japanese goods during the festival. BELOW RIGHT L-R: Greg Richards, Rie Hayashi, Tori Willbanks-Roos, and Shane Tysk closed out the day with Taiko Drumming-ShinDaik. BOTTOM RIGHT: Ayako M. Rooney tells the Manjiro story. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva. See more of his photos on Instagram: @asttphoto*



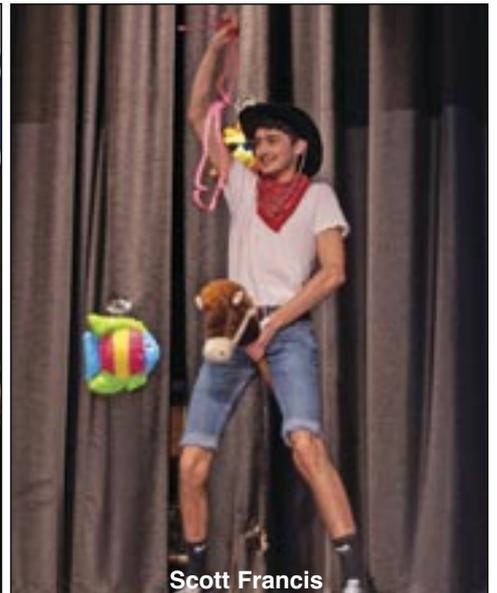
Kyle Imbeau is Mr. Fairhaven 2019



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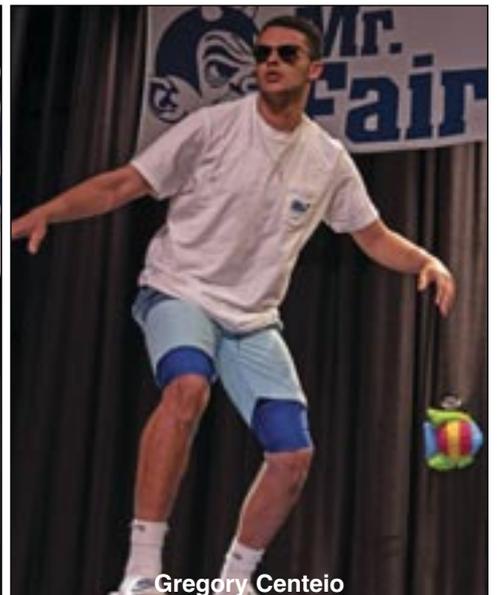
Fairhaven High School held its annual Mr. Fairhaven contest on Friday, 5/3/19, when boys from the senior class competed in a variety of categories, including talent, casual wear, and a group dance. The boys and their escorts had lots of fun with some zany routines. In the end, Kyle Imbeau was crowned Mr. Fairhaven 2019. Proceeds from the event will go to the After Prom Party. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva. See more of his photos on Instagram: @asttphoto*



Host Bre Demanche crowns Kyle Imbeau Mr. Fairhaven 2019.



Tea for two? Isaac Tortorella escorted by Autumn Tangney,



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Group Dance by all contestants

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Kool Kids Summer Vacation

Registration: May 4, 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Kool Kids is for children entering grades 1-age 12. Children will have fun each day by participating in a variety of sports, games and art activities. Each session will also include special themed events. Children are grouped by the Grade they will enter in the Fall. Don't miss out on this great summer program. Last year's program was full almost every week. Sign up early so we can take more participants than last year. \$130 per week for members, sibling discounts available, also non member rates. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Drop off 8 a.m.; Pick up 3 p.m.

*Extended day will be available; AM only (7AM), \$25; PM only (4 PM) - \$25 both \$40.

A \$25 deposit on each week must be paid at time of registration

Counselor in Training Program

Teens ages 13-16 learn to become summer counselors. Includes CPR, early education tips, job interview skills and much more, CIT's will plan and run a theme day for the summer Kool Kids program, run games, assist senior counselors with projects, etc. Field trips and a pizza lunch every Friday are included. Program runs for 2 week sessions. Cost per session \$200.00 for members, \$230 for non-Members. You must be at least 13 to attend this program no exceptions Space is very limited in this program **Register on May 4, 8-1:45**

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Special Activities

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Sewing Circle

Mondays 1-3 p.m. on June 3, 17; on Thursdays 5:45-8 p.m. on May 23, 30. 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. May 6, 8, 10 and May 20, 22, 24 from 9-10 a.m. please sign up at the senior Center.

FREE Healthy Aging Fair

Friday, May 10, from 10-2:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Recreation Center,

FREE lunch, refreshment and raffles. Southcoast Mobile Van will be on-site for screening. Hosted by Coastline and Acushnet COA.

Memory Cafe

Coming to Fairhaven COA in June. Fairhaven Council on Aging Memory Cafe will meet every Tuesday 1-2:30 p.m. At The Fairhaven Council on Aging 229 Huttleston Ave. Call 508-979-4029 and ask for Anne Silvia if you have any questions.

Senior Center Garden

Spring has arrived and plans are developing to enjoy another vegetable garden in the enclosed yard behind our Senior Center. Fairhaven Lions will assist to prepare the plantings and we are looking for a few people who would like to help. We anticipate several people will work together to help our garden succeed again.. Please call the Senior Center 508-979-4029 or leave your name at the front reception counter.

Zumba Gold

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Ongoing Programs

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Acushnet gets no satisfaction from Rep. Keating on Keating

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard met on Tuesday, 5/7/19, and discussed a letter they received from U.S. Rep. William Keating in response to a letter sent by them regarding P.J. Keating and Blasting. Town Administrator, Brian Noble said the response did not include any new information, and stated that the standards for blasting have not been reviewed or updated in forty years.

Selectboard Chairperson Roger Cabral said the letter was written from the Selectboard with the help of Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher to Rep. Keating after neighbors in that area complained about the blasting and other concerns.

The Selectboard was hoping to get

a letter in return with the knowledge that the federal government would be open to looking into the standards. Mr. Cabral suggested that Mr. Noble reach out to Mr. Gallagher and review their options to send back another letter, perhaps spelling out exactly what their concerns are.

"It is a very well written letter that doesn't say a lot", Mr. Cabral said.

In other business, Mr. Noble said he walked the roof of the elementary school with the Massachusetts School School Association (MSBA) who said if chosen they would help fund the school roof at 57.5%.

He explained the Town would be responsible for approximately \$30,000-\$60,000 at the start and then the balance of the 57.5%. The total cost would be approximately \$1.2

million. Mr. Noble did say that the funding usually starts at 27-year-old roofs, and Acushnet's roof is already at forty-seven.,

"So that's a plus for us to be chosen," Mr. Noble said, adding that they would not find out until the end of summer.

The board postponed the matter of the Council On Aging recognizing Older Americans Month, because COA director Heather Sylvia could not attend.

The meeting is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQLn-V7X9rp0JdWXh445neQ>. Please subscribe to the channel so that Acushnet will get its own custom URL on the platform, once it reaches 100 subscribers.

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Junior Tennis Program in Fairhaven announces lessons

Press Release

The Fairhaven Tennis Association (FTA) sponsors tennis lessons for area youth through our Junior Tennis Program. These are group lessons for ages 6-17 and take place from April through October at Cushman Park in Fairhaven. Students receive instruction and play with others based on their ability level.

The FTA uses a progressive approach that serves as a guide for coaches, parents and players to help ensure that juniors participate in events using the appropriate ball and court for their skill level. Players will compete at appropriate levels of play as they progress through stages based on age, participation and achievement. By providing a pathway, young players will have the opportunity to experience suitable levels of competition as well as develop their games tactically and technically. The progression tracking system rewards players for competing and inspires them to play more often. It's not just about winning and losing — it's about having fun, engaging young children and helping them fall in love with tennis.

The director of our Junior Tennis Program is Kenneth Pottel. Ken is a former teacher and school administrator for the Wareham School District and has played tennis for 50 years. During his last ten years as an educator, he directed a district-wide Community Service Learning Program. This program received recognition by obtaining state and national awards. Ken founded the Fairhaven Tennis Association and now serves as its vice president, which allows him to dedicate his efforts to the Junior Tennis Program.

Our lessons are directed by Aaron

Petruski. Aaron is a science teacher at Holy Family Holy Name School. He has been a teaching professional at the Lakeville Athletic Club for 10+ years working with players of all levels. Prior to Lakeville, Aaron has worked in Pennsylvania with the Penn State Tennis Camps and local programming in that area. He competes regularly on the Lakeville league team. He enjoys sharing his enthusiasm for tennis with the local youth. Aaron is assisted by several highly qualified assistants, most of whom have come up through our program and who now attend college or high school.

Joanne St.Amand is our coordinator. She is a parent volunteer of one of our junior players. Joanne processes our registrations and performs other administrative tasks.

Beginning toward the end of April, we offer five sessions consecutively that each last for five weeks. The first session is available on Sundays and Thursdays and the remaining sessions are available on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our first lesson (clinic 1) is at 5 p.m. and is comprised of Beginner (red ball) and Early Intermediate (orange dot ball) players. Our second lesson (clinic 2) is at 6 p.m. and includes students in our Intermediate (green dot ball) and Advanced Intermediate (green ball) groups.

Due to daylight restraints, our first session of the season is 1 hour each for both clinics 1 and 2 and costs \$30. Our remaining sessions are 1 hour for clinic 1 at \$30 and 1 1/2 for clinic 2 at \$45. Students may sign up for one, two, or three (when offered) days a week per session at a cost of \$30/\$60/\$90 for 1 hour clinics and \$45/\$90/\$145 for 1 1/2 hour clinics.

In addition to group lessons, we also provide some students enrolled in our Junior Tennis Program the following additional opportunities to increase their court time. These opportunities are a perfect way for our youth tennis players to use the techniques they are learning in our group lessons.

- **Drop in Sessions:** Informal free sessions offered on select Saturday mornings to our Early Intermediate and Intermediate players and taught by our assistants.
- **Tournaments:** Singles and doubles tournaments are free for our Early Intermediate, Intermediate and Advanced students throughout our season.
- **Tennis League:** Launched in 2018, our tennis league places groups of our Early Intermediate, Intermediate and Advanced players together on a team and allows them to play against other teams with like competition.

To have your child learn to play tennis, a sport that can be played for a lifetime, please download our registration form and mail it in (<http://www.fairhaventennis.org>). The current registration form is located at the bottom of this page and provides more detail about our current session dates and times.

If you have any questions, please email us at ftajuniortennis@gmail.com.

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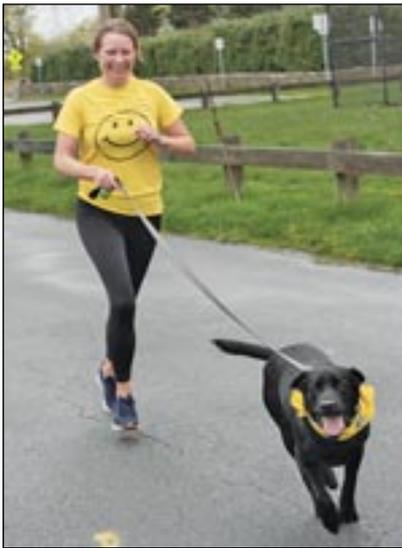
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Runners take to the streets in support of Nemasket Group



The Nemasket Group held its sixth annual 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, 5/4, at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven to raise awareness and support a great cause. The Nemasket Group offers personalized, flexible support to families and individuals with disabilities to live, work and develop relationships within our communities. The rain held off just long enough for the participants and volunteers to finish up the race. Congratulations to the winners: 1st man/overall, Andrew DaCunha 20.51; 1st woman, Alana Graves 25.21; 1st boy, Jackson Ponte 28.19; 1st girl, Sadie Hartley Matteson 31.40; 1st dog, Turkish. With 32 team members Lee Ann Wood and the Graves Team won Highest Fundraiser and Largest Team. Family pet Turkish also won first place for dogs. A big thank-you to all the major sponsors: BankFive, Claremont Companies, Symmons, Patricia Stone In Memory of Conrad Stone, Guard Oil, Bridgewater Credit Union, St. Anne's Credit Union. ABOVE LEFT: Alana Graves and Turkish. ABOVE MIDDLE: This young'un uses a balance bike to navigate the race. ABOVE RIGHT: These two woman still have plenty of energy as they approach the finish line. BELOW LEFT: And....they're off! BELOW RIGHT: Director Dustin Greene, Heidi Pina-Barnes, and first place winner Andrew DaCunha after the race. Photos by Glenn C. Silva. See more of his photos on Instagram: @astephoto.





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So you see, you can make a difference. All you need to do is to inspect your cupboards and donate non-perishable food that is NOT outdated and place it near your mailbox or on your porch by 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, and your postal carrier, or helper, will do the rest. Please make a note so you won't forget this very important day to help your area's needy.

Thank you in advance and, together, we can make a difference in someone's life.

*Gerry Payette,
 U.S. Postal Service Letter Carrier, Ret.*

Dog Park Plans are Progressing

You may have heard that the Town of Fairhaven is considering building a Dog Park in Town. Town Meeting approved \$22,500 for matching funds that will only be spent if the Town applies for and is granted a Stanton Foundation Grant (<http://the StantonFoundation.org/canine/dog-parks>).

A Dog Park Committee, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, has been reviewing a number of potential sites in Town and will be meeting to rank that list of sites on Monday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

The park would be fenced in an area at least 1/4 acre and ideally at least 1/2 acre in size and would likely have one section for smaller dogs and another for larger dogs.

Among the criteria the committee will use to rank order the locations is

surrounding population density, accessible parking, shade, access to drinking water and electricity (for lighting), buffer from residents,

land suitability (flat/drainage, etc), environmental concerns, etc.

Locations being considered include (in alphabetical order) the COA/Recreation Center (Map 28, Lot 1 between parking area and Route 6), Fort Phoenix State Park (Lot 1, Map 1 — Northeast of Bath House — would require State approval), Grimshaw Park (Map 1, Lot 6A), Livesey Park (Map 22A, Lot 194), Long Road site (Map 23, Lot 175), Mill Road (Map 30, Lot 27), North Street (Map 16, Lot 39), Rogers School Property (possibly combined with existing park).

If you have an interest in weighing in on this potential project, please consider attending the meeting or following the recommendations of the committee to the Board of Selectmen.

*Bob Espindola, Selectman
 Town of Fairhaven*

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, May 20, 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:

1. CON-19-051 **Hiller Avenue & Timothy Street, Assessors Map 28C, Lots 71 and 71A** Notice of Intent filed by Robert Roderiques for the construction of paved roadways and stormwater management systems and the installation of utilities including the placement of fill for the aforementioned work for a proposed 16-lot subdivision at the property located at Assessors Map 28C, Lots 71 and 71A. Work to take place within the Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland.
2. CON-19-052 **7 Union Street** Notice of Intent filed by Fairhaven Shipyard Companies, Inc. for the construction of a pile-supported platform, gangway,

and pile-anchored float to provide access to navigable waters at the property located at 7 Union Street, Assessors Map 7, Lot 11. Work to take place in Land Under the Ocean, Designated Port Area, and Land Containing Shellfish.

3. CON-19-053 **3 Goulart Memorial Drive** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Colin Veitch for removal of trees at the property located at 3 Goulart Memorial Drive, Assessors Map 42, Lot 15K. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage/Zone VE.
4. CON-19-055 **25 Abbey Street** Notice of Intent filed by Agostinho Pinto for the razing of the existing dwelling and garage and construction of a new flood zone-compliant single-family dwelling at the property located at 25 Abbey Street, Assessors Map 6, Lot 102. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage/Zone VE and Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland
5. CON-19-056 **Fort Phoenix Playground** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to install a border along two sides of the playground to help retain sand at the property located on Green Street, Assessors Map 1, Lot 2. Work to take place in Buffer Zone to Coastal Beach and Dune and in Land

Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage/Zone VE. 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, 5/9/19

TOWN OF ACUSHNET



There will be an Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. at the Ford Middle School in the Auditorium, 708 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA 02743.

Roger A. Cabral, Chairman
Kevin Gaspar, Sr.
David Desroches
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Cystic Fibrosis Walk

The Mass.-Rhode Island Chapter

announced today is hosting a Great Strides walk as part of a national effort to fight cystic fibrosis, a rare, genetic disease that progressively limits the ability to breathe and causes premature death. Walkers in the Greater New Bedford Area will join 250,000 people across the country in Great Strides walks being held in 450 cities.

The South Coast Walk is taking

place this Saturday, 5/11 at Fort Rodman/Taber. Check-In is at 10:00 a.m.; walk will start at 11:00 a.m.

To get involved in Great Strides and help fight CF, please call the Massachusetts-Rhode Island Chapter at 508-655-6000 or visit <http://fightcf.cff.org>.

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Board of Public Works

Mon., 5/13, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 5/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

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

Planning Board

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

School Committee

Wed., 5/15, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 5/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Committee

Tues., 5/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Assessors

Tues., 5/21, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Bylaw Review Committee

Mon., 5/13, Town Hall, 3 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 5/21, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

TOWN MEETING

Mon., 5/13, Ford Middle Sch., 7 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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	May 2019	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	9	----	1216	0512*	1720*
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Sunday	12	0241	1515	0823	2054
Monday	13	0341	1618	0931	2215
Tuesday	14	0446	1722	1040	2352
Wednesday	15	0549	1817	1146*	----
Thursday	16	0641	1905	0051*	1234*
Friday	17	0727	1949	0141*	1314*
Saturday	18	0812	2034	0234*	1354
Sunday	19	0859	2120	0322*	1435
Monday	20	0946	2205	0351	1516
Tuesday	21	1032	2250	0411	1553
Wednesday	22	1118	2336	0436	1628
Thursday	23	----	1207	0505	1705
Friday	24	0027	1301	0541	1746
Saturday	25	0121	1355	0628	1842
Sunday	26	0213	1445	0732	1958
Monday	27	0303	1536	0834	2105

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

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"It sounds like Animal House in there," said Mr. Freitas, adding, "someone's gonna end up dead."

"There's a whole plethora of problems over there," said Mr. Freitas, including spinning tires, parking problems, people walking outside with drinks, and intoxicated people walking in the street.

He said he did not want to hurt a business, but did want more than a slap on the wrist.

"It's a miracle that no one's been killed," said Mr. Freitas.

Mr. Murphy said he wanted to see a security plan for inside and outside. He said he has been there at closing time and when security is good, it works well. He said the manager on duty has to be responsible.

Mr. Markey said that he and his clients were not naive and they realize the issues were "legitimate." He made a number of recommendations, and noted that the report shows that most of the time people are dispersed by the time police arrive. He also said that staff members find nips in the parking lot, indicating that people are not being over-served, but are drinking before or after going into the bar.

Town Counsel Thomas Crotty explained that the board had a range of options, including a penalty for a period of time to make sure the bar implements whatever security measures the board wants.

Resident Beth Luey told the board that she lives near two bars in town and the worst thing that ever happened was a "little noise."

"Bars don't have to have blood on the sidewalk," she said.

Mr. Freitas also referred to an incident with a gun, but the details were fuzzy, as everyone seemed to

have a different recollection of the incident.

He said anyone who gets in a fight should be "barred for life," no more body shots, no more going on the bar.

"Because now you're just about as close to a stripper as possible," said Mr. Freitas.

He wanted a five-day suspension and a list of other measures.

He encouraged the owners to call the police more often, saying they are there to help, not hurt.

Police Chief Michael Myers said they have had discussions with the owners over the years, and things get better for awhile, then go back to how it was.

He said the bigger problem is that most of the time the trouble happens when the co-owners are there, so how do you get the people who work there to clamp down on the owners?

"The owner is encouraging a lot of the bad activity," said Chief Myers, adding it has to start from the top.

After a lot more discussion, which mostly reiterated the same points, the board voted to continue the hearing until the 5/20 meeting. Meanwhile, the bar will create a security plan to be approved by the police department and submitted to the board on 5/20. The bar is required to have two security people on duty on Thursdays, and three on Friday and Saturday; and is required to get a new scanner. Mr. Freitas's idea that the bar should get a metal detector wand, was not included in the motion.

The motion passed 2-1, with Mr. Freitas voting "no," although he did not explain why.

In another matter, the board heard from Beth Luey of the Colonial Club, with details about the upcoming sale of the Coggeshall Memorial house on

Cherry Street. The Colonial Club used the building, but did not own it. Martha J. Coggeshall left the house in a trust about 100 years ago, to be used by the Colonial Club. The trust was administered by Bank of America, which informed the club in 2017 that the trust had run out of assets and the house would be sold.

The Colonial Club attorney worked out a deal with BOA that the proceeds of the sale of the house would be placed in a restricted endowment fund administered by the Community Foundation of Southeastern Mass., with the income to be used for the preservation, maintenance and restoration of historical buildings, museums, artifacts and archives located in the town of Fairhaven.

Ms. Luey told the board that the deal did require some negotiation, as the bank wanted to make funds available for the surrounding area.

Ms. Luey said Mrs. Coggeshall did not have any interest in the "surrounding area," she liked Fairhaven. The court has approved the deal, she said.

"It's too bad to lose the house," said Ms. Luey, but the outcome is good for the help the money will give to the town.

She encouraged people to "pay a lot for that house."

Ms. Luey said she wanted to appear before the Selectboard so that the deal would be made public, since the loss of the house did cause a bit of controversy when it was first announced.

The board also received notice that there is a vacancy on the Fairhaven Housing Authority. Anyone interested in filling that seat should contact the Selectboard.



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