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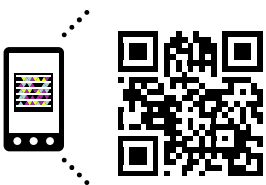
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## OLOA statue gets spruced up for the big feast



Members of Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association carry the statue for the very first time using the new poles and the new base on Monday, 8/26/19. The new system allows for two people in front and two people in back on each of the two poles for a total of eight people carrying, and also allows the sides of the base to be unobstructed, unlike the old system. See page 12. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva.*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

School started this week. YIKES! Summer is NOT gone. It's NOT. No....no....no.

Ge. It feels like summer just got here. It didn't help that it was so hot most days that it was hard to do anything outside.

Heavy sigh.

Not quite ready to pull out the snow shovel. It would be nice to get a few more beach days in, huh?

The OLOA feast is this weekend. That's a sure sign that summer is over for the student group anyway.

Speaking of students...

It is, of course, customary for newspapers to run pictures of the students going to school on the first day. We did that. But we also caught wind of a group of parents who were so excited that their young charges were going back to school they decided to celebrate. "It's the most wonderful time...." See page 7 for a picture of the mimosa parents....and the kids, too, yup, the kids.

Now, back to the feast (see page 3). This is your only chance to get the best malassadas on planet EARTH. Yes, planet EARTH. All the food at our Biggest Little Feast is usually worthy of some big bragging, with lots of Portuguese favorites and American fare to choose from. And don't forget the Madeira wine, too.

The weather looks like it's going to be nice and cool for the whole weekend. So...no excuses.

I guess I'll end on the sad note this week.

It's just heartbreaking that Fairhaven's Laurie Sylvia died from EEE. We go on and on about covering up, using DEET, spraying, staying inside, or whatever. But, I just don't see how anyone can defend herself from a nuisance of a flying insect. If we had a surefire way of avoiding those little buggers, we'd do it.

My heart breaks for the family.

There's not much to say to them, really. It's just so random, so unfair. Our little town took a hit, too, with her death.

Enjoy each little moment, people. You simply cannot know how many you have left.

Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS



# Weekend and week ahead

## 89th annual OLOA Feast



Sat., Sun., Mon., 8/31–9/2. Our Lady of Angels Feast Grounds, 7 Jesse St., Sat., 5 p.m.–Midnight; Sun. Noon–Midnight; Mon. Noon–10 p.m.. Procession on Main St. Monday at 1:00 p.m.

A traditional, weekend-long Portuguese “festa” featuring live music, game booths, Portuguese and American foods, auctions, kids’ activities. On Monday at 1:00 p.m. a procession is held from St. Mary’s Church to Benoit Square and back, with marching bands, clergy, local officials and invited guests. The carved wooden statue of Our Lady of Angels is carried along the route on the shoulders of members of the club.

Sponsored by Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association. For more info: 508-990-0502.

### Entertainment/Activities

**Saturday**, grounds open 5 p.m.–midnight. Opening ceremonies at 6 p.m., followed by a concert by Our Lady of Light Band of Fall River. 8 p.m.–mid., Music by Over the Edge

**Sunday**, grounds open from noon to midnight, featuring Richard Canastra & Paul Sovoie Show from 3–7 p.m.; Eratoxica from 8 p.m.–mid.

**Monday**, Feast Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Mary’s Church. Procession on Main Street at 1 p.m. followed by auction on feast grounds. Music by Hardwire, 6–10 p.m. Grounds close at 10 p.m.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** You must purchase tickets for food and beverages. All three days, Portuguese and American foods will be served.

### Acushnet Cruise Night

Join us in the center of town for Acushnet’s 10th annual **Cruise Night, Thurs., 8/29, from 5–8 p.m.** Check out our fabulous classic cars, enjoy some great food from our vendors, dance to the oldies and today’s tunes on the town green. Music by the Classics. Brought to you by the Town of Acushnet and the Acushnet Celebration Committee; music sponsored by the Acushnet Policemen’s Association.

### WIIA Breakfast Buffet LAST ONE OF THE YEAR

**Sun., 9/1, West Island Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven, 8–10:30 a.m.**

By the West Island Improvement Association. Includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit, cereal, coffee and juice. **\$8 adults, \$4 children** under 12. Tickets at door. Accessible.

### Music Fest

Fund-raiser to benefit Rise Up for Homes, which supports New Bedford’s cold-weather overflow shelter, featuring 13+ electric and acoustic bands at **The Vault Music Hall and Pub at Greasy Luck, 791 Purchase St., downtown New Bedford, Sun. 9/1, noon to midnight. Tickets: \$20 online, \$25 at door.** Visit [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) for tickets. Event will be livestreamed, text donations to 50155 or call to speak to an operator for livestream access. On-site event will include raffles and silent auction. For tickets, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-bedford-risefest-2019-tickets-65440106119?aff=ebdbsbdestsearch>

## Butterfly Census

Savor the last remnants of summer, enjoy some time outdoors and learn about butterflies at the annual Allens Pond Butterfly Census!

**Sat., 8/31, & Sat., 9/7, 10am-1pm.**

This free annual event welcomes butterfly watchers of all ages and skill levels to help census as many areas of Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary as possible. Members of the Mass. Butterfly Club will lead teams into different areas of the Sanctuary and provide expertise in identifying butterflies.

**Meet at the Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary field station parking lot, 1280 Horseneck Rd., Westport, MA at 10am to divide into teams.**

Participants should wear long pants, sunscreen and bring water and a snack or lunch. Some butterfly watchers will continue on after lunch to survey Sylvan Nurseries. If you have any questions or would like to join the census please call the Sanctuary at (508) 636-2437 or email [allenspond@massaudubon.org](mailto:allenspond@massaudubon.org). Please provide full contact information. In case of inclement weather this program will run on Sunday

### Salt Marsh Stroll

Join Mass Audubon for an enjoyable stroll along our Beach Loop Trail at Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary Wed., 9/4, 6:00– 7:30pm. Discover coastal and saltmarsh plants with an expert naturalist. Venture onto the marsh and learn how to identify saltmarsh grasses. This program is limited to 12 adults and is \$15/members and \$18/ non-members. Registration is required at [massaudubon.org/allenspond](http://massaudubon.org/allenspond) or by calling 508-636-2437.

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# Fairhaven resident dies from EEE

By Beth David  
Editor

A Fairhaven woman was the fourth person in Massachusetts to contract Eastern Equine Encephalitis, and is the first to die from the disease this year. Laurie Sylvia, a Sciticut Neck resident, died on Sunday, 8/25, after battling the virus for a couple of weeks. She was a real estate agent who worked at Pelletier Realty.

The first public acknowledgement of the Fairhaven EEE case and her identity came from a Facebook post from the Teamsters Local 59 on Saturday.

"It pains us to inform you that Laurie Sylvia, the wife of Teamsters Local 59 President Robert Sylvia, Jr has been stricken with the EEE Virus," reads the post. "For the last several days we were hopeful that with the best possible care from the Doctors and Staff at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, she would be able to recover. We have just learned that this will not be the case. Laurie's condition has deteriorated and regrettably the Family is now preparing for the worst."

The town of Fairhaven Board of

Health issued a press release on Monday acknowledging the case had been confirmed by the Mass. Department of Public Health.

On Tuesday, the Selectboard issued a statement: "It is with great regret that we inform you that this latest case of EEE resulted in the death of a Fairhaven Resident, Laurie Sylvia. The Town of Fairhaven sends its sincere condolences to the friends and family of Mrs. Sylvia during this difficult period," said Town Administrator, Mark Rees.

Ms. Sylvia's obituary describes her as a beach lover with a "little piece of heaven" on Sandy Beach.

"Laurie would approach everyone with a smile, kindness and laughter," reads the obituary. "She had a beautiful soul that was felt by everyone she came across. If you had the pleasure to meet her, you were instantly a friend and had a piece of her heart. If Laurie was in the room, you were sure to be laughing. She was the life of the party and meant everything to everyone. She loved her children deeply and her greatest joy was being Mimi to her grandchildren.



Laurie Sylvia, 59, of Fairhaven, died on Sunday from EEE. Photo from Jen Sylvia's FB page.

Heaven has gained the most selfless, beautiful, genuine human being."

Her daughter, Jen Sylvia posted on Facebook that Laurie "brought light and joy to everyone she came across."

"She knew how to have fun and taught me how important it was to love with all you've got and live life to the fullest," wrote Jen the day of her mother's death. "Mum, I hope you find the beach in heaven. I'll meet you there one day."

The rare disease is transmitted to humans by infected mosquitoes. Approximately one-third of those afflicted died from the disease. The rest often suffer permanently from neurological impairments.

In response to the threat, the

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

See page 3 for more happenings

## Photo Contest

See page 6 for details.

## Fill A Bag

The First Congregational Church's Heavenly Treasures Thrift Shop is having a **Fill A Bag for \$5.00** sale from **Thursday, 8/29–Saturday, 9/14**. Entrance is on William Street under the canopy.

## Cannabis Info Event

Presented by Bask, Fairhaven's registered marijuana dispensary, and MedWell Health and Wellness. On **Tues., 9/3, at 5 p.m.**, our Bask Patient Education Specialist JoAnne Lapennan will be at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center, **229 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven**, to discuss medical cannabis for seniors.

## Farmer's Markets

### Fairhaven Farmer's Market

**Sundays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** through **October 27, 151 Alden Road, Fairhaven**. This privately operated farmers market has locally grown edibles, vegetables, fruits, baked goods, meat, herbs, honey, jams, eggs, plants, homemade soaps, fresh squeezed lemonade and much more. Parking is available in the lot of National Bleach, directly next door to the market. For more information, email [Allnaturalbeef@comcast.net](mailto:Allnaturalbeef@comcast.net) or visit the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Fairhaven-Farmers-Market-172437426741689/>

### Roxann's Farmers Market

**Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, 189 Alden Road, Fairhaven.

## Huttleston Mktplace

**Saturdays through Sept. 14 10 a.m.–3 p.m. (NOTE TIME CHANGE)**, Fairhaven Visitors Center Lawn/Fairhaven High School Lawn, **141 Main St.**, at Rte. 6, Fairhaven. An outdoor bazaar featuring vendors selling select hand made arts and crafts, quality antiques and vintage collectibles, fresh farm produce, and locally prepared foods. Rain or shine.

During the marketplace, the Fairhaven Historical Society's museum is open in the Academy Building. Each week there are live music performances in the early afternoon.

For more info, contact the Fairhaven Office of Tourism: [FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov); 508-979-4085; <https://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace/>

## Fairhaven Historical Society open During Huttleston MP

**There's a Map for that!**

Come visit the Museum of Fairhaven History at the Academy Building during the Huttleston Marketplace this Saturday, June 22, 10am-4pm. Maps and so many other interesting items relating to our town's history are on exhibit.

## Boating Classes

Two safety classes are being offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary this fall. Both classes are **Mondays from Sept. 9 to Dec. 9 from 7 to 9 pm**. **The cost is \$45 per person**. Classes are held at the flotilla 65 building, 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven. Apply on line at [flotilla65.com](http://flotilla65.com).

The **Boating Skills and Seamanship** course (BS and S) is designed for the experienced as well as the novice boater. The course is scheduled to run on Mondays from

In addition, **Sailing Skills and Seamanship** (S S andS) course is also offered. This course will prepare sailors with information to operate sail boats under a variety of conditions. June course is also offered on

## Hoarder Workshop

The Fairhaven Health Department, and the New Bedford Fresh Start program are co-sponsoring a hoarding remediation program known as Buried in Treasures. This program is roughly 20 weeks and is designed for individuals who struggle with hoarding disorder and/or individuals who are interested in learning how to support someone they know who struggles with hoarding disorder, such as spouses, children, family members, care givers, etc.

Please keep in mind that those who join must commit to the entire length of the program. While we understand 20 weeks sounds like a long time, the program does fly by and members of the group form a bond which helps to support each other during the program.

In Fairhaven: Amanda Blais, **Saturdays, 10 a.m.–noon. Starts 9/7, Millicent Library Community Room, 45 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA;**

[amandablais@comcast.net](mailto:amandablais@comcast.net)

## Sponsors Needed

Friends of SMEC, a 501 (c) (3) agency whose mission is to provide financial support to supplement the services provided to children and adults with disabilities. We are proud supporters of this organization and hope that you will be also.

Friends of SMEC is hosting the first Annual Health and Wellness Walk-A-Thon on September 28 at 9:30 a.m. and we are seeking sponsors. Your company logo will be featured depending on the level of support.

For questions about the event, contributing a gift, making a donation or to volunteer to be part of the Friends of SMEC, please contact Sherri Tetrault, at 508-998-5599 ext. 130. Please send sponsorships by 8/24.

We are also looking for donations of raffle items such as gift cards, coupons, shirts, cups, etc. The money is going towards the SAIL program so we can obtain memberships at the YMCA/Healthtrax so our individuals can gain a healthier lifestyle.

## Henry H. Rogers Walking Tours

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.**, through September. Start outside Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven

A free 90-minute guided walk teaches about the town's benefactor Henry H. Rogers of the Standard Oil Co. and his gifts of magnificent architecture to Fairhaven. Tour includes visits inside the Town Hall and Millicent Library. Tuesday guide: Bob Foster, Thursday guide: Chris Richard. Weather permitting. For more information, visit <http://fairhaventours.com/category/tours/>

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Harvest Fun Day

Sat., 9/21, 10–4; Fairhaven Visitors Ctr., 141 Main St. Call 508-979-4085 or email [FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov) for more info.

### Fall Historical Encampment

Sat. & Sun., 9/28 & 29, Fort Phoenix, Fort St., Fairhaven. Cannon firing approx. 6:30 p.m. on Sat., Call 508-979-4085 or visit <https://fairhavenvillagemilitia.blogspot.com>



# Fairhaven TV photos winners, weeks 1 & 2

Fairhaven TV's summer photo contest has started and will continue through the end of September. Deadline is every Friday at 9 a.m. for the week's winning entry. To help you prepare for the coming weeks, this is our photo contest schedule.

How to Enter: Follow our Facebook

page and/or Instagram @fairhaven\_tv (we check!); Post and hashtag your photo #FairhavenTV (we won't see it otherwise!

- Week three: Coastal theme, deadline 8/30, 9 a.m.
- Week four: Sunrise/sunset, deadline 9/6, 9 a.m.

- Week five: Food in Fairhaven, deadline 9/13, 9 a.m.
  - Week six: Favorite summer activity, deadline 9/20, 9 a.m.
  - Week seven: Your fav thing about Fairhaven, deadline 9/27
- Post photos at <https://www.facebook.com/fairhaventv/>

## Week 1: Summer in Fairhaven



The week 1 winner, with a theme of "Summer in Fairhaven," is Brian Gallant with this photo of the quintessential summer cottage. Brian's Instagram handle is @brian.gallant. From his Instagram bio, we know he is a firefighter, a hobby photographer, shoots with Canon, and is from New Bedford. *Submitted photo by Brian Gallant.*

## Week 2: Historical Theme



Week 2 winner with an historical Theme is David Lima Sr. (Instagram handle: @dlemmaphotography), with this stunning night time photo of the Unitarian Church in the center of Fairhaven. David says "I'm a self-taught photographer that enjoys photographing the area and spending time with my family." *Submitted photo by David Lima Sr.*

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## They've gone BAAACCKKKK.....



Most schools in the area started classes this week. In Fairhaven, grades 1 to 12 started on Tuesday, 8/27. Kindergarten and preK were scheduled to start on Thursday, 8/29. It is, of course customary to show a picture of the kids starting school, but there's more to starting school than starting school. A group of parents got together at a West Island home to celebrate the return of classes by enjoying some mimosas on the deck and their own good company, and the *Neighb News* decided it was just as fitting to commemorate their response as the children's. ABOVE LEFT: Parents and grandparents of West Island school children celebrate the first day of school with mimosas on Tuesday morning, 8/27/19. L-R: Holly Lemieux , Monica Swan, Donna Fallon, Marianne Brodo, John Maciel, Amanda Paulson, Mary Boucher. *Photo by Beth David.* BELOW: The children of West Island waiting for and boarding the bus on a sunny and cool morning, with beautiful blue skies for the first day of school, 8/27/19. *Photos courtesy of Marianne Brodo.*



## Car crashes into house causing gas leak



According to a Facebook post on the Acushnet Police Department page, on Tuesday 8/27, at approximately 1 p.m., the Acushnet Police Department, Acushnet Fire & EMS Department, and the Fairhaven Police Department responded to the area of South Main Street and Anthony Street for a single car motor vehicle accident into a dwelling. The accident ruptured the natural gas service which forced the shutdown of South Main Street and an area evacuation.

"Luckily, nobody was injured!! Thank you to all the agencies that assisted!! The accident is still under investigation!" wrote the department on Facebook.

*Photo from Acushnet PD Facebook page.*

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Folk Band

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, 28 Bethel St., New Bedford, is pleased to host Scottish folk band, North Sea Gas, in concert on Thurs., 9/5, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12/members; \$15/non-members and are on sale now at the Fishing Heritage Center or online at <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/>. Tickets also at the door. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Accessible.

North Sea Gas, made up of Dave Gilfillan, Grant Simpson, and Ronnie (Mac) McDonald, is one of Scotland's most popular folk bands with great vocals and tremendous three-part harmonies. Guitars, mandolin, fiddle, bouzouki, harmonica, whistles, bodhrans, banjo, and good humor are all part of the entertainment!

Their show and their albums consist of traditional, contemporary, and self-penned material put together in a style all their own along with their humor and story-telling.

The Center's Concert Series highlights the cultural heritage of the many communities that make up the area's fishing industry.

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

## Cable TV Lic. Input

The City of New Bedford, as issuing authority for a cable television license for the city, continues to seek public input as part of its public hearing on the consideration process for a new cable license. Two public meetings were held on the license, on June 20 and July 31. As part of the public hearing, the City continues to seek input from the residents of New Bedford on the cable contract.

The purpose of the consideration process is to determine whether to issue a cable television license to Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. Members of the public are invited to write to the City on whether the current cable operator is in full compliance with its currently existing cable license; and what the City's future community cable-related needs are.

The public may submit comments in writing to the City by email at [cable@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:cable@newbedford-ma.gov), or by mail at to the Office of the City Solicitor (Attention: Cable Contract), City Hall, 133 William Street, 02740. Comments

in writing should be received **no later than Saturday, August 31, 2019.**

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Health Summit

BayCoast Bank will present a Wealth and Wellness Summit on Friday, September 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford.

The full-day event will focus on financial wellness and well-being, with particular emphasis on gender trends in the marketplace and resources for women in business leadership posts. The conference will feature guest speakers and information designed to inspire and educate entrepreneurs, business leaders, investors and women from all walks of life.

Admission is \$100 per person, with all proceeds to benefit early educational programs in New Bedford and Fall River. Continental breakfast, a seated lunch and afternoon snacks provided by Chartwells Catering are included with the price of admission.

To register or for more information, visit [www.baycoastbank.com](http://www.baycoastbank.com).

### Quilters

Shining Tides Quilt Guild, Inc. promote social, charitable, education and cultural connections among quilters. We offer two meeting times one during the day at VFW #3260; 281 Appleton St., New Bedford (corner of Appleton St. and Ashley Blvd.). Social at 9:30 am and meeting 10-12; we meet every 4th Monday from September - June. Our night meeting meets at United Methodist Church; 67 Main St., Acushnet. Social at 6:30 pm and meeting from 7-9 pm. we meet every 2nd Monday from September to June. Check out our Web site: <http://www.shiningtidesquiltguild.com>

**Day meeting September 23** at VFW#3260; 281 Appleton St. (corner Appleton St. and Ashley Blvd.) social 9:30 am meeting at 10-12.

**Night Meetings September 9** at United Methodist Church, 67 Main St. Acushnet; social at 6:30 pm and meeting from 7-9 pm.

### YTI production

Your Theatre, Inc. director Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr. of New Bedford has cast several Southcoast area actors in the comedic spoof of Alfred Hitchcock's 1935 thriller *The 39*

*Steps* by John Buchan and adapted by Patrick Barlow, the opening major attraction of YTI's 73rd season.

The play opens on September 12, Tickets are \$18 general admission, \$13 for season subscribers (three show minimum), and \$15 for senior citizens, students, and military personnel. For further information call Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or send an email to [info@yourtheatre.org](mailto:info@yourtheatre.org). The theatre's web site is [www.yourtheatre.org](http://www.yourtheatre.org).

### Free Walking Tour

Presented by the New Bedford Preservation Society with tour guide Bruce Barnes. This series is made possible by the generous support of the New Bedford Local Cultural Council. To learn more about the society call 508-997-6425 or visit [nbpreservationsociety.org](http://nbpreservationsociety.org)

**Thurs., 9/12, Neighborhoods of the Textile Era. Gather at 6pm at the Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street.** New Bedford was an important center for textile production in the world at the industry's peak in the early 1900s. This tour will highlight some of the neighborhoods and explore the legacy of this long and eventful period in the history of New Bedford.

### Women Hist. Walking Tour

Lighting the Way Walking Tours: Women Changing History, Sat., 9/7, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB. FREE. Visit <http://historicwomensouthcoast.org> or call the museum at 508-997-0046.

Learn about the history of New Bedford through the lives of women who fought to make the world a better place on this free one-hour guided tour. Hear stories of inspiring, civically-engaged SouthCoast women such as champion of historic preservation Sarah Ashley Delano, educator and labor leader Margaret Ryckebusch, doctor and voting rights activist Marie Equi, and educator and abolitionist Martha Briggs. Meet at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. This FREE one-hour tour is part of the "Lighting the Way Historic Women of the SouthCoast" project and is presented in collaboration with the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park program "Lighting the World."



## Acushnet Cruise Night

Thurs., 8/29, from 5-8 p.m. See page 3 for details.

## Schooner Fest

**35th Annual Gloucester Schooner Festival, Fri., 8/30-Sun., 9/1.** The schooners return to Gloucester in late summer as we celebrate the 35th Annual Gloucester Schooner Festival. Maritime Gloucester will welcome more than 20 schooners to its recently rebuilt Harriet Webster Pier. The weekend offers a wide range of sights and sounds. Taking place in the harbor and nearby waters of America's oldest seaport, the Gloucester Schooner Festival honors the major role the fishing schooner — invented here in 1713 — has played in the heritage of Gloucester and the eastern seaboard.

Old and new, large and small, a variety of schooners will visit Gloucester Harbor throughout the weekend, delighting all who visit. Gloucester's beautiful harbor, acclaimed by explorer Samuel de Champlain as "Le Beauport" is the backdrop for a unique mix of modern day and traditional vessels from the age of sail.

**A spectacular highlight of the Gloucester Schooner Festival is the Parade of Sail on Sunday morning** as participating schooners make their way through the harbor and past the breakwater, to the Mayor's Race starting area off Eastern Point., <https://gloucesterschoonerfestival.net/festival-schedule/>, Maritime Gloucester, 23 Harbor Loop, Gloucester 978-281-0470, <http://maritimegloucester.org>

## Road Closures

MassDOT has announced that it has rescheduled the traffic management measures for Route 44 & Route 24. The new bridge deck placement will now take place from 7:00 PM on Tues. 9/3, to 5 a.m. on Wed., 9/4

The work was previously scheduled for 8/28. During the overnight closures single lanes will be closed and re-opened as deck placement progresses across the bridge and rolling roadblocks will be implemented throughout the night on Route 24.

## Muster Day

On Saturday, Aug. 31, welcome the militia as they march into town at Old Sturbridge Village (OSV). From 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., OSV will host a day of military celebration, muskets, martial music and more.

In the early 19th-century, farmers and craftsmen were required by law to serve in local militia units — the forerunner of today's National Guard. Often, the various militia companies of several towns would come together for a regimental muster, a grand display that brought the townspeople out to cheer on the companies as they marched by in dashing uniform.

On Muster Day at Old Sturbridge Village, visitors are welcome to view and take part in the spectacle firsthand. Watch as the militia demonstrate the use of cannons and muskets and face off with rival militia companies in the field during mock or "sham fights." Children can join the company, marching with the militia, following officer instructions and learning early 19th-century drills. The day will also feature a short history of the "striped pig," a term familiar to musters of the day, used to skirt liquor laws of the early 19th-century.

Muster Day is included with Standard Daytime Admission, a season pass, or membership to Old Sturbridge Village. Visit: <https://www.osv.org/event/muster-day-august/>. Tickets are available online for \$2.50 less than admission at the door. Purchase by visiting: <https://www.osv.org/visit/purchase-one-day-tickets-online/>.

## Labor Day Traffic

**MassDOT: Labor Day Travel Advisory** Scheduled construction will shut down Fri., 8/30, through Tues. morning, 9/3. Free coffee will be served at MassDOT service plazas overnight on Monday, September 2. I-93 HOV lane will have extended afternoon hours Thursday and Friday, and will be closed Monday, September 2

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is advising Labor Day travelers to make informed decisions, utilize all the available technology tools including [www.mass511.com](http://www.mass511.com), and consider public transportation if possible to

reach destinations.

Free coffee will be served at the 18 MassDOT service plazas from 10 p.m. Monday, September 2, through 5 a.m., Tuesday, September 3. The plazas serving free coffee include 11 service plazas along I-90 plus plazas along Route 3 in Plymouth, Route 128 in Beverly, Route 128/I-95 in Newton and Lexington, Route 6 in Barnstable, and the Route 24 northbound and southbound plazas.

The U.S Army Corps of Engineers reports that there will be no lane restrictions on the Sagamore Bridge or Bourne Bridge during the Labor Day weekend period.

Drivers are reminded to avoid littering on roadways. Violators are subject to a fine of up to \$5,500 for the first offense.

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Apple Peach Fest

Acushnet will be celebrating its 40th Apple Peach Festival on **Saturday and Sunday September 7th and 8th 2019**. The festival celebrates the harvest season with music, food, and entertainment. This year, the festival will mark 40 years of celebrating the town's history of love for fall harvest. The festival grounds behind the Long Plain Museum located at 1203 Main Street, Acushnet, MA opens Saturday for crafts, food, and fun. The hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. The parade takes place on Sunday, September 8th at 10 am and kicks off at Pope Park and arrives at the festival grounds around 11 a.m. Parking is free (donations are accepted), and there are shuttle buses available from the Acushnet Middle School located at 708 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA.

### Author Event

Come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., on Sun., 9/8, from 2-3 p.m. and hear former Mattapoisett resident Jack Matthews talk about his mystery thriller *Arte Perdida*. In the novel, Manny Pereira, a decorated and disabled Vietnam war veteran races to find a killer in an investigation that spans Nazi Germany, the Azores, Newfoundland, and the neighborhoods of Mattapoisett! Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase.

The program is free and open to the public. The Library is accessible.

## Recipe of the Week

### Southwester Catfish

3 medium tomatoes, chopped  
1/4 cup chopped onion  
2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and finely chopped  
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar  
3 teaspoons salt, divided  
3 teaspoons paprika  
3 teaspoons chili powder  
1 to 1-1/2 tsps ground cumin  
1 to 1-1/2 tsps ground coriander  
3/4 to 1 tsp cayenne pepper  
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
4 catfish fillets (6 ounces each)

**For salsa.** In a large bowl, combine the tomatoes, onion, jalapenos, vinegar and 1 teaspoon salt. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

Combine the paprika, chili powder, cumin, coriander, cayenne, garlic powder and remaining salt; rub over catfish. Using long-handled tongs, moisten a paper towel with cooking oil and lightly coat the grill rack.

Grill fillets, uncovered, over medium heat or broil 4 in. from the heat for 5 minutes on each side or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Serve with salsa.

*From tasteofhome.com*

## BOH: Do not touch dead birds

### Press Release

The Fairhaven Health Department has received several notifications of deceased birds and seagulls in the Fairhaven area. While we understand the concerns residents may have with possible correlation to EEE, our department does not have any knowledge of knowing if these birds have contracted EEE, nor do we have the necessary equipment to conduct testing. We are urging residents to please leave these birds where they are and to not come in contact with them.

Please do not bring birds or

animals to the Health Department, Police Department or the Animal Control Office. The Health Department has been in contact with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, who conducts their own surveillance and bird and animal testing.

For further information, please contact the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800 and visit their website at <https://www.mass.gov/lists/arbovirus-surveillance-plan-and-historical-data>

*Mary Freire-Kellogg, Health Director*

### EEE: cont'd from page 4

public works department has closed all parks after dusk. Almost all area towns and cities have closed parks or severely restricted activities at dusk. School departments have cancelled practices and games throughout the region.

In Fairhaven, the school department has increased spraying of school grounds with an all natural treatment.

Ms. Sylvia is survived by her husband of 40 years, four children,

her parents, two sisters, a brother, and seven grandchildren. Arrangements are by Fairhaven Funeral Home. Calling hours will be

Friday, 8/30, from 4-7 p.m. Funeral arrangements are private

For more information on EEE and how to protect yourself from mosquito bites, visit the Fairhaven Board of Health page on the town's website. [https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/board-health/pages/mosquito-tick-information?fbclid=IwAR2L6G\\_3qp5vmYAPn6PZIYXSWecLQNfbQEbjt4baRpn3dcKisQ3\\_WgPaM2I](https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/board-health/pages/mosquito-tick-information?fbclid=IwAR2L6G_3qp5vmYAPn6PZIYXSWecLQNfbQEbjt4baRpn3dcKisQ3_WgPaM2I)

To find out about spraying in your neighborhood, call Bristol County Mosquito Control, 508-823-5253

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

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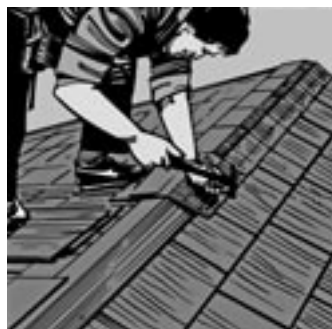
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# OLOA statue gets all spruced up for the big feast

By Beth David  
Editor

Members of Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association have been busy behind the scenes cutting cacoila, sprucing up the feast grounds, and otherwise getting ready for the "Biggest Little Feast" this weekend, the 89th annual.

This year the base of the big statue of Our Lady of Angels got replaced with a brand new, aluminum-frame base that uses different poles for a new experience for the members who carry the statue in the procession.

The statue weighs about 700 pounds. The old base weighed 176 pounds, the new one weighs 266 pounds, a 90 pound increase. The new poles, made from Douglas Fir, are

14 feet long and weigh in at a combined 75 pounds. The old system used four poles, with two people carrying in the front and two in the back holding each pole. Two other people also carried by standing in the middle and holding up the statue, for a total of six people carrying.

The new system has two poles that go all the way through the base, front to back. The extra long poles allow for two people each in front and in back for a total of eight people carrying, with no one in the middle.

Three teams of eight will take turns walking the statue up and down Main Street during the procession on Monday.

The old base was the original and was 89 years old.

Chris Costa was in charge of the carpentry part of the base, with help from other members to paint it and get it ready.

The statue was also restored and repainted, a process that took four months.

Fairhaven Lumber donated a crane and operator to hoist up the statue and lower it into the new frame on Monday afternoon, 8/26/19.

The OLOA feast is this weekend (see page 3 for details). The feast grounds have been sprayed for mosquitoes. According to the OLOA Facebook page, the county is spraying twice, the association will spray the grounds, and insect repellent with DEET will be available.



ABOVE LEFT: Jason Frates from Fairhaven Lumber uses a crane to hoist the statue of Our Lady of Angels at Saint Mary's Church during the replacement of the new base on Monday, 8/26/19.

Fairhaven Lumber donated the crane and operator to get the job done. The 89-year-old statue will be carried along Main Street in Fairhaven during the annual procession on Monday, 9/2/19.

ABOVE RIGHT: And we have LIFTOFF! Members of Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association lift the statue and new base for the very first time. FAR LEFT: Chris Costa of OLOA Catholic Association blows the aluminum shavings from the freshly drilled holes for the bolts that hold the statue on its new base. LEFT: OLOA Members of Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association carry the statue for the very first time and eventually put it safely back inside St. Mary's Church.

Photos by Glenn C. Silva.



# Fire muster lets firefighters strut their stuff



Two teams from Dartmouth, and one each from Mattapoisett and Westport faced off at the 10th annual Fire Muster hosted by Fairhaven at Livesey Park on Sunday, 8/25/19. The day started with a wet parade along the streets of Fairhaven, with firefighters spraying the crowd with water, and the crowd firing back. On the muster grounds, the four teams competed in two wet hose events, one dry hose event and a mystery event: axe throwing. Overall winner of the day was Dartmouth District 1, with a total time of 5 minutes, one second. Dartmouth District 2.5 came in second with a time of 5:33; and Mattapoisett took third with a time of 6:12. Camden DeMedeiros, 18, received the sportsmanship award, although it was unclear why he needed to show exemplary sportsmanship. Awards were also given for first to third place in individual events. Every team won at least one event. Other activities included bounce houses, face painting, music, food and apparel for sale. The food booth ran out of hot dogs and burgers, so it was definitely a success. Jean Jones of Mattapoisett won the 50-50 raffle of \$110. For more information find the Fairhaven Firefighters Muster on Facebook or email fairhavfiremuster@yahoo.com. ABOVE A member of the Mattapoisett team (LEFT) and Dartmouth District 2 team member (RIGHT) knock down the targets during the wet hose competitions. BELOW LEFT: Children play in the National Guard's "Boot Camp Obstacle Course" bounce house. BELOW RIGHT: Members of the Westport team send the axes flying during the mystery event. BOTTOM LEFT: Members of Dartmouth District 1 manage to stick three axes at once into the wall during the mystery event. BOTTOM RIGHT: The Dartmouth District 1 team poses with the first place trophy for overall performance. *Photos by Beth David.*



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## Tutu Tots Program

This program is a joyful way for children to explore movement through music, develop physical skills, channel energy, stimulate imagination and promote creativity! Participants will explore songs, help learn sounds and the meanings of words, build motor skills, and allow children to explore self expression! Participants should wear active clothing and sneakers.

Ages: 4 and under Day: Mondays, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Starts 9/16, ends 10/28. No class 10/14 (Columbus Day).Instructor: Provided by Supreme Perfection Studios. Cost: \$60 Member \$65 Non Member

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9/11 Hyannis Mall, Xmas Shop, Trader 9/18 Thames Street, Newport, RI

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## 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 Loss Grief Support Group 5:00-6:30 p.m. Join Nancy Arnold as she provides the support you need to get through these difficult times.

### Sewing Circle

Starting in September the sewing Circle will meet on TUESDAY'S from 1-3:00 p.m.: Sept.10 and 24. The group will still meet on THURSDAY August 29, and Sept. 12, 19, 26, from 5:45-8:00 p.m. Call 508-979-4029 for more dates.

### 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.

### Precision Sculpting with Sue Ashley

Fairhaven Council on Aging Every Monday from Sept. 9, through Oct. 14, 9:00-10:00 \$36.00 for the six-week program. Please call the Senior Center at 508-979-4029. Fee is paid to

Sue Ashley on the first day of class.

### Attn. Knitters & Crocheters

Beacon Hospice is again asking for knitters and crocheters to make afghans for the veterans they provide hospice service to. Beacon will provide the red, white and blue yarn. They are looking for afghans about the size of the top of a twin bed or even a little smaller. Afghans can be dropped off at the Fairhaven Senior Center. In the past this has been an incredibly heartwarming project much appreciated by the veterans. Call the Senior Center, 508-979-4029 and ask for Anne Silvia for info.

### Computer Technology

Sept. 4 & 7, Introduction to Computers; Sept. 9, 11, 13 Introduction to Windows 10; Sept. 16, 18, 20 Introduction to internet Browsing; Sept. 23, 25, 27 Introduction to Word Processing .

### Fuel Assistance Recertifications:

Mailing for fuel recertifications begin in September. If you receive them and need help, please call Phyllis at 508-979-4029. Applications will begin in November.

## Ongoing Programs

### Call 508-979-4029 for days and times

A/G Consumer Mediator; Bingo; Board Meeting/monthly; Bridge; Caregiver Support & Education Group; Chair Yoga, Computer Training; Fit Quest; Friends of Elderly/monthly meeting; Grocery Shopping; LGBT Supper Club; Line Dancing; Live Band; Medical Transportation; Nutrition Program/ meal served; Osteoporosis class; Outreach Coordinator; PACE Fuel Assistance; Pitch; Reassurance Program; Shopping; Singles Senior Supper Club; Supportive Senior Social Day Program; Tai Chi; Tap 'N' Time, Walking Clubs, Zumba.





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# Acushnet says good bye to Town Administrator

By Pattie Pacella

## Neighb News Correspondent

The 8/27/19, Acushnet Selectboard meeting was the last one for Town Administrator Brian Noble. Julie Hebert, who is the town's Finance Director/Accountant, also attended, her first meeting as Interim TA.

The Selectboard met with Department of Public Works Director, Dan Menard about upcoming streets that would be paved. Chairperson Roger Cabral said he was concerned why Mr. Menard was taking streets off of the Pavement Management Plan from year 2022, four years out, to pave now instead of going in the order that the PMP recommended.

Mr. Cabral stated that the town paid \$25,000 for the Pavement Management Plan by an independent company to put together a five year plan of streets that needed maintaining or repaving. He said it was adopted by the Selectboard in 2017 and he felt it should be used as a tool according to year and monies that the Town had for repaving.

Mr. Menard stated he was of the opinion that the document should be

used as a tool or guideline for what streets needed to be repaved, but he was not of the opinion that it should be followed exactly as reported in the plan.

He stated that the first street on the list in the plan was his own and he did not think it was worse than any other in town.

"I don't need the townspeople to get pissed off because they see that my street is the first getting done," he said.

The Board continued to discuss the plan and the funds that the Town receives on a yearly basis.

Mr. Menard stated that the Town receives approximately \$360,000 in Chapter 91 funds for street paving and maintenance yearly, and that the plan overestimates that cost.

"I am of the opinion that the we could deviate from the plan, and use it as a guide. I'm recommending streets that I feel are in more desperate need of paving and maintenance this year," said Mr. Menard.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar agreed with Mr. Menard and stated

that he thought the PMP was very disturbing. He said he believed the "plan was junk."

Mr. Noble said that the plan was not junk, but he believed there has to be a balance between what streets get done that are perhaps overutilized daily by vehicles and then perhaps add a street that is in worse condition to the list as well. He said it is better to use the money to keep good roads maintained than to just apply it to 'junk' roads. He said that the PMP gives the board the best plan for the roads traveled the most.

Mr. Gaspar stated that he thinks the plan needs to be manipulated into what streets need to be done based on water and sewer needs as well as monies that are available. He said he was unsure where the plan got their figures from.

Selectboard member, David Desroches stated that he felt the PMP was a plan and absolutely could be used as a guideline to what streets are worse than others, but did not need to be followed exactly to the letter of how the plan was written. He

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said he believed that they should be looking at roads that are in disrepair and begin with those streets.

After much discussion, the Selectboard approved the five streets that Mr. Menard recommended. Those streets are Hathaway Street, Conduit, Homestead, Myrtle and Wilbur.

In other business, the Selectboard announced their individual recommendations for a nine person screening committee for the new Town Administrator position.

Mr. Cabral recommended, John Roy, a schoolteacher; Jennifer Downing, a representative from the School Committee, and Robert St. Jean of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Gaspar recommended Tom DaCosta, a well known resident and dedicated resident of Acushnet, who was instrumental in creating the Veterans Memorial Park.

Mr. Gaspar also recommended John Golden, a long time business owner and Ms. Labonte, the Town Clerk.

Mr. Desroches's three recommendations were Heather Sylvia, the Director of the Acushnet Council on Aging; John Hancroft, who sits on the

Finance Committee; and Les Dakin, a former Acushnet Selectboard member. The Selectboard voted for the nine individuals to be on the screening committee.

The Selectboard also agreed to pay six thousand dollars to Kevin Paicos for his role in assisting the screening Committee with applications and resumes for the Town Administrator position as well as to be an assistant to Ms. Hebert, should she need help as the interim TTA.

Mr. Gaspar said he wanted to make it clear that Mr. Paicos should not be whittling down the candidates, and that should be in the hands of the screening committee.

Mr. Noble stated that the contract for Mr. Paicos clearly states that "ALL" resumes were to go to the screening committee directly.

In other business, the Selectboard adopted the Remote Participation Policy for the town as an option for all boards and committees, but noted that each Board and Committee would have to adopt it for themselves if they so choose.

Finally, Mr. Cabral thanked Brian

Noble for being there at his last Acushnet Selectboard meeting. Mr. Cabral stated he was a pleasure to work with and wished him much success as he moved forward.

"You don't have to answer your phone if I call, but I hope you will if Ms. Hebert calls you," Mr. Cabral said with a chuckle.

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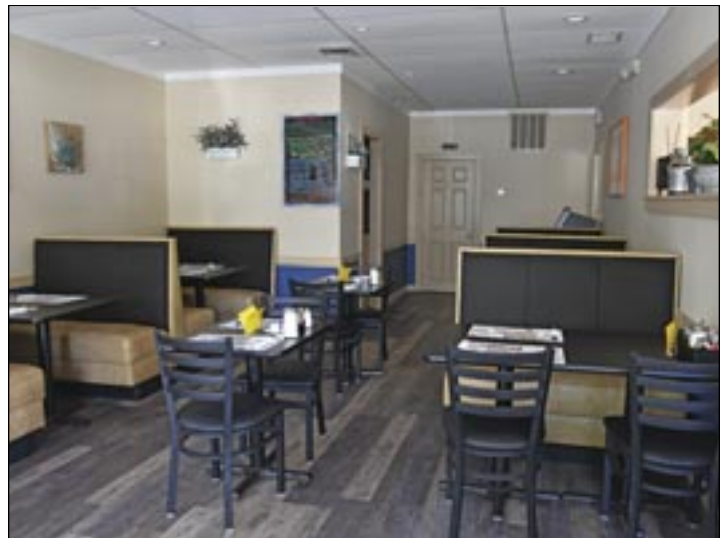


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# Little Village Cafe opens in Fairhaven



The Little Village Cafe, occupying the former site of Pumpernickel's, is now open for business. The new owners also own The Village Cafe on Route 6 in Dartmouth. The new place opened the week of August 12, and by all accounts, did well for a first week. "Successful first week at our new location," reads a post on the Little Village Cafe's Facebook page. "Thank you to all our loyal customers for coming over the bridge to show their support this week. Thank you to all our new Fairhaven friends for welcoming us into their little Village where we are grateful to continue serving you and your families." Menu items include home style breakfast and lunch, featuring Portuguese sweetbread French toast, cacola, kale soup and an amazing variety of eggs Benedict. The restaurant will be open for breakfast and lunch, Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and for breakfast only on Sundays, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. The address is 23 Center Street, in the center of Fairhaven, 508-996-0518. ABOVE: Patrons of the old Pumpernickel's will see quite a difference in decor and seating at the new Little Village Cafe in the center of Fairhaven. *Photos by Beth David.*



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# Group from the FHS class of '61 still having fun together

By Beth David  
Editor

Long time friends from the Fairhaven High School class of 1961 are still hanging out and having fun. The women try to get together every few months.

"We always gather Homecoming

Weekend, but we also try to get together every few months, sometimes eating out, but mostly gathering at Carolyn Beaulieu's house for pizza and WINE!" wrote Betty Jane Clark to the *Neighb News*. "She is our glue and keeps us together! She lives in Hampton, NH, but has kept her

mother's house in Fairhaven. When she calls, we ARE THERE!"

This month, on Friday, 8/23, the gang got together at the Seaport Inn in Fairhaven in the outdoor seating area, "enjoying or silly selves and the beautiful boats and sunset," said Ms. Clark.



## Fairhaven High School 1961 girls wine and dine night!

L-R: Joyce Larriviere, Joan Dellecese, Diane Botelho, Kathi Carbone, Carolyn Beaulieu, Betsy Lebeau, Carolyn Sylvia, Betty Jane Clark pose for a picture at Seaport Inn in Fairhaven, 8/23/19, for one of their frequent get-togethers.

Photo from Betty Jane Clark's Facebook page.



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## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, September 3, 2019, 6:00 p.m.  
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

- 12 Gilbert Street, Map 29A, Lot 221. Euncie Eble. 198-18: Variance request to allow a front setback of 8.8' and a side setback of 7.5' in a RA District.
- 182 Sconticut Neck Road; Map 28B, Lot 33. Glen & Lynda Reeves. 198-18: Variance request 11.5' short on a front setback of 30' in RA District.
- 184 Dogwood Street; Map 43B, Lots 190 & 192. James M. Hickox, Sr. 198-18: Variance request for 11% over the 25% allowable lot coverage in a RR District.
- 9 Tanner Lane; Map 30, Lot 46B. Wayne & Michelle Bergeron. Special Permit request for an In-Law Apartment in a RA District.
- 126 Cottonwood St., Map 43A, Lot 113. Steven Poftak. 198-18: Variance request for 5' short of the 20' side setback in a RR District
- 68 Winsegansett Avenue, Map 42A, Lot 258. Black Rock Investment Trust. 198-21(c) Special Permit

request to demolish and reconstruct a single family dwelling within 2 years. Variance request short 23.4' of front setback, short 26.6' of rear setback, short 9.5' of side setback, 16.3% over building coverage & 32% over lot coverage; in a RR District to build a single family dwelling & garage.

- 72 Ocean Avenue, Map 29C, Lots 178-185 & 267-280. Corbina & Bruce Foucart. 198-21 (c) Variance request short 18' front setback that should be 30' front in a RR District.
- 304 New Boston Road, Map 40, Lot 26. Jonathan Barboza. Special Permit request to build a leaching field in the Nasketucket River Basin.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman  
8/22/19, 8/29/19

## FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Continued Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday September 10, 2019, in the Town

Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The originally scheduled Public Hearings scheduled on July 9 and August 13 were continued without taking any testimony.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Definitive Subdivision application: 1) **DS19-01** - The applicant, Robert Roderiques, is requesting approval through the Definitive Subdivision review process to create sixteen (16) buildable lots with two drainage parcels on a 15.08-acre parcel of land off of Hiller Avenue and Timothy Street. The location is Map 28C, Lots 71 and 71A. The proposal includes establishing frontage for the proposed 16-lot subdivision by creating three new dead-end roads off of Hiller Avenue and Timothy Street.

A copy of the application is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 123.

John Farrell Jr., Chairman of the Planning Board  
8/22/19, 8/29/19, FNNews

## Acushnet's Pop Casey's not reopening due to owner's illness

By Beth David  
Editor

Pop Casey's will not re-open after vacation, according to a Facebook post by Lynn Baker. The Acushnet staple, located on South Main Street, has been open for more than 75 years. Ms. Baker wrote that it was the most difficult decision she has ever had to make.

She said she has been battling cancer for two years and it has metastasized. She is continuing to fight the disease with an alternative treatment called "Gerson Therapy" that is "extremely regimented and time-consuming."

"My most recent scan on August

1st showed very positive and encouraging results," wrote Ms. Baker. "The cancer has stopped spreading and numerous tumors are shrinking!! I am determined to beat this horrible disease, but it is going to be a long road ahead."

"I would like to thank everyone of you personally for the positive thoughts, support and prayers during the difficult time," reads the Facebook post. "We plan on taking a few months to make some many needed changes and hope to be back serving you all soon. Your understanding during this temporary challenge is much appreciated by myself and my entire family."

As of press time, there were more than 500 comments on the Facebook post and it had been shared more than 200 times. Many of the comments recalled with fondness going to the restaurant as children, then adults.

The little restaurant is beloved for its homey atmosphere, kid friendly dishes and American favorites.

Robin Lowe wrote: "I was so sad to see this that was somewhere we went every week as kids best place around you could get a meal and play the [juke] box for a couple bucks back then."

Peatu Kukla wrote: "I have the

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Liz Parrish wrote: "I grew up going to pop Casey's, multiple times a week, every Saturday morning for breakfast and sometimes we were there twice a day. When we walked in, the waitresses knew our names and it just felt like home. My grandparents loved

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going, loved the crowd and it was a bunch of old timers, just getting together and hanging out. Michelle and Sandy were always there it seems, they could name our off our orders as we walked in the door... and many good laughs, it was a bunch of good times. My grandparents are gone now, but there were some great memories of this place. I hope you get the rest that you need and time to get healthy.

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Mon., 9/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Cultural Council

Tues., 9/3, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 9/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 9/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Sustainability Committee

Tues., 9/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Assessors

Tues., 9/17, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Tues., 9/10, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

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## From our readers

### **Don't destroy the look and feel of Hedge Street**

As I read the article in the 8/22 *Fairhaven Neighborhood News* which reported on the Selectboard Meeting of 8/1,9 my interest was piqued when I read about the complaints registered by residents of Hedge Street, because they are reminiscent of mine from when a Community Development Block Grant destroyed my little corner of the world.

I live on Francis Street at the corner of Plymouth Avenue. During the so-called CDBG "improvements" to my once quaint, country street several tall shade shade trees were removed. Most of those trees were replaced with ugly ornamental trees and also four "sticks" that were supposed to be red maple trees. The maples are now dead or on death's door.

Our cobblestone curbs were removed and replaced with concrete curbs, even though I had been assured at a face-to-face meeting at the office of Mr. Roth, the previous Director of Planning and Economic Development, that we would get granite. At the time I considered it a compromise, a mistake I'll never make again.

We now have harsh white lines and bright yellow corners at what I call "crosswalks to nowhere" because they are simply not necessary in our tiny neighborhoods. When I objected to the look of the corners Mr. Roth's response was "you're lucky I didn't put stop signs at every corner."

As if destroying several blocks of Francis Street on the east side of my property wasn't enough, attention then turned to Plymouth Avenue along the south side of my property. Because I could not tolerate the look of Francis Street I rallied my neighbors to prevent further "improvements" which would have led to the removal of seven shade trees on the two blocks of Plymouth Avenue, as well as the addition of more concrete curbs and jarring "crosswalks to nowhere."

My neighbors and I attended a hearing regarding the impending CDBG project and brought a petition signed by those who could not attend to voice our opposition to the project. Collectively, we prevailed!

A couple of years ago I stood with the neighbors on Green Street who were threatened by the same destruc-

tion to be done with another CDBG and fortunately they were able to spare the trees and the feel of their neighborhood. Can you imagine Ginko Bilobas lining the east side of Unitarian Church? I can and it's not a pretty image!

Mr. Carter of GCG Associates encouraged our new Director of Planning and Economic Development, Paul Foley, to meet with neighbors again to discuss the ongoing plans for Hedge Street. As a tax paying citizen I would like to attend that meeting. If any of the neighbors care to call/text/email with the location, time and date (my contact info is at the bottom) I will be there.

There is a way to make necessary improvements to our neighborhoods without destroying the feel, but residents must be told openly and honestly what the plan is in order to protect their corner of the world.

Don't compromise or accept anyone's word as gospel when it comes to preventing your neighborhood from looking like mine. I learned the hard way that, as my beloved grandfather used to tell me, "DeeDee, yah cain't trust the bastahds."

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### **Sen. Warren's lies**

The recent rant by Elizabeth Warren concerning the shooting death of Micheal Brown by officer Wilson is a blatant lie where she claims he was murdered. I challenge anyone to Google Micheal Brown's shooting and read the reports yourself. The Department of Justice concluded he acted in self defense. There is ample evidence to support office Wilson's claim he was acting in self defense. He was responding to a report of a robbery. Officef Wilson stopped him while in his patrol car and spoke to him through his partially rolled down window. Brown's response was to try get into his patrol car and take his weapon from him. Brown was shot while charging for him.\*

These facts don't matter to Elizabeth Warren. She is a secular progressive liberal whose only concern is power and control and personal gratification, in other words a narcissist. She believes in a godless narcissistic society and all authority and control is by the government. The government can provide for all your needs. the individual has no

rights, he or she must be subject to the state.

This is the illusion and deception being put forth by her and rest of the presidential candidates of democratic party, in other words the government can provide for all your needs: free health care, free tuition, you name it. Take away individual responsibility, the bill of rights, the free market, where if you want to succeed you have to compete.

She lied and scammed her way through college got her professorship by claiming she had Indian ancestry.\*\* DNA testing proved she had no Indian blood.\*\*\* She is no different from Hillary Clinton who lied about the attack in Libya where ambassador Stevens and two navy seals were killed. She said it was in response to a video, when in reality it was a well planned coordinated attack with rocket propelled grenades and mortars. The attack lasted for 13 hours. She didn't as much as send a plane to help them. She never met with the mothers of the two navy seals who died defending ambassador Stevens like she promised.

*John Pond, Fairhaven*

*\*EDITOR'S NOTE: This account as related is disputed and has not been conclusively proven (<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2014/08/13/us/ferguson-missouri-town-under-siege-after-police-shooting.html>)*

*\*\*This has proven to be a false accusation, by an exhaustive investigative report by the Boston Globe: (<https://www.bostonglobe.com/news/nation/2018/09/01/did-claiming-native-american-heritage-actually-help-elizabeth-warren-get-a-head-but-complicated/wUZZcrKKEOUv5Spnb7I00K/story.html>)*

*\*\*DNA testing did show a tribal ancestor 10 generations back. It is the attribution of genetics for tribal membership that has caused backlash among Native Americans, not the genetic claim itself (<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2019-08-19/elizabeth-warren-native-american-dna-apology>)*

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