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

## Oh, Winter, where did you go?



Last week's cover shot was of this same marsh and estuary frozen from the cold. Winter seems to have disappeared for a bit with temperatures reaching close to 50 degrees and allowing the marsh to thaw out by 1/27/19. This week, though, a return to season temperatures is expected, with temps dropping into the 30's, but still staying about freezing. A couple of storms also seem to be headed our way, but because of the warm temperatures, they should produce mostly rain or rain/snow mix. *Photo by Beth David.*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Oh, what time of year is it again? Our marsh is all thawed out. I fear we're going to get socked with snow to make up for this mild winter. One year we were buried on this week. I know because Facebook told me. I didn't repost it, though, and I can't remember which year it was, and I don't have time to dig through the Facebook details to find it. But, it was a BIG storm.

I'm not particularly inclined to love shoveling snow, but a little bit of the white stuff would be nice to see, right? We have a visitor from Germany (see page 12), a student in the exchange program. I think she should see some local snow and not have to drive to New Hampshire for it. So, c'mon Mother Nature, let's get with the program. Don't dump it all on us at once, please. A few inches at a time would be perfect.

Make sure you check out page 12 for our story on Stella Hommel, who is attending Fairhaven High School. She has been all over the world in her short life, and as she adds the US to her travels, it's in Fairhaven that she lives. Kind of cool. I hope we give her a good feeling of the USA. So if you see her around town, be sure to greet her with a smile.

The House Sparrows have been homesteading in my bird house this week. Such fun to watch. But it does take time away from real work (see page 18).

Be sure to thumb through each page to see what's going on around town and the the whole area. There really are some fun things to do even though it's winter.

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

## Nomination papers available

Nomination papers are available in Acushnet and Fairhaven. Anyone wishing to run for office needs to take out nomination papers, gather the proper number of signatures, and return papers by the deadline. The two towns have different election dates and different deadlines.

### IN FAIRHAVEN

The Fairhaven town election will be held on Monday, April 6. Candidates for town-wide office must gather 50 certified signatures of registered voters. For Town Meeting, you must gather 10 signatures from your precinct only.

The last day to request nomination papers in Fairhaven is Wednesday, 2/12, at 5 p.m.

The last day for incumbent Town Meeting members to file written requests for re-election is Monday, 2/10, at 5 p.m.

The last day for filing all nomination papers is Friday, 2/14, at 5 p.m.

The last day to register to vote for the town election is Tuesday, 3/14, at 8 p.m. in the town clerk's office.

In Fairhaven, polls will be open

from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Polling places in Fairhaven are: Precinct 1, Town Hall; Precincts 2 & 3, Hastings Middle School; Precinct 4, Fire Station; Precincts 5 & 6, Recreation Center.

Outgoing officers/vacancies are: for the Selectboard, incumbent Charles K. Murphy Sr. faces challenger Keith Silvia. Both have taken out and returned papers.

On the School Committee, Pamela Kuechler and Brian Monroe are up for re-election. Both have taken out papers, Mr. Monroe has returned his, Ms. Kuechler had not by press time.

On the Board of Health, Jeannine Lopes is up for re-election. She had not taken out papers by press time, but Daniel Silvia and Michael Ristuccia have both taken out and returned papers for that seat.

In other races: for Commissioner of Trust Funds John Rogers has taken out papers for his seat; for Board of Public Works, both Cameron Durant and Brian Wotton have taken out papers for their seats; on the Planning Board, Jeffrey Lucas and Ann Richard are up for re-election,

## Free Political PR

The *Neighb News* will give all candidates for townwide public office in Fairhaven and Acushnet a chance to get their message out. You may submit an article of approximately 500 words, with a picture, and we will publish at no charge before the election.

Please contact the *Neighb News* as soon as possible so we can plan for space allocation in the issues leading up to the election.

**DEADLINE: Friday, 3/6 for Fairhaven (4/6 election); Friday, 4/17 for Acushnet (5/16 election)**

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*“Change is in your hands”*

My name is  
Keith Silvia and I am running  
for selectman in the upcoming

Town election on April 6, 2020. I have called Fairhaven my home for 40 years where I have raised my three children Dan, Meghan and Tom, with my wife, Anne Silvia. I presently hold a seat on the Board of Public Works and have previously held a seat on the Board of Appeals. Volunteerism is a quality that Anne and I have great dedication to and we have instilled this quality in the mindset of our children.

As owner of my own construction business, Keith Silvia Custom Builder, I have had the opportunity, with my son Dan, to volunteer my time, and building skills, to create the Town of Fairhaven's Time Capsule and the display for the Veterans chair, both located at the Fairhaven Town Hall, both of which I take great pride in. My goal in life is to be able to spend my senior years in the town where I have invested so many years.

However, the direction the town has taken financially over the past few years has created realistic concerns generated by some decisions made by the present Town Officials and Administrator:

- Increased real estate taxes
- Action taken at the Town Administrator's level of excessive spending of tax payers dollars:
- Creation of new Town positions
- Unnecessary spending of employee reimbursement mileage and Town vehicle use
- Lack of ability for the public to carry out business during Town Hall hours due to some departments being closed
- PCB dredging cleanup near residential locations
- Questions related to ongoing Union Wharf issues

These are just a few of my concerns. I am certain that without the occurrence of change at the decision making level of our town government, the financial issues this town will be facing will cause future significant financial issues to Fairhaven residents, particularly the senior population.

If you are interested in speaking with me about my concerns, please email me at [ksilvia2@yahoo.com](mailto:ksilvia2@yahoo.com) and I will forward my phone number. It's time for change and the change is in your hands.

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## Bingo Night

Join Community Nurse Home Care for our third annual Bingo night on **Thurs., 2/6, from 6-9 p.m., at the Seaport Inn, 110 Middle St., Fairhaven. Tickets: \$25, food, fun and bingo.** A night of friends, fun and fundraising to benefit the patients and families of Community Nurse Home Care. To register visit [communitynurse.com/events](http://communitynurse.com/events) or email [RSVP@communitynurse.com](mailto:RSVP@communitynurse.com)

## Student Art Contest

The Bow Seat 2020 Ocean Awareness Contest invites students ages 11-18 to create visual art, writing, films, music, or multimedia about the impacts of climate change on the ocean. In addition to the general awards of up to \$1,500, Bow Seat will be granting South Coast, Cape & Island Awards to recognize eligible Contest participants from the South Coast of Massachusetts, Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, or Nantucket. Winners will each receive a \$250 cash scholarship.

Join our global community of 13,000+ young people who are using their creative voices to speak up for the blue planet! The deadline to participate in the Contest is June 15, 2020. For more information about the Contest and South Coast, Cape & Island Awards eligibility, visit [www.bowseat.org/contest](http://www.bowseat.org/contest).

## Lottery Scams

Mass. Treasurer Deborah Goldberg is warning all residents that illegitimate text messages are being sent claiming to be from the Massachusetts State Lottery.

The texts say, "Hi this is Kim with the MA Lottery. Please reply when you get a chance. I have some great news." According to Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, these texts are a scam and have not been sent by the Lottery.

"It has come to our attention that text messages claiming to be from the Massachusetts State Lottery have been sent to residents across the state," said State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg. "Our goal is to ensure that no Massachusetts citizen is taken advantage of as part of this scam."

If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer's office at 617-

367-6900.

## Youth Baseball Reg

Registration for Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Baseball is now open. FAYB offers many levels of recreational baseball open to participants from the towns of Fairhaven and Acushnet or participants who attend school in either town. FAYB is a chartered member of both Cal Ripken Baseball and Babe Ruth Baseball. Offerings run from ages 5 thru 17. A rule of thumb is to register your player to play with his friends from school.

Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Baseball had 500+ kids registered to play for the 2019 Baseball Season. As an organization, we offered baseball from T-Ball, Instructional, Minor, Major and two levels of Babe Ruth competition. All games are played at Pope Park (Acushnet, MA) and Shaw Road Baseball Complex (Fairhaven, MA).

Visit <https://www.fayb.org> for more information or to register. You may also email us at [fairhavenacushnetyouthbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:fairhavenacushnetyouthbaseball@gmail.com), or message us on Facebook!

## SAVE THE DATE

### FHS Has Got Talent

"Fairhaven High's Got Talent" show is being on held **Fri., 2/7, at 7 p.m. in the Fairhaven High School Performing Arts Center.**

Come and enjoy performances of the talented students of Fairhaven High School! **Tickets are \$5 and are being sold at the door.** Proceeds go to the Fairhaven High School PTO which provides scholarships as well as special programs and educational opportunities on topics critical to teens. Please come and show your support and enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment!

### Registration Open for WI 5K

West Island 5k Run/Walk, Sun., 4/26, 11:00 a.m., 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven

The Fairhaven High School Cross Country program benefits from this event, run on a US Track and Field certified course. Entry fees range from \$15 to \$25. There is also a Kids Mile Run with an entry fee of \$5. Race

shirt or beach towel to first 400 5k registrants. Cash prizes. For more information visit <http://westisland5k.org>, or email [westisland5k@yahoo.com](mailto:westisland5k@yahoo.com).

## Boating Classes

### Sailing Skills and Seamanship, Boating Skills and Seamanship

At USCG Auxiliary 65 - 80 Middle St Fairhaven, MA 02719, Mondays February 10 to May 11, 7:00-9:00pm

These courses are taught by experienced Coast Guard auxiliary teachers with years of experience on local waters. Both the novice and the experienced boater or sailor will benefit from the lessons in sailing/boating terminology, boat equipment, boat handling, boat trailering, lake boating, rules of the road, navigation, medical/safety awareness, weather, engines, radios, and how to read a chart, buy a boat, tie a knot and call in a mayday.

Cost: \$45 for course materials (book and charts) some family discounts available if book is shared.

Register: online at [www.flotilla65.com](http://www.flotilla65.com)

Many insurance companies will offer discounts on boat insurance to individuals who successfully completed this course. Individuals who successfully complete the course and exam are awarded certificates and cards.

## Scholarships

The Mariner Youth Soccer Association, which has provided soccer instruction, skills clinics and both recreational and competitive soccer opportunities to children 4-18 in the communities of Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester and Acushnet for over 25 years, is pleased to announce that it will be offering a scholarship opportunity to Mariner Youth Soccer Alumni this Spring. Criteria are at a minimum: must be a high school senior living in one of the above listed communities and must have played for Mariner Youth Soccer for a minimum of 4 years. **Scholarship deadline is April 11, 2020.**

Applications can be requested by emailing: [marinerscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:marinerscholarship@gmail.com) or on our website: [www.marineryouthsoccer.com](http://www.marineryouthsoccer.com)



### Press Release

Friday, March 27th will find a community celebration happening at New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks!. For the 7th year NBAM/ArtWorks! recognizes those who truly impact the arts community with the Patrons of the Arts Award. In an area that is so highly populated by artists and musicians, the Art Museum feels it is fitting to recognize these patrons' contributions which have greatly impacted and elevated the south coast and beyond.

This year NBAM/ArtWorks! has chosen to honor Irene and Norman Buck and the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra. Both have long outstanding histories of advocacy for the visual and performing arts as they built creative opportunities for communities and cultural organizations through programming, meaningful leadership roles, and a passion for education.

Irene and Norman Buck have left their mark on New Bedford, through her role as Executive Director of ArtWorks! Partners for the Arts and Community, Inc. and his development of the Ropeworks! Artist Condominiums.

Irene has served as Director of the MA Alliance for Arts Education, Chair of MASSCreative and of the Westport Cultural Council from 2015-2017, and on the Board of the MA Chapter of the National Museum of Women in the Arts. She is a current member of the

## NB Art Museum to host free reception

Advisory Council for Creative Connections, a program of the Community Foundation of South-eastern Massachusetts.

An artist in his own right, Norm is a multi-talented maker who works in a variety of media. His art ranges from woodworking and painting to sculpture and photography — many of his works bringing a smile to the viewers' faces. Norm's love of birding and nature inspired him to develop and lay the foundation for the Annual Rubber Duck Derby at Allen's Pond Sanctuary which will celebrate 17 years of conservation efforts, educational programs, and environmental advocacy this coming summer.

Founded in 1915 by New Bedford High School music teacher Clarence Arey, the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra has evolved into one of the premier professional regional orchestras in the United States. The NBSO is a professional orchestra that annually presents a concert series of classical and pops music with internationally acclaimed guest artists, as well as an outstanding chamber music series.

In addition, the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra's innovative and nationally recognized educational programs reach 8,000 students each year.

The NBSO also has an outstanding chamber music series, a growing youth orchestra program, a community engagement program, and active partnerships with dozens of other cultural and arts organizations in New Bedford and surrounding communities.

The evening's festivities will begin with a cocktail hour and live music in the galleries at 6 p.m. followed by a

speaking program at 7 p.m. The community is invited to join the Trustees and members of NBAM/ArtWorks! for this free evening reception at the museum, 608 Pleasant Street, New Bedford.

For those who wish to contribute to this celebratory event, please visit our website for sponsorship information at: [newbedfordart.org/patrons-of-the-arts](http://newbedfordart.org/patrons-of-the-arts)

Located in the heart of New Bedford's Seaport Cultural District at 608 Pleasant Street, the Museum offers engaging exhibitions and outstanding educational programs for members and visitors of all ages.

Gallery hours: Wednesday–Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. and Thursdays, noon to 9 p.m. Admission is \$3 for Seniors/Students, \$5 for Adults, free for children 16 and under, and Museum Members are always free. The Art Museum offers free admission every Thursday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. care of New Bedford Free Public Library and the last Sunday of every month.

New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! is proud to participate in Mass Cultural Council's EBT Card to Culture, the most comprehensive effort of its kind in the nation to open doors to arts and cultural experiences for low-income families. We also offer free admission to EBT cardholders through Museums for All, a national access program, that encourages individuals of all backgrounds to visit museums regularly and build lifelong museum habits. EBT cardholders and their families receive free admission.

To learn more about the exhibitions and concurrent programming visit [newbedfordart.org](http://newbedfordart.org)



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# Fairhaven interior designer shares expertise with students

*Press Release written by Katelyn Fitzsimmons, with story notes by Ashley Almeida*

On January 23, 2020, the Architectural Drafting juniors and seniors were visited by local interior designer, Mr. Paul Chaisson. During his visit, Mr. Chaisson was able to sit down and talk with the students about the trade and how to successfully build a career in the area of interior design. For over 25 years,

Mr. Chaisson has been committed to redesigning houses into homes. Mr. Chaisson has always been passionate about Interior design. Since becoming a professional interior designer,



ABOVE & TOP: Paul Chaisson of Paul Chaisson Interior Designs in Fairhaven works with architectural drafting students at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School on 1/23/20. Submitted photos.

Mr. Chaisson has established a full service firm where he is the only designer. Recently, he was named South Coast's Designer of the Year. In this line of business, Mr. Chaisson believes it's important to stay

passionate about the work you produce. The students were grateful to have had this experience with such inspiring and talented professional from our community. Experiences like these are impactful for students and allow them to gain knowledge and exposure to a variety of opportunities in their future trade.

For more information about Paul Chaisson Interior Design, visit <https://paulchaisson.com/>

# GNB Voc-Tech Receives \$11,000 Lacrosse Grant

*Press Release written by Katelyn Fitzsimmons*

The Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical School District announced the receipt of a \$11,000 grant from the U.S. Lacrosse League. The 2020 First Stick Lacrosse grant provides the district's lacrosse team with equipment from industry leaders including STX, Warrior, Brine and Cascade. Twenty students also receive complimentary memberships to the U.S. Lacrosse organization.

In addition to supporting the current boys and girls lacrosse teams, the district has plans to expand their lacrosse program into community teams and a summer camp for area youth. The equipment will assist the district in providing access to equipment for students who are interested in trying the sport, having fun and learning new skills.

US Lacrosse is dedicated to assisting community organizations that are interested in adding lacrosse to their offerings for youth. Through the First Stick program, awarded organizations receive free lacrosse equipment so they can provide afford-

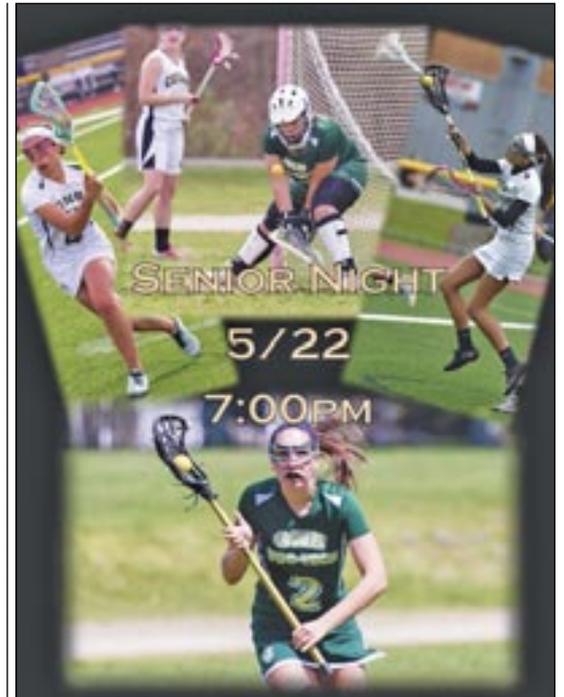
able and accessible youth lacrosse activities to their participants.

"Lacrosse is a growing and popular sport in our district," said Varsity coach Justyn Walker, who is a Voc-Tech graduate and played college lacrosse. "We had more than 50 students play on the boys' teams last year, and we anticipate close to one hundred interested students this year. With this grant we can ensure access to safe equipment and help more students participate."

"We are always looking for initiatives to support our students on the field in addition to in their academic classrooms and vocational areas," said Superintendent James L. O'Brien. "Sports are a positive way for students to build upon our district's core values of passion, preparation, and perseverance and we are happy to support the program by receiving this grant."

The GNB Voc-Tech team will kick off their 2020 Spring season with a home opener against

Fairhaven High School on April 6, 2020 at Riley Field.



Lacrosse at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School. Submitted image.

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Spaghetti Supper

**Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 635 Purchase St., New Bedford, is holding their annual Valentine's Day Spaghetti Supper, Sat., 2/8 at 6:00 p.m.** The meal includes homemade meat sauce, spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverage. **Donation is \$10.00.** For reservations, call 508-636-9079 or 508-996-1498. This is a fundraiser for our Holiday Meals program which feeds the needy in our area.

## Art Receptions

"Red" The Return is exhibiting now through 2/29 at Gallery X, 169 William St., Downtown New Bedford. **Opening Receptions on Sat., 2/1, from 5-8 p.m.; and AHA! night, 2/13, 5-8 p.m.** Learn more at [www.galleryx.org](http://www.galleryx.org); 508-992-2675.

## Art Grant Workshop

The Art is Everywhere grant program is a new opportunity with the intention to help advance New Bedford as one of the coolest, most creative cities in America. Funded by MassDevelopment and the Barr Foundation, this grant is one component of a broader initiative. New Bedford has been chosen as a testing ground for an arts-based economic development strategy that may be deployed in other cities around the Commonwealth.

Information sessions are February 4 at 5:30 p.m. at Hatch Street Studios, 88 Hatch St., NB; February 5 at noon at Co-Creative Center, 137 Union St., NB; February 6 at 5:30pm at Kilburn Mill, 127 W. Rodney French Blvd., NB

For more information visit <http://newbedfordcreative.org/grant-programs/>

Contact Margo Saulnier with any questions at [artsnewbedford@gmail.com](mailto:artsnewbedford@gmail.com).

## NB Science Cafe

**Free. Tues., 2/4 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Greasy Luck Brewpub, 791 Purchase St., New Bedford.** Open to everyone! Free, except for beer and food! If possible, come early & place an order. The Vault Room starts serving food/drink at 5:45.

**"Designing Vaccines; The Challenge of Keeping Farm-Raised**

**Fish Healthy** (Yes, fish need vaccinations too.)" We're pleased to announce that our next guest will be Erin Bromage, Ph.D., an immunologist and associate professor at the University of Mass. Dartmouth.

Vaccines have been used as a safe & effective means of lowering the risk of communicable diseases and eradicating devastating diseases such as small pox and rinderpest. Vaccines can also keep our food healthy and are particularly valuable in agricultural and aquacultural practices, where animals are raised in conditions ideal for high disease transmission. Yet the science behind them is not without challenges.

Erin will discuss his lab's efforts to design a universal vaccine for use in farm-raised fish. Because their physiology and habitat differ strikingly from mice and humans, the most immunologically well-studied species, fish represent an especially unique challenge. Erin has expertise in immunology and disease epidemiology. He completed his Ph.D. at James Cook University in Australia; his post-doc research at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, College of William and Mary. He works collaboratively with farmers from around the world to help them resolve issues with aquatic animal health through better management and vaccination. He also serves as a fact-based advocate for countering online misinformation related to vaccine safety and effectiveness.

For more info: 508-984-1955. Keep track of events by visiting <http://www.nbsciencecafe.com> or join our FaceBook page

## Blood Screenings

Local residents are invited to participate in the 5th annual Love Your Heart Day, happening on **Sunday, 2/9, from 9:00am to 1:00pm.** Communities and neighborhoods throughout the City of New Bedford will once again join a growing, national movement to "Love Your Heart".

More than a dozen locations citywide will offer free blood pressure screenings. Individuals will have a chance to "know their numbers," learn of any potential risks for harm, and receive educational materials and guidance on what to do to both improve and/or maintain optimal

heart health. Each site will be staffed with trained volunteers to administer the screenings.

Love Your Heart NB engages various community partners in healthcare, the fire and police community, universities, city government, nonprofits, and the business community. **For a list of participating sites and locations, visit [www.nbewell.com](http://www.nbewell.com).**

## At the Fishing Ctr

The following events take place at the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, 35 Bethel St., New Bedford. For more info visit: <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/programs/calendar/> or call 508-993-8894.

## Scanning Day & Immigration Stories

**Sat., 2/8, 10 a.m.-noon.** New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center's upcoming gallery exhibits will tell stories of immigration and cultural heritage in New Bedford and the fishing industry. We are interested in photographs, objects, or documents that tell stories of what life and work was like in your country of origin, what brought you to New Bedford, and what it was like to immigrate to this area. Bring any photographs, documents, or objects related to these topics to be scanned and documented by Fishing Heritage Center staff and volunteers. These items will help us tell a more complete story of immigration and cultural heritage in New Bedford's working waterfront.

To learn more visit <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/programs/community-documentation/>

## Small Boats Wanted

The Fort Rodman Marine Educational Association, d/b/a Low Tide Yacht Club, a non-profit organization located in the Fort Taber Park in New Bedford, is looking for donations of small boats like Sunfish, Hobies, and dinghies that need repair or are no longer used. Our goal is to teach kids how to repair and do maintenance on them. Once repaired, these boats will be used to teach kids the art of racing. In case we are overstocked with donated boats, we will sell the repaired boats to help fund the program.

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# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Author Event

Tim Weisberg at the Acushnet Library on 2/5. See details on page 16.

## Owl Prowl

Are you fascinated by owls? Do you enjoy a good old-fashioned New England winter morning, especially before sunrise? If so, join Lloyd Center Research Associate Jamie Bogart on a Mid-Winter Owl Prowl on February 2nd, scheduled during hours of peak owl activity!

Lead by Jamie Bogart, the **Mid-Winter Owl Prowl will take place on Sun., 2/2, from 3:30 a.m.–8 a.m.** (willingness to carpool much appreciated). Inclement weather date is 2/9. Participants will meet in the lower parking lot of the Lloyd Center for the Environment's Hardscrabble Nature Preserve located at 430 Potomska Road in Dartmouth. **This event is \$15 for Lloyd Center members, \$20 for non-members.**

**Pre-registration for the Mid-Winter Owl Prowl is required by Fri., 1/31, at 3 p.m.** Space is limited to 20 participants. This event is suitable for ages 15 and older. For more information, contact Jamie Bogart at 508-990-0505 x 23 or [jbogart@lloydcenter.org](mailto:jbogart@lloydcenter.org).

## Summer Jobs Grants

Attorney General Maura Healey has opened the sixth annual application period for her office's summer jobs program for young people across the state.

The Healthy Summer Youth Jobs Grant Program will use health-care related settlement money secured by the AG's Office to provide funding to organizations to hire teens for jobs that are focused on public health and wellness.

Through this program, young people will have a direct impact in their communities by working in jobs that promote nutrition, physical fitness, and healthy lifestyles.

Examples of healthy summer youth jobs that could receive funding may include, but are not limited to: Coaching sports or physical fitness activities at a summer camp; Building and maintaining a community garden or urban farm; Leading classes on cooking, nutrition and healthy lifestyles; Creating a recycling awareness campaign for the

community; Mentoring and educating youth about healthy relationships; and; Activities that directly address access to health care and/or the management or prevention of chronic diseases among youth including diabetes, asthma, and obesity.

The AG's Office will issue grants to municipalities, other government offices and nonprofits within the state. Since launching the grant program in 2015, the AG's Office has funded more than 850 summer jobs for youth across the state. Last year, the office awarded nearly \$322,000 in grant funding to 100 organizations across the state. The AG's Community Engagement and Fair Labor Divisions also spent last summer training the employed young people on wage and hour laws and workers' rights.

Grant awards will fund youth employment from July 6, 2020 and through Sept. 4, 2020. Interested applicants can visit the AG's website, <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/2020-healthy-summer-youth-jobs-grant> for more information and for application instructions. **Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21, 2020.**

## Legislative Breakfast

One SouthCoast Chamber is hosting a special Legislative Breakfast focusing on Education on **Fri., 2/7, at White's of Westport, 66 State Rd, Westport, MA 02790. Registration and Breakfast Begin at 7:30 a.m. \$30.00 for Members, \$40 nonmembers**

Don't miss this unique opportunity to interact with the South Coast delegation as they discuss their agendas surrounding early education, attainment, funding measures, and accountability as a key factors in preparing a successful workforce.

Education is one of our greatest economic drivers, and it is vital we invest judiciously in our school systems by providing students with nationally competitive education opportunities starting with early education. Join us and hear directly from the South Coast delegation about their plans to develop and reform our education system ensuring the future workforce is retained locally and become contributing members to the South Coast economy!

For more information, sponsorship opportunities, or to register contact Deven Robitaille at the One SouthCoast New Bedford Office 508 999 5231.

To register online visit <http://members.onesouthcoast.com/events/details/legislative-breakfast-february-2020-496256>

## Paul Cuffe Presentation Online

Happy 261st birthday to Paul Cuffe! As part of an effort to reinforce an understanding of who Paul Cuffe was and his importance to our town, the Westport Historical Society hosted a "Birthday Party" for grades 3-6 on the 261st anniversary of Paul Cuffe's birth, Friday, 1/17/20.

His life story provides an inspirational example to everyone, especially to younger generations, as a "Patriot," "Navigator," "Educator," "Philanthropist," and "Friend."

We are excited to celebrate and share knowledge of Paul Cuffe with our youngest citizens.

We are also thrilled to share the presentation written by David Cole and superb artwork created by Ray Shaw at <http://paulcuffe.org/blog/>

Paul Cuffe was born on Cuttyhunk on January 17th 1759. When he was only 14 years old, Paul Cuffe signed on as a crew member on a whaling ship that sailed to the West Indies. Over a period of 18 years Paul Cuffe built 5 ships. The last one was a brig named Traveller. It was his favorite ship. He sailed it across the Atlantic Ocean to Europe and Africa numerous times.

## Mattapoissett COA

The following events are at the Mattapoissett COA, 17 Barstow St., Mattapoissett; 508-758-4110; E-mail: [coadirector@mattapoissett.net](mailto:coadirector@mattapoissett.net)

Newsletter online at: <https://www.ourseniorcenter.com/find/mattapoissett-council-on-aging>

## Hearing Aid Services

Mon., 2/3, 1:30-2:30 p.m., every first Monday. Free 10-minute appointments. Hearing Aid check-ups, including cleaning and adjustment. Basic hearing examination, with recommendations, as needed.

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## Recipe of the Week

### Awesome Slow Cooker Buffalo Wings

2 (12 ounce) bottles hot pepper sauce

1/2 cup butter

2 tbs Worcestershire sauce

2 teaspoons dried oregano

2 teaspoons onion powder

2 teaspoons garlic powder

1 (4 pound) frozen chicken wing sections, thawed

1/2 cup butter

Combine 1 bottle hot pepper sauce, 1/2 cup butter, Worcestershire sauce, oregano, onion powder, and garlic powder in a saucepan over medium heat. Bring mixture to a boil, reduce heat to low, and simmer for 5 minutes.

Place chicken wings into slow cooker and pour sauce mixture over wings.

Cook on high for 2 hours. Reduce heat to low; cook 2 hours more.

Preheat oven to 400°. Grease several baking sheets.

Spread wings onto prepared baking sheets and bake in preheated oven until wings are crisp and browned, about 30 minutes.

Melt 1/2 cup butter with 1 bottle hot sauce in a small saucepan and simmer until thickened, about 20 minutes. Brush sauce onto wings just before serving.

Serve with ranch or blue cheese dressing.

*From allrecipes.com*

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and Mr. Lucas has taken out papers, but Ms. Richard had not by press time; on the Housing Authority, there is one vacant seat for an unexpired term that will be on the ballot.

For Town Meeting members, all six precincts have vacant seats.

### IN ACUSHNET

The annual town election is set for Saturday, 5/16/20. This is the first year the town will hold its elections on a Saturday.

### Election Schedule

Nomination papers available on 1/3/20. The last day to take out papers is Thursday, 3/26/20, at 5 p.m.

Candidates must gather not less than FORTY-TWO (42) signatures of registered voters.

The last day to submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars is Saturday, 3/28/20, by 5 p.m.

The last day to file an objection or withdraw nomination by filing with the Town Clerk a written request over signature which has been duly acknowledged before a Notary Public is Tuesday, 4/14/20, by 5 p.m.

The last day to register as a voter

is Saturday, 4/25/20, by 8 p.m.

The election will be held on Saturday, 5/16/20. Polls will open at 8 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

Contact the Town Clerk's office with any questions, at 508-998-0215, 130 Main St., Parting Ways Building, Acushnet, MA 02743.

### Outgoing Officers/ Vacancies

Moderator, Nicholas J. Gomes; Town Clerk, Pamela A. Labonte; Selectboard, Roger A. Cabral; Assessor, Marc F. Centerizio; Board of Health, Robert Medeiros; School Committee (two seats), David Michael DeTerr, Jody J. Tavares; Commissioner of Trust Funds, William A. Krause; Planning Commissioner, Philip A. Mello; Cemetery Board, Joanne K. Cioper; Trustee of Free Public Library (two seats), Henry T. Preston, Joan M. Howland; Park Commissioner, Michael A. Matton; Housing Authority, for remainder of unexpired term ending 5/4/22, vacant; Housing Authority, Isabel M. Sousa; Tree Warden, Raymond F. Barlow.

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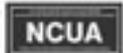


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# Student exchange program makes dreams come true

By Beth David  
Editor

Stella Hommel has not only been all over the world, she's lived all over the world, and speaks six languages to prove it. But, at the tender age of 16, she still had not been to the United States, and really wanted to see the land of the many movies and TV shows she had grown to love.

The AFS-USA (American Field Service) exchange program gave her that chance. But, the cost was prohibitive for her family, with mom and dad being teachers in Germany, the latest country they called home.

A scholarship chance, though, also presented itself. A long shot it was to be sure: Only one out of 200 applicants would make it from her "circle" in Hamburg, which is sort of like a congressional district. That program, run by CBYX (Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange), would pay for all her expenses.

A junior at Fairhaven High School, Ms. Hommel, 16, said she immediately decided it was a good way to afford a trip to the US. Plus, the CBYX scholarship looks good on a resume.

She has always been interested in the politics of countries and the history of the world. Which is good, because she had to write an essay in English, and take a test about politics and history. There were other criteria, too, of course, including good grades. But that was no problem, she is a straight-A student.

The 200 applicants were whittled down to 15. Then it came down to Stella and two boys. She had to meet with the representative of her district and convince him that she was the one to go.

And, well, here she is.

But how did she end up in little Fairhaven from Hamburg, Germany?

"I did not want the south, because it's too warm," said Ms. Hommel, whose English is perfect, and spoken with very little accent.

So she narrowed it down to the New England states, and received profiles of host parents, with details on their homes, other children in the home, pets, etc.

Her host parents, Barbara and David Cournoyer, were also shown profiles of students, with their favorite activities and preferences for pets, etc.

Ms. Cournoyer said she has been

involved in the AFS program for years. When not hosting a student, she is a liaison. This year, they were late entries, deciding towards the end to host a student. She said she just happened to run into someone affiliated with the program who said they had more students than host families.

Fairhaven High School has two AFS students this year, which is a maximum allotment for the school.

The area AFS students, though, number higher than that. They have get-togethers regularly, including a recent ski trip in New Hampshire.

"It's lots of fun," said Ms. Hommel.

When choosing her host family, Ms. Hommel said she Googled the house, and the pool in the back yard and the dog (a pitbull mix named "Alphie") sold her on Fairhaven and the Cournoyers.

So, is it very different from Hamburg?

"Oh my God, so much," said Ms. Hommel.

Hamburg is a big city of almost two million, Fairhaven is a small town of about 16,000. School days are a lot longer in Hamburg. Mostly, it's the lack of public transportation that is the most difficult thing to adjust to.

She has made friends at school, though. Taylor Gall joined in the *Neighb News* interview. She sat behind Stella in class, they introduced themselves, and a friendship was born. They are also teammates on the cheerleading team.

But, if anything, Ms. Hommel is able to adjust. She rides a bicycle to get around, and famously rode it to Stop & Shop on Christmas Eve to get a spice for the traditional Hungarian roast duck she made for the Cournoyer Christmas guests. And, yes, she had her own Hungarian seasoning, vegeta, to make it authentic.

She feels she chose well, if her praise of the Cournoyers is any judge.

"I think it's amazing that they opened their house to a person they don't know, and here I am," said Ms.



AFS exchange student Stella Hommel (seated) with her host parents Barbara and David Cournoyer at the Cournoyer home in Fairhaven on 1/26/20. Photo by Beth David.

Hommel.

She is part of the family, sharing family dinner, and doing activities together. They have gone to New York City a couple of times, and saw the 9/11 Memorial Museum. She saw Times Square, the Brooklyn Bridge, Manhattan, the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes, the Empire State Building, and ... well, more.

At Christmas time they saw the big tree at Rockefeller Center, and the Macy's windows, and Bryant Park.

"I saw where Gossip Girl was filmed," said Ms. Hommel with clear excitement.

Oh, and she got to teach Ms. Cournoyer how to use the subway.

"So, we get to do things we never did before, too," said Ms. Cournoyer.

As for Boston, she still needs to do more exploring. So far, they have only made it to Harvard Square.

They have also been to Newport RI, and the Cape. They joined a whale watch out of Provincetown and spotted many of the mammoth sea

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mammals, including a 60-ton male, and a mother with two babies.

"They were so big," said Ms. Hommel.

Ms. Hommel also got to visit Washington, DC, with the AFS group. They visited the memorials, the Supreme Court and Capitol Hill, and had meetings with the congressional delegation or their aides.

They also just happened to be there during the impeachment hearings. Ms. Hommel got a pass from our local representative's office to get into the hearings. She actually heard about an hour-and-half of Ambassador Gordon Sondland's testimony in person.

"It was really interesting," said Ms. Hommel.

The requirements of the scholarship also include 25 hours of community service, and attending three cultural events.

For one of her cultural events, Ms. Hommel visited an Native American man in Pascoag, RI, who taught her about drum circles and teepees and how Native Americans lived.

She also visited Salem, Mass., to learn about the witch trials. She said it was "hard to see" what happened there, but that she had known about it.

"Salem is really famous for witches all around the world," said Ms. Hommel.

They also went to the opening night of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, which did double duty for Ms. Hommel. It counted as a cultural

event, but she also served hors d'oeuvres at the reception, so it counted for community service hours, too.

"We get to tag along at the same time," said Ms. Cournoyer, noting that it was a sold out event, but they were able to go.

For her other community service hours, Ms. Hommel caused a bit of a stir at the high school. She said she got talking about Fridays For Future, the organization started by Greta Thunberg, the internationally known student-activist against climate change. Every Friday, students around the world strike (in Belgium it's Thursday) to demand action from politicians on climate change.

Ms. Hommel created a power point presentation that she eventually showed to her class.

It started with a teacher catching her on her phone (she's allowed to look up words), and then some skepticism from some corners.

"By the end of the day, the whole school was talking about it," said Ms. Cournoyer.

Ms. Hommel said that one teacher was a bit of a hold-out. So Ms. Hommel asked her if she liked wine, and, of course, she said "yes."

So Ms. Hommel told her that the vineyards are in trouble, and wine is going to suffer very soon because of climate change.

"She said, 'you sold me,'" said Ms. Hommel.

Ms. Hommel is also involved in extra-curricula activities, getting the full high school experience in the US. She is on the cheer-leading team, is in chorus, and will be in the Drama Club's upcoming production of *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Ms. Hommel was born in Hungary, but her father is German, and they have been living in Hamburg since 2016. She has also lived in Hungary, Bolivia, Switzer-



land, Italy, Peru, and Austria. She speaks Hungarian, German, English, Spanish, Italian and Latin.

Her interests include politics and world history. She credits her parents with always talking about politics and supporting her. She and her father, especially, talk politics a lot. She hopes to go to college to study international law, politics, diplomacy.

Would she recommend the experience to others? Absolutely, said Ms. Hommel.

It is a year to focus on yourself, she said, and leave everything negative behind.

"It's definitely a kind of freedom," she said. "It will boost your self confidence, and make you more independent, a stronger person."

So, what did she expect, when she started this process so many months ago?

"I like to go through life without a lot of expectations," said Ms. Hommel.

After all, if you have no expectations, you can't be disappointed. But, more importantly, "you always have to adjust anyway," she said. "And not everybody's going to like you."

So, does she miss her little brother, her parents? A little, maybe. Actually, she is enjoying being an only child.

"I really miss my cat," said Ms. Hommel.

To learn more about CBYX, which also funds scholarships to Germany for US students, visit <https://www.usgermanyscholarship.org>; to learn more about AFS, visit <https://www.afsusa.org>



Alphaie, a pitbull mix, gives Taylor Gall a kiss while hanging with CBYX/AFS exchange student Stella Hommel at her host family's home in Fairhaven on 1/26/20. TOP, L-R: Taylor and Stella pose for a picture at the Cournoyer family home in Fairhaven on 1/26/20. Photos by Beth David.

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2/12 South Shore Plaza

2/19: Warwick Mall  
2/26 Emerald Square Mall

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## Special Activities

### Presidential Primary Elections

Early voting for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primaries will be available to all Fairhaven voters February 24,28 at Fairhaven Fire Station 146 Washington St. 8:30-4:30 p.m. Seniors that need transportation to Early Voting, call 508-979-4029 at least one day in advance.

### Food Program

If you are a fairhaven Resident 60 or older you may qualify to receive FREE groceries from the Greater Boston Food Program commodity supplemental Food Program . Call the Fairhaven Senior Center to find out if you qualify.

### Fuel Assistance and recertifications

The Fuel Assistance program started in November for the 2019-2020 season. If you need help filling out the recertification from or a new application, Call Phyllis at the Senior Center 508-979-4029 for an appointment.

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### Computer Technology for Seniors

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The sewing Circle meets on TUESDAYS from 1-3:00 p.m.: Feb. 4, 11; and THURSDAYS, Feb. 6, 13, 20, from 5:45-8:00 p.m. Call 508-979-4029 for more dates.

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# Acushnet news

## Acushnet Teachers Association Scholarships

The 2020 Acushnet Teachers Association Scholarship Program application forms are now available for students and their families to download online.

In order to assist Acushnet residents in continuing to build their academic futures, the Acushnet Teachers Association annually awards scholarships to qualified students. Residents of Acushnet enrolling or enrolled in a full-time undergraduate college program in 2020-21 are eligible for these awards.

In addition to A.T.A. Scholarships, the A.T.A. Scholarship Committee is also responsible for judging applicants for the Acushnet P.T.O., Acushnet Lion's Club, the Carole Day Memorial Nursing Scholarship, and the Acushnet Historical Society Scholarship. By filling out the single application form, students are considered for any and all of the above-named Acushnet scholarships for which they are eligible.

Visit [www.acushnetteachers.com](http://www.acushnetteachers.com)

for printable application forms and more information about the Acushnet Teachers Association Scholarship Program. Applications and required paperwork are due on April 1, 2020.

For questions, please contact A.T.A. Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs, Kristine Daniels at [kristinedaniels@acushnetschools.us](mailto:kristinedaniels@acushnetschools.us) or Ryan Powers at [ryanpowers@acushnetschools.us](mailto:ryanpowers@acushnetschools.us)

## Author Event

The Acushnet Public Library is pleased to welcome local author and producer Tim Weisberg on Wednesday, February 5, at 6:30 p.m. to share his Presidential Paranormal program.

Tim Weisberg is the host and executive producer of "Spooky Southcoast," one of the world's most popular paranormal talk radio shows.

Tim was the writer/researcher/producer on television programs such as Ghost Stalkers, Ghost Asylum and Haunted Towns, and is the author of *Ghosts of the SouthCoast* and *Haunted Objects: Stories of Ghosts on Your Shelf*.

In addition, Tim has been featured on numerous television programs, including Ghost Adventures (Travel Channel), My Ghost Story (Bio Channel), New England Legends (PBS) MonsterQuest (History Channel) and Conversations

with a Serial Killer (Living TV/UK).

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

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library.

## Our Centennial Committee Needs Your Help

The Marie S. Howard School building, now the Acushnet Public Library, turns 100 this year. A key to the success of this celebration will be pictures and memories of the building throughout its history as a school, a community center, and now, a library. If you have class pictures or any memories you'd like to share, the Committee can be reached at [acupl@sailsinc.org](mailto:acupl@sailsinc.org) or [acushnetfriends@gmail.com](mailto:acushnetfriends@gmail.com) or call the library at 508-998-0270

## Free Political PR

The *Neighb News* will give all candidates for townwide public office in Fairhaven and Acushnet a chance to get their message out. You may submit an article of approximately 500 words, with a picture, and we will publish at no charge before the election.

Please contact the *Neighb News* as soon as possible so we can plan for space allocation in the issues leading up to the election.

**DEADLINE: Friday, 3/6 for Fairhaven (4/6 election); Friday, 4/17 for Acushnet (5/16 election)**

Send by email (preferred) at [NeighbNews@comcast.net](mailto:NeighbNews@comcast.net), or by fax, 508-991-5580, or mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Please put text in the body of the email.

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## Getting the homestead ready



I spied some increased activity around the bird house in the tree outside my window this week. With a little patience I managed to grab these shots of the House Sparrows as they started to nest in the bird house. The males have a streak of red on the side of their heads, and a swatch of black on their necks/chests. ABOVE LEFT: A female House Sparrow waits for a male to show up at the bird house she has taken over in a West Island yard on 1/28/20.

ABOVE MIDDLE: A male House Sparrow, holding a strand of straw in its beak, sits on top of the bird house waiting for the female to emerge on 1/29/20.

ABOVE RIGHT: A male House Sparrow, holding a strand of straw in its beak, waits on a branch for the female to emerge. BELOW LEFT: The male House Sparrow seems to spot the camera as it waits for the female to emerge. BELOW RIGHT: The male seems not to notice as the female finally emerges, hanging out the window as if to say, "Hey, up here, you dope." Photos by Beth David.



## Your Theatre Inc. to hold auditions for *A Raisin in the Sun*

### Press Release

Your Theatre, Inc. is holding auditions on Friday, February 7, 2020 at 7 p.m. for all roles in *A RAISIN IN THE SUN* by Lorraine Hansberry. The performance has yet to be scheduled and this audition is to explore casting possibilities.

Director Margo Wilson-Ruggiero is looking at casting all roles. There are 10 people in the cast, 4 female and 6 male, with ages ranging from 18 to 68.

Auditions are held in the playhouse located in St. Martin's Church/Hall complex, 136 Rivet Street at Country Street, in New Bedford. Auditions will consist of a cold reading from the script.

The play debuted on Broadway in 1959 and was inspired by the poem "Harlem" (also known as "A Dream Deferred") by Langston Hughes. It is a drama that focuses on a working-class African-American family living in Chicago in the 1950's.

Race, identity, family, and the American Dream are put under the microscope as the Younger family tries to build a better life for

themselves and for future generations. The play opens with Mama, the family's matriarch waiting for a \$10,000 insurance check from the death of her husband, and the drama focuses primarily on how the money should be spent.

### Male Characters:

**Walter Lee Younger:** African American, age 35-45, a dreamer, lean, intense, somewhat erratic and quick to anger, able to dance and move.

**Travis Younger:** African American, age 8-14, well spoken, intelligent, respectful yet spirited.

**Joseph Asagai:** Nigerian, age 18-28, frank speaking with intelligence and charm, very proud of his African heritage (will also play a moving man in the final scene) Should have a Nigerian accent.

**George Murchison:** African American, age 18-28, wealthy from the black upper class, a bit snobbish but generally respectful and polite (will also play a moving man in the final scene.)

**Bobo:** African American, age 28-40, nervous, fidgety, frightened, not

bright (will also play a moving man in the final scene.)

**Karl Lindner:** Caucasian, age 45-60, business man type with salesman-like charm until the mask drops.

### Female Characters:

**Lena Younger or Mama:** African American, age 55-60, strong character, religious, moral and determined. Good carriage, soft voice except when angered. (Despite being described as a soft voice the actress must be able to project to be heard.)

**Beneatha Younger:** African American, age 18-28, lean, attractive, educated, ambitious, can dance and move.

**Ruth Younger:** African American, age 30-40, attractive practical woman beginning to be worn down by her situation.

**Mrs. Johnson:** African American, any age, the nosy neighbor, judgmental.

Experience is not necessary; just the desire to participate and share the experience of live theatre and the enjoyment of collaborating with other talented individuals.

# Donation will put lights on rungs of ladder truck in Acushnet

The Acushnet Fire Department received a donation that will allow the department to install lights on each rung of the 100-foot ladder truck. Frances Gwodz donated the money in honor of her late husband Edwin.

The department posted the following letter from chief Kevin Gallagher to Mrs. Gwodz on the department's Facebook page on 1/23/20.

"As you know, this gift will be used to enhance the safety of all of our members. As a longtime resident of this town, you know that we have a dedicated group of firefighters and EMT's that are hard-working and committed. It is my job to keep them safe. Your gift will allow us to have LED lights installed on each rung of our 100 foot ladder truck making a significant step forward in user safety.

"Understanding that this gift is in memory of your late husband, Edwin, I am pleased to inform you that I have decided to [have] red, white and blue lights installed. This is out of respect for your husband's service to his country during the Korean War.

"Acushnet is a terrific community because of the people who live here. Thank you for making our town great and this department safer."



Acushnet Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher poses with Frances Gwodz who donated funds in honor of her late husband Edwin. The money will be used to install LED lights on each rung of the 100-foot ladder truck. Photo from the Acushnet Fire & EMS Facebook page.



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# Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Dog Hearing

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 10:00 am  
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Fairhaven will conduct a Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 in the Town Hall banquet room, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

The purpose of this hearing will be to determine whether a dog is a nuisance or a dangerous dog pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 140, Section 157.

Dog name is "Lightning" and is owned by Nancy Santuro at 148 Dogwood Street.

Anyone wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

If you have any questions concerning this Notice of Hearing, please contact the Fairhaven Police Department at (508) 997-7421. FNN: 1/30/20

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:30pm  
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:

- SE 023-1314, CON 023-117: 15 Grinnell Street  
Notice of Intent filed by David R. Tomasia, Jr. for the construction of a 24-foot by 30-foot addition to the existing house, the reconstruction of the existing garage, the construction of a 16-foot by 32-foot in-ground swimming pool and associated concrete perimeter patio, the construction of two 12-foot by 16-foot sheds, and the conversion of the gravel driveway

- to pavement at the property located at 15 Grinnell Street, Assessors Map 31A, Lot 97. Work to take place in buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland.
- CON 023-118: 94 Raymond Street Request for Determination of Applicability filed after-the-fact by Peter and Susan Ryder for the installation of a 6-foot by 3-foot by 1-foot concrete pad for propane storage and a fence around pad and tanks at the property located at 94 Raymond Street, Assessors Map 29D, Lot 84. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.

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.

Jay Simmons, Chair  
Fairhaven Conservation Commission  
Fairhaven Neighborhood News, 1/30/20

## Town of Acushnet Board of Selectmen Public Hearing/PJ Keating

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 148, Section 13 of the Massachusetts General Laws that P.J. Keating Co., of 72 South Main Street, Acushnet, MA, has applied for an amendment to an existing fuel storage license at 72 South Main Street, Acushnet, MA, dated July 11, 1995. The current license is for the storage of 88,000 gallons aboveground and 12,000 gallons underground of liquid asphalt, diesel fuel, waste oil, motor oil and/or gasoline. The amendment is to relocate three (3) liquid asphalt storage tanks on-site: Tank 1 containing 20,000 gallons; Tank 2 containing 20,000 gallons; and Tank 3 containing 30,000 gallons.

A public hearing on the above referenced amended fuel storage license application has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the auditorium of the Albert F. Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA 02743.

Board of Selectmen: Roger A. Cabral, Chairman,  
Kevin A. Gaspar, Sr., David Desroches  
FNN, 1/30/20

## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.  
NOTE DATE CORRECTION

Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

- 10 Mayflower Street, Petitioner: Marc Raimondo. 198-23: Special Permit request for a home contracting business in a RA District.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman  
1/23/20, 1/30/20

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Fairhaven Planning Board  
Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 6:30 pm  
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Special Permit application: 1) SP 2020-01- Ocean Breezes Condominiums. The applicant, Brian Dupres, dba Shoreline Development (Property owned by Robert & Janet Tubbs), is requesting approval through the Special Permit review process to construct a single four-unit multi-family residential building with two-bedrooms each (eight bedrooms total) on a vacant 0.64 acre piece of land on Huttleston Avenue that used to be a restaurant. The location is 294 Huttleston Avenue, Map 31B Lot 60B.

A copy of the application is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9.

John Farrell, Chairman, Fairhaven Planning Board  
FNN: 1/23/20, 1/30/20

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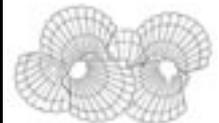
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All roles are open.

Those auditioning should bring sheet music and prepare 16 bars of an up-tempo song (not from 9 to 5). An accompanist will be provided. Be prepared and dressed to dance. The audition may also include cold readings from the script.

For further information, contact Joan Dillenback at (401) 946-2507 or [joandillenback1@gmail.com](mailto:joandillenback1@gmail.com).

For character breakdown info visit [www.thecommunityplayers.org](http://www.thecommunityplayers.org).

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 2/4, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 2/10, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 2/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Finance Committee

Thurs., 1/30, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 2/6, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 2/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 2/6, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 2/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Sustainability Comm.

Tues., 2/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 2/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Board of Assessors

Tues., 2/25, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Tues., 2/11, Ford Middle Sch., 6 p.m.

### Selectboard PJ Keating

### Public Hearing

### NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

Tues., 2/11, Ford Middle Sch., 6 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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

	Jan. 2020	HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.
Thursday	30	1135 ----	0418 1636*
Friday	31	0006 1225	0501 1718

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## DVDevelopments

Hi and welcome to the third installment of DVDevelopments, where we tell you what's good on disc and on streaming for the coming month. So let's get started...

### HALLOWEEN IN FEBRUARY

Why, you might ask, do we seem to get a glut of horror movies in the month of the valentine? Could be that everything spooky that played in theaters in October is slithering onto DVD now. The big boogeyman this month will likely be the well-regarded *Doctor Sleep* (Feb. 4), the sequel to *The Shining*. There's also *Rabid*, the Soska Sisters' effective remake of the David Cronenberg classic (Feb. 4), Lars von Trier's controversial serial-killer satire *The House That Jack Built* (Feb. 4), the short-lived *Swamp Thing* series (Feb. 11) that played on the DC Universe streaming app, the first season of the new Jordan Peele-produced *Twilight Zone* (Feb. 18), and the much-hyped Lovecraft adaptation *The Color Out of Space* with Nicolas Cage (Feb. 25).

All this, plus the usual direct-to-video horror junk that will clog Amazon Prime.

### AND THE OSCAR GOES TO...

Sometimes Oscar-nominated films are released on DVD in time for you to catch up with them by Oscar night (which this year is Sunday, Feb. 9). Sometimes, though, it depends when they were released in theaters; *1917*, for instance, isn't expected to hit home media anytime before April, since it just came out at the end of December. Same goes for *Little Women*. But if you want some rooting interest in this year's offerings, we got you covered. *Parasite* already came out last month. Of the other Best Picture nominees, *Joker* and *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood* are also already available; I wouldn't hold my breath for *The Irishman* or *Marriage Story*, since those are on Netflix and they'll want to hold onto exclusive rights for those films for a while; and then we have *Ford v Ferrari* (Feb. 11), *Jojo Rabbit* (Feb. 18), *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* (Feb. 18), *Knives Out* (Feb. 25), and *Frozen II* (Feb. 25). For good measure, there's the 1966 so-bad-it's-good cult classic *The Oscar* (Feb. 4). And last year's Foreign Language winner *Roma* finally lands on Feb. 11.

### PRESTIGE AND OTHERWISE

Okay, so they can't all be gems. But February doesn't stint on the classy stuff. There's a new Masterpiece Theatre version of *Howards End* (Feb. 4) starring Hayley Atwell. There's Emilia Clarke in the romance *Last Christmas* (Feb. 4), Phoebe Waller-

Bridges' acclaimed *Fleabag* (Feb. 11), Chadwick Boseman in the thriller *21 Bridges* (Feb. 18), the excellent documentary about the National Enquirer *Scandalous* (Feb. 18), and *The Maya Deren Collection* (Feb. 25), a new compilation of the work of the avant-garde filmmaker. There's also plenty of stuff like *Boogers of the Antichrist* (Feb. 11), which I am not making up, and I wish I were.

### STREAM AND STREAM AGAIN

What can you expect to see from the cable-killers this month?

Amazon Prime comes out strong with *Honey Boy* (Feb. 7), an autobiographical drama written by actor Shia LaBeouf; there's also the solid-sounding Nazi-hunter series *Hunters* starring Al Pacino (Feb. 21). Disney Plus offers the seventh and final season of *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*, starting Feb. 21. Netflix subscribers will be treated to *Locke and Key* (Feb. 7), a series based on comic books written by Joe Hill, as well as the new series *I Am Not Okay with This* (Feb. 26) and season 2 of *Altered Carbon* (Feb. 27). Finally, Hulu has a show based on the book/movie *High Fidelity* (Feb. 14).

### THE IDES OF MARCH

It'll start getting warmer out, but maybe not warm enough yet for outdoor stuff, so you can stay inside and curl up with the likes of *Bombshell*, *Queen & Slim*, *Uncut Gems*, *Charlie's Angels*, and more. Tune in next month...

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### Auditions

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